



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 12, 2025 The Baptism of the Lord

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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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*

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 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.

Teaching the Good News

2024-2025 Program Year

Sundays: 8:45AM—9:45AM: Kindergarten-Grade 5

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

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

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 11th

8:30AM Mr. & Mrs. Felix Bravante, Sr.

5:30PM Maria DeGiorgio

SUNDAY, January 12th

8:00AM Mildred Redmond

10:00AM Teresita Lim

12:00PM Jesus Vila

MONDAY, January 13th

12:00PM Elsie & Gabe Doria

Noreen & Philip Bertucci

TUESDAY, January 14th

12:00PM Anne Ferrara

Lourdes Tabanag

WEDNESDAY, January 15th

12:00PM Paul Pope

Peter Roeheny &

George & Anna Roeheny

THURSDAY, January 16th

12:00PM Louis & Mary Piser

Catherine Ceimo (30th ann.)

FRIDAY, January 17th

12:00PM Judy Blom

Stella Bogden

SATURDAY, January 18th

8:30AM James Foran

5:30PM Rose Maurer

SUNDAY, January 19th

8:00AM Constantino Donato

10:00AM Teresita Lim

12:00PM Alexander Reid

**MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE**
**In Memory of the Deceased Members
of
St. Henry Parish**

Thoughts and Reflections: Whether it's the well-known writer coming to town for a book signing, or the celebrity songstress arriving at the local arena, expectation fuels anticipation, and ticket sales reach a new high. It's just a natural happening. A bit of excitement that cuts through the ordinary day to day rhythm of our lives.

But when some other event occurs, for example the funeral of a loved one, the interruption of the usual pattern triggers deep thoughts within us, whether we choose to go there or not. Then we're not as taken up by celebrity or fame. We want solid answers to serious questions. Fulfillment over fantasy.

With the coming of Christ into our world some 2,000 plus years ago, we got the best answers possible to our most serious questions. Of course, we need His very help, with trusting faith, to realize that.

To begin with, God surprised us all by coming to us in a human nature like ours in so many ways but one: it was linked mysteriously by a divine nature. Who is Jesus is easier to answer than what is He because of this dual nature in one Person.

This well-known event of His baptism at the storied Jordan river presents a problem and raises questions. If one of the purposes of Baptism is to remove original sin, what is the Son of God Himself letting His cousin John the Baptist pour the water over Him? Where is the authenticity here? There are several answers.

First is Our Lord's intent to demonstrate His humility and become an example for us. Secondly, the baptism became a way for God to confirm that Jesus was His Son. Thirdly, the baptism enabled Jesus to join our humanity by sharing in our baptism. Finally, it was the way Jesus chose to inaugurate His mission among us as the obedient Son of God. We could say, respectfully, that as Christmas was Christ's birth and arrival, so His baptism marked His first day at work.

We as Christians can rejoice that the work of salvation was performed by an infinite God. Every expectation will be met. Alleluia!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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.

Readings for the week

Monday Heb 1:1-6 Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday Heb 2:5-12 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday Heb 2:14-18 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday Heb 3:7-14 Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 Mk 1:40-45

Friday Heb 4:1-5, 11 Ps 78:3 & 4bc, 6c-7, 8 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday Heb 4:12-16 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 62:1-5 Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 1 Cor 12:4-11 Jn 2:1-11

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, 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 (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: **Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Craig Buonomo, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, and Indy Littlefield.**

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.

Please Note: Saint Henry Parish does not have a clothing donation program. Please do not leave bags, boxes etc. of clothing items in or around the church property. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering — weekend of 12/29/2024: \$8,629

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$7,579

Electronic Giving: \$1,050

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Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$7,465

Electronic Giving: \$1,075

Parish Assessment: \$2,526

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 **Eric Nelson, Anna Kleckner and Paul Brandon**, 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.

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. 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.

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.

Saint Henry Church
Enter Under My Roof Capital Campaign

Thank you to the parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign.

Please note: Our on line Capital Campaign payment system is now up and running. Capital Campaign pledges may be paid by debit or credit card using online Parish Giving (electronic giving). If you have questions when setting up your payment, please call the Parish Giving Help Line at 1-866-307-7140. Please code your payment to "Capital Campaign" and not to "Offering".

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.



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. Our December "*Coffee for St. Henry*" Collection totaled **\$2,905**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: Our annual baby items drive for Good Counsel Homes for single mothers who choose life will begin on Saturday, January 18th and end on Sunday, February 9th. All parishioners are invited to support this worthy cause. A playpen for donations will be set up in the vestibule. Suggested items are diapers, wipes, baby soap, shampoo, and lotion.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 2nd after the 10am mass and recitation of the rosary. Rosarians are encouraged to sit together in the reserved pews. All ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting and all parishioners are invited to pray the rosary. Reminder: please bring 1 non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

Christmas Gift for your Parish

As of this bulletin, our Christmas collection totals \$31,850. Hopefully in the coming weeks we will meet or exceed our goal of \$42,000. 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!

We will be selling our 2025 Calendar Raffle Tickets through the month of January.

GET YOUR TICKET NOW!



Your support of this parish fundraiser is greatly appreciated.

St. Henry's

MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE – 2025

PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH

Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2025 through December 2025

TICKET COST: \$120 EACH

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, or request may be mailed to the rectory at 82 West 29th Street.

ST. HENRY CHURCH – 2025 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.

OTHER HAPPENINGS—*In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark*

ASCA NEWS: Lifetouch studios will be here Tuesday for the 8th graders only as they will be having their graduation photos taken. What an exciting milestone for them and their families! ♦ Our 8th graders will be receiving their admission letters from the area Catholic high schools at the end of the week. Prayers that they receive good news! Stay tuned to learn of their merit scholarship awards. ♦ Students will have a half-day schedule Friday as the teachers will have a faculty meeting. After Care will not be offered Friday.