



# ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

82 West 29th Street  
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

## *Our Mission*

*The Parish Family of St. Henry  
seeks to continue the mission started by its founders over a century ago.  
With Jesus Christ as our model, centered in the Eucharist,  
we will teach the gospel message and apply it to our everyday lives.  
Our family will be a shining beacon of Christian hope and love  
to the people of Bayonne.*

## January 4, 2026 The Epiphany of the Lord

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Email: [sthenryrc@optonline.net](mailto:sthenryrc@optonline.net)  
Website: [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org)  
Facebook: St. Henry RC Church

### *Served by:*

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Don Bosco Park

Director of Music Ministries: Chad Perry  
201-249-1167

Associate Musician: Christian Bautista

Trustees: Louis Giambusso & Kathy Harden

Parish School: *We are part of an excellent co-sponsored  
Elementary school - All Saints Catholic Academy. For  
more information, call 201-443-8384 or visit website  
[www.ascabayonne.org](http://www.ascabayonne.org)*

### *Mass Schedule*

#### The Lord's Day

Saturday Eve: 5:30 PM

Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PM

Saturdays: 8:30 AM

Weekdays: 12:00PM

Holy Days: (see inside bulletin for Mass times)

National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Parish Access Center: (Hudson County) 201-798-9958

### *Sacrament of Reconciliation*

Saturdays 9:00AM-9:30 AM & 4:30PM - 5:15 PM

### **St. Henry Parish Office Hours**

**MONDAY - THURSDAY**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

### *Sacrament of Baptism*

First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Call the Parish Office to make arrangements. Please call early to schedule, as the number of children to be Baptized on each date is limited. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

### *Sacrament of Marriage*

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements as soon as possible. The Archdiocesan policy usually requires one year of preparation for this Sacrament. We look forward to helping you prepare for your wedding day and marriage.

Blessing of your Marriage: If you have been married civilly or in another religious tradition, and would like to have your marriage blessed in the Roman Catholic Church, please call the parish priests for more information.

### *Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound*

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. Please call the rectory.

### *Religious Education/Catechism Program*

The Religious Education Program is open to all families who desire formal Catholic religious education for their children. Our Religious Education Program is a continuous faith formation process by which the Catholic Faith is taught. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation is part of the Religious Education program. **Sequential participation in Grades 1-9 is required.**

#### 2025-2026 Program Year

Sundays: 8:45AM-9:45AM: Grades 1-5

Sundays: 8:45AM-9:45AM: RCIC & Catch Up

Sundays: 8:30AM-9:30AM: Grade 9

Sundays: 7:00PM-8:00PM: Grade 9

Wednesdays: 4:00PM-5:00PM: Grades 1-5

Wednesdays: 7:00PM-8:00PM: Grades 6-8

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), also known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is designed for individuals who wish to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. For more information contact the Religious Education office: **Phone: 201-339-0319**

**Email: [ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com](mailto:ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com)**

**Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education**



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY, January 3rd

8:30AM Mary Levine  
5:30PM Victoria Garces Javier Regala

### SUNDAY, January 4th

8:00AM Antonia Bello  
10:00AM Mary Daly  
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin

### MONDAY, January 5th

12:00PM William & Bridget Cleary  
Special Intention: Dharshini & Joseph Sivakumaran

### TUESDAY, January 6th

12:00PM Geralyn Nicaretta  
Special Intention: Madelyn Grace

### WEDNESDAY, January 7th

12:00M Ruvee Yao  
Manuel Casais

### THURSDAY, January 8th

12:00PM Joseph Rickvalsky  
Robert Geisler

### FRIDAY, January 9th

12:00PM Gabriel & Elsie Doria  
April Tagliarino

### SATURDAY, January 10th

8:30AM Mary Butler  
5:30PM Cornelius, Catherine &  
Timothy Cadogan

### SUNDAY, January 11th

8:00AM Vincenzo Chiricolo  
10:00AM Nicaretta Family  
12:00PM Jesus Vila

### MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY LAMP**  
In Memory of Antonia Bella  
From Maureen, Beth & Michelle Polera  
**ALTAR BREAD**

In Memory of John Wojturski  
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family

**ALTAR WINE**  
In Memory of the Deceased Members of  
St. Henry Parish

### Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The designers of our Church's liturgical, or worship calendar, we can presume, work from the best of motives and only after prayer and consultation. And so it is, that this Feast of the Epiphany, long celebrated on January 6<sup>th</sup>, was moved back in 1970 to this Sunday. That is a good thing, I suppose, because the event is most worthy of a celebration on a day when the most faithful Catholics can do it. Sunday, after all, is the Lord's Day.

