



# 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 7, 2024 The Epiphany of the Lord

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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### *Served by:*

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319

Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education

### *Served by:*

Director of Religious Education: Marie Pope

Director of Music Ministries: Chad Perry  
201-935-5727  
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

### *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 lim-  
ited. 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 civ-  
illy 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.

### *Teaching the Good News*

#### 2023-2024 Program Year

Sundays, 8:30AM–9:45AM: Kindergarten and Grade 5  
Sundays, 8:30AM-9:45AM RCIC  
Sundays, 8:30AM-9:30AM: Grade 9  
Sundays, 4:00PM-5:00PM: Grade 9  
Sundays, 7:00PM-8:00PM Grade 9  
Wednesdays, 3:45PM-5:00PM: Grade 5  
Wednesdays, 6:45PM-8:00PM: Grades 6-8  
Grades 1-4 will be enrolled in a digital at-home faith  
formation program.

### *Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound*

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

**St. Henry Parish Office Hours**  
MONDAY – THURSDAY  
9:00 AM – 4:00 PM



## Mass Intentions for the Week

### SATURDAY, January 6th

8:30AM Louis & Mary Piser

5:30PM Steven Wexler

### SUNDAY, January 7th

8:00AM Richard Josefowicz

10:00AM Jose Otero

12:00PM Joan Calianese

### MONDAY, January 8th

12:00PM Judy Blom

Barbara Silvay

### TUESDAY, January 9th

12:00PM Anna Ocasio (2nd ann.)

John J. Niesz III

### WEDNESDAY, January 10th

12:00PM Mary Butler

Francesca & Joseph Polera

### THURSDAY, January 11th

12:00PM Joseph Rickvalsky

Gabe & Elsie Doria

### FRIDAY, January 12th

12:00PM Manuel Casais

Damiano Rotolo

### SATURDAY, January 13th

8:30AM James Foran

5:30PM Barry Dugan (1st ann.)

### SUNDAY, January 14th

8:00AM Flora Bartucci

10:00AM Noreen & Philip Bertucci

12:00PM Paul Pope

### MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,  
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE  
In Memory of Barbara Silvay  
From Barbara Peters

**Thoughts and Reflections:** There is a “dream factory” inside each one of us that produces items that delight us, and at other times scare us, and even warn us. There is no reason to doubt God’s ability to speak to any one of us in our dreams. The mechanics of the process are well-known by our Creator. We’re the ones mystified. Of course, we have to be extra cautious in interpreting our dreams lest we yield to a superstitious credibility such as we might give to a boardwalk astrologer or a new age book.

Reflecting on dreams is not meant to denigrate other ways that God has to inspire us. A good book, a powerful poem, a symphony or a sunset can motivate us to do good. Above all, the biographies of many of our saints, classical ones like Theresa of Avila or Thomas More, or modern holy people like Mother Teresa can do the same. So can the example of a family member or friend we love and admire.

We may at times open ourselves to wry comments when we speak of our dreams. We may joke that a certain place is our “dream house” because it usually costs twice as much as you dreamt it would. But, as for being truly wise men and women in the living of Christian life, we have to remember that “between tomorrow’s dream and yesterday’s regret is today’s opportunity.” May your dreams inspire you in this new year and always.

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday, January 8, 2024** Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11 or Acts 10:34-38 or 1Jn 5:1-9 Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mk 1:7-11

**Tuesday, January 9, 2024** 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

**Wednesday, January 10, 2024** 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

**Thursday, January 11, 2024** 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

**Friday, January 12, 2024** 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

**Saturday, January 13, 2024** 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

**Sunday, January 14, 2024** 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20 Jn 1:35-42

## St. Henry Parish NEWS



*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 Kevin Ciencin 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.

### Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Michele Gamatko, Juan Diaz, Craig Buonomo, Marie Pope, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, and Claire Poli and Thomas Cahill.**

### 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. Parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. Henry's must be members of the parish.

### 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.

### PARISH CENTER RENTAL

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th St., behind the Church) for religious related celebrations ONLY as per new Archdiocesan guidelines, please call Nancy at 201-436-0857, Ext. 110, 9AM—4PM, Monday through Thursday, for availability and more information.

### Thank You!

**Total Regular Offering — weekend of 12/24/23: \$7,348**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,303**

**Electronic Giving: \$1,045**

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*

*Due to the holiday, the collection amounts for the week of December 31st were not known before the early submission deadline. They will appear in next week's bulletin.*



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).

### Food Pantry Availability

**St. Henry FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 10:00AM—12:00PM ONLY.** Proof of Bayonne residency required. 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.

**St. Vincent Food Pantry is open January 11th and 25th... 3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).**

## St. Henry Parish NEWS - continued

### Christmas Gift for Your Parish

As of this bulletin, our Christmas collection totals \$34,669.

Hopefully in the coming weeks we will meet or exceed our goal of \$40,000.

We are grateful for all who so generously contributed. If you have not already done so, please consider your Christmas gift to your parish of St. Henry. Your gift enables us to keep up with our expenses, both planned and unexpected.

May God bless you all!

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution towards our Christmas Flowers and Decorations, which amounted to \$3,687, enabling us to prepare our Church so beautifully for Christmas. Your loved ones, in whose memory your donations were made, are remembered here at St. Henry Parish during Christmas and throughout the year.



### Simbang Gabi – 2023

Our Christmas Novena celebration of evening Masses, December 15th through December 23rd, including fellowship in the Parish Center, again provided St. Henry Parish with a very prayerful and festive preparation for Christmas. Our sincere thanks to the Filipino community of our parish and to the many organizers and participants of Simbang Gabi this year. A donation was made to St. Henry Parish in the amount of \$21,757.

Simbang Gabi is a wonderful annual Christmas season parish event!

### COFFEE for ST. HENRY



**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 are establishing 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 or envelope "FOR ST. CECILIA FUND" and making the check payable to ST. HENRY 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.

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. At the end each month, we will announce in the bulletin how much we collected, just like the regular collection. Our December "Coffee for St. Henry" Collection totaled \$2,988. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

**How to Report Abuse** The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse and other misconduct. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling Karen Clark, Director of the Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 973-497-4254. Victims in need of assistance should call the Archdiocesan Assistance Coordinator at 201-407-3256. They are also encouraged to call the Attorney General of NJ Clergy Abuse Hotline at 855-363-6548.

**St. Henry Parish NEWS – continued**

**Thank you!**

The Priests and Staff 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.

**YOUR ATTENTION PLEASE:**

There are only a limited number of Masses and Memorials available for intentions in 2024.

Once the intentions are taken, and until we open the 2025 Mass Book (date to be determined), we will be scheduling Masses that will not be celebrated at St. Henry Church, but privately by one of our retired priests in the Archdiocese. Note that a Mass card can be issued if needed, but there will be no date, time or place indicated.

Thank you for your understanding.

We will be selling our 2024 Calendar Raffle Tickets through the month of January.

**GET YOUR TICKET NOW!**

Your support of this fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

**St. Henry's**

**MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE – 2024**

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

**Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2024 through December 2024**

**TICKET COST: \$120 EACH**

**(ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)**

**You still have 11 chances to win, and the winning ticket is re-entered so you may win multiple times!**

Tickets will be on sale at the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM...or you can mail the below form and payment to the office and your ticket will be entered and the stub will be mailed to you.

ST. HENRY CHURCH – 2024 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.