



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.

December 1, 2024 First Sunday of Advent

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, November 30th

8:30AM Anne Ferrara
5:30PM Joseph Roddy

SUNDAY, December 1st

8:00AM Carla Hartnett
10:00AM Robert Doyle
12:00PM Kelsey O'Donnell

MONDAY, December 2nd

12:00PM Nicholas, Yolanda