But sometimes such changes affect the humblest of God's creatures in a hurtful way. I count my own Mom among them. You see, she was a humble person all her life, but she was at the same time proud that her birthday was January 6<sup>th</sup>, and that for a good portion of her life she just happened to live in Epiphany Parish in South Philadelphia. I have no memory of her ever having complained, but I am sure the change was at least a pin prick of her ego.

The Epiphany in its older setting also marked the last of the "Twelve Days of Christmas," memorialized in a Christmas carol that demands explanation of its medieval references.

But the chief importance of this feast is that it celebrates the coming of Christ to the wide world of the Gentiles, apart from the narrower confines of the Jewish world. The Jews were then, and remain to this day, God's chosen people. Our Lord came among us as a Jewish man. Our Lady, His Mother and ours was a Jew by birth. So was her beloved spouse, the obedient, brave, and humble St. Joseph. Add in the Twelve Apostles. This fact underlines the awful scandal of antisemitism among some Christians.

The Bible clearly tells us that God became man in Jesus to save the entire world. Nobody is left out of His love. Nobody is exempt from giving Him praise, honor and reciprocal love. Least of all, we sinners. That in itself is always worth celebrating, no matter what the date.

### Readings for the week:

**Monday** 1 Jn 3:22; 4:6 Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 4:7-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 Mk 6:34-44

**Wednesday** 1 Jn 4:11-18 Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 Mk 6:45-52

**Thursday** 1 Jn 4:19; 5:4 Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 Lk 4:14-22

**Friday** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Lk 5:12-16

**Saturday** 1 Jn 5:14-21 Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 3:22-30

**Sunday** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Acts 10:34-38 Mt 3:13-17

## St. Henry Parish NEWS



Electronic funds transfer enables you to have your parish contributions automatically debited from your checking account or credit card. You choose how much to give, how often to give and what method of payment is to be used. You can also make special offertory donations for second collections, as well as pay for Religious Education registration and sacramental fees. We offer this convenient, secure and simple method of giving through Parish Giving. Log onto St. Henry's website, [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org), click on the Parish Giving icon and follow the easy registration steps. **NOTE: For those who use Parish Giving and no longer receive offering envelopes, you can access a list of second collections on our website, [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org) (click on Our Parish at the top of our cover page, then click on Parish Giving on the drop down menu).**

### Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Susan Ficalora, Kenneth Jablonski, Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki, Philip Mango, Tristan Bowen and Romeo Ponce.**

### Parish Registration

Your parish is your spiritual home. We invite you to register with St. Henry Parish. If you are not sure whether or not you are already registered, call Nancy at the rectory office – 201-436-0857, Ext. 110. However, if you are not receiving offering envelopes or various parish mailings, chances are you are not registered. Keep in mind that a person is not automatically a registered member because they were married here, or received other sacraments here.

To register, complete a registration form at the Parish Office, Monday – Thursday, 9 AM – 4PM, or call Nancy if you would like the form mailed to you

A minimum of 3 months membership with St. Henry Parish is a requirement if you wish to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation.

#### St. Henry's PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets Sundays in the Parish Office, 1PM – 3PM. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Rooth, 201-240-5909.

**How to Report Abuse** The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocese Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.

Thank You.

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 12/21/2025: \$7,767

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,871

Parish Giving: \$896

Offering Totals for the weekend of 12/28/25 will appear in next weekend's bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*



*To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven (Ecclesiastes 3:11)*

*"... a time to be born..." "a time to love..."*

*"... a time to be born to eternal life..."*

Remember in your prayers those of our parish, family, friends and community who have died in recent months,

*especially Michele L. Cotter and Naseem Sandhu,* as well as those who have died in the service of our Country

*"... and a time for peace in all the world..."*

Pray for our servicemen and women at home and abroad.

