



**Imam Tahir Kukiqi** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in June 2019. He currently serves as the Imam and Vice President of the Albanian Islamic Cultural Center in Staten Island. Imam Kukiqi has three sons, two daughters, and a stepdaughter.

In his spare time, he enjoys coaching and watching soccer. He also serves as the Spiritual Director for the NYPD Muslim Officers Association.

**Albanian Islamic Cultural Center**

307 Victory Boulevard, Staten Island, NY 10301  
Phone: 917-242-6479



**Father Michael Eguino** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in August 2021. He was ordained a Catholic priest in July of 2015. Currently, he serves as the parochial vicar of St. Anselm Church in the Bronx. Father Eguino also serves as one of the

spiritual directors for the NYPD Manhattan, Bronx, and Staten Island Holy Name Society. In his spare time, he enjoys fishing, traveling, strategy games, playing sports, and is a fan of the Yankees, Knicks, and Jets.

**St. Anselm Church**

685 Tinton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10455  
Phone: 917-573-7091



**Father Carlos Limongi** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in October 2022. A former junior architect in New York City, Father Carlos was ordained a priest of the Archdiocese of New York in May of 2018. He is currently the Pastor for the

parish of St. Joseph and St. Mary Immaculate on Staten Island. Father Limongi also serves as one of the spiritual directors for the NYPD Manhattan, Bronx, and Staten Island Holy Name Society. In his spare time, he enjoys being together with family and friends.

**Parish of St. Joseph & St. Mary Immaculate**

463 Tompkins Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305  
Phone: 917-603-6472

Recognizing a need to attend to the emotional and spiritual needs of its members, the department formed the Chaplains Unit in 1906; since that time, we have been successfully helping countless members of the service and their families during difficult or stressful times.

The Chaplains Unit provides confidential counseling, spiritual assistance, and moral guidance. In addition, chaplains are available for various religious services upon request.

Our department chaplains are available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and respond directly to serious incidents involving members of the service. Department chaplains also provide pastoral care by visiting members of the service who are injured or sick.

Our chaplains provide needed support and outreach by visiting police facilities to promote officer well-being. This gives the chaplains an opportunity to interact with members at their commands.



**CONTACT US**

- **During business hours:**  
**212-473-2363**
- **After hours** (through the Operations Unit):  
**646-610-5880**
- **Contact chaplains:** Please use their cell phone numbers as listed in this pamphlet.

Any members wishing to speak to a chaplain may do so confidentially in our office at PSA 4:

**130 Avenue C, Room 409**  
**New York, NY 10009**

or a chaplain can meet the member at a location of their choosing.

# Chaplains Unit

**CHAPLAINS ARE AVAILABLE  
24/7, EVERY DAY, AND EVERY WEEK**



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New York City Police Department





**Rabbi Kass** is the Chief Chaplain of the New York City Police Department and has counseled police officers for over 55 years. Rabbi Kass has three grown children and three grandchildren. The Rabbi enjoys swimming, tennis, and handball, and in his spare time likes

reading, writing, theater, and art. The rabbi also currently serves as the spiritual director for the NYPD Shomrim Society.

**East Midwood Jewish Center**

1625 Ocean Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 12230  
Phone: 347-386-3517



**Monsignor Robert J. Romano**, Assistant Chief Chaplain, began his career in the department on October 13, 1998. He is a Catholic priest and currently serves as the Pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Brooklyn. When the Monsignor has spare time, he enjoys

hunting, fishing, and home improvement projects. He is also the spiritual director for many of the department's religious and fraternal organizations.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe Roman Catholic Church**

7201 15th Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11228  
Phone: 347-672-3996



**Monsignor David L. Cassato**, Assistant Chief Chaplain, was appointed a New York City Police Chaplain in June 2001. He currently serves as Pastor Emeritus of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - Annunciation Parish in Brooklyn. He is an avid reader and a NY Mets fan and

enjoys old movies in his spare time. He also serves as spiritual director for many of the Department's religious and fraternal organizations.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Annunciation Parish**

275 North 8th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Phone: 917-826-3786



**Father George Anastasiou**, the Deputy Chief Chaplain was appointed a New York City Police Chaplain in June 2014. Father George is a Greek Orthodox priest and is the Pastor of Transfiguration of Christ Church in Queens. He is married and has three children.

In his spare time, he enjoys sailing and soccer. Father also serves as spiritual director of the St. Paul's Society.

**The Transfiguration of Christ Church**

38-05 98th Street, Corona, NY 11368  
Phone: 917-734-3393



**Rev. Dr. Barbara Y. Williams-Harris** is a veteran of the NYPD, having served from 1983 to 2003 in Patrol Borough Brooklyn North. She retired as a first grade detective. She is the Pastor of Onward Ministries Church in Brooklyn, a Protestant/Non-denominational

church. In her spare time, Reverend likes jewelry making, singing, hiking, and enjoys playing handball and basketball. She also serves as a spiritual director for many of the department's religious and fraternal organizations.

**Onward Ministries, Inc.**

385 Broadway, 2nd Floor, Brooklyn, NY 11211  
Phone: 347-386-8937



**Bishop Victor A. Brown** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in June 2015. He is the Senior Pastor of the Mt. Sinai United Christian Church in Staten Island, a Protestant/Non-denominational Church. He also serves as a chaplain at Staten

Island University Hospital. In his spare time, he enjoys bowling and physical exercise.

**Mount Sinai United Christian Church**

15 Pike Street, Staten Island, NY 10301  
Phone: 646-581-3897



**Father Joseph Franco** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in March 2017. He was ordained a Catholic priest in the Archdiocese of New York in September of 2010 and currently serves as the Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in the

Bronx. Father Franco also serves as one of the spiritual directors for the NYPD Manhattan, Bronx, and Staten Island Holy Name Society. In his spare time, he enjoys traveling, biking, swimming, hiking, and watching the Yankees play.

**Our Lady of Angels Church**

2860 Webb Avenue, Bronx, NY 10460  
Phone: 917-573-5207



**Reverend Jonathan Recabarren** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in March 2017. The Reverend is a Lutheran Minister and serves as Pastor of Fordham Evangelical Church in the Bronx. Reverend Recabarren is married and has a daughter and stepson. In his

spare time, he enjoys playing and watching baseball. His favorite team is the New York Yankees.

**Fordham Evangelical Lutheran Church**

2430 Walton Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468  
Phone: 917-207-6922



**Rev. Michael López** was appointed a New York City Police Department Chaplain in December 2017. Rev. Michael López serves as the Senior Pastor of Love, Power and Grace Christian Pentecostal Church in the Bronx. Reverend López is married and has four

grown children and four grandchildren. In his spare time, he enjoys reading and watching sports, particularly baseball and basketball.

**Love, Power & Grace Church**

1455 Boston Road, Bronx, NY 10460  
Phone: 929-343-9675