#### PARISH CENTER RENTAL

Any parishioner interested in renting our Parish Center (28th St. behind the Church) please call Nancy at 201-436-0857, Ext. 110, 9AM – 4PM, Monday through Thursday, for availability and more information.

#### Food Pantry Availability

**St. Henry FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 10:00AM – 12:00PM ONLY.** Serving 22nd Street through 29th Street residents. Proof of Bayonne residency required. One bag per household will be given out. Ring office doorbell – a bag will be brought to you.

**Non-perishable food donations are always needed. Your donations may be brought to the Parish Office Monday – Thursday, 9AM – 4PM.** Thank you, as always, for your generosity and willingness to help those in need.

We will continue selling our 2026 Calendar Raffle Tickets through the month of January.

# Don't Wait. Time is Running Out. Get Your Ticket Now!

**St. Henry Parish  
2026 MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE**

**PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH**

**Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2026 through December 2026**

**TICKET COST: \$120 EACH**

**ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD**

You have 12 chances to win, and the winning ticket is re-entered so you may win multiple times!

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM. For your convenience, a ticket request form is printed below. Complete the form and mail it to the office along with your payment. Upon receipt of your form and payment, a ticket will be entered into the drawing and your ticket stub will be mailed to you.

NOTE: There is no need to complete a request form if you come into the Parish Office to purchase your ticket.

The Monthly Calendar Raffle has been a very successful fundraiser for our parish in the past few years. Your participation is important to the financial health of the parish. Let's sell all 300 tickets this year!

As always, we are grateful for all you do to support our Parish of St. Henry.

**ST. HENRY CHURCH 2026 Calendar Raffle  
TICKET REQUEST FORM**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE NO.: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

NO. of TICKETS: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$120/Ticket = \_\_\_\_\_

Checks to be made payable to St. Henry Church

SEPARATE REQUEST FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PURCHASER (Form may be duplicated.)

**PLEASE CHECK YOUR PEW  
BEFORE YOU LEAVE**  
Please remove everything you brought with you and  
any literature you may have picked up while here.





The priests of St. Henry Parish extend sincere thanks for all the well wishes, gifts and delicious goodies! It was most thoughtful of you and is truly appreciated.  
May God bless you for your kindness.



Thank you to everyone who made a contribution towards our Christmas Flowers and Decorations, which amounted to \$3,281, enabling us to prepare our church so beautifully for Christmas . Your loved ones, in whose memory donations were made, are remembered here in St. Henry Parish during Christmas and throughout the year.

### COFFEE for ST. HENRY

Continuing this month, we are asking you to please treat St. Henry Church to a cup of coffee. We will use the proceeds to defray the cost of our Repairs and Maintenance, and hopefully, help shore up our reserves again. “Coffee for St. Henry” envelopes will be by the doors of the church. However much you want to treat St. Henry for, please put the amount inside the envelope. If donating by check, please make it payable to “St. Henry”. You can then drop the envelope in the collection basket. You can do this anytime in the month, and as many times as you wish.

**Please Note:** BCB Bank informed us they will no longer be accepting any checks that have crossed out and/or altered information (ex. corrected date) even if the changes are initialed by the check signer. Please see that all information on submitted checks is correct (ex. amounts match, check is signed) before placing in the collection basket. We appreciate your cooperation.

**ST. CECILIA FUND** St. Henry Church has a proud history of providing excellent sacred music for our Masses and special liturgies. This is financially supported through our parish budget. There are times during the year when we would like to add special music through instrumentalists (brass choir, string quartet, flute, etc.). We also would like to reserve funds to maintain our historic 50 rank pipe organ. We established the St. Cecilia Fund (Patron of Sacred Music) to support these items. You can make a designated contribution of any amount by writing on your check “FOR ST. CECILIA FUND” and making the check payable to ST. HENRY CHURCH. Envelopes are available throughout the church. We encourage you to help support this sacred music effort. The money will be used by the music ministry as the year progresses. You can also indicate your donation is in honor or memory of a named loved one.

### **FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK:**

#### **Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially**

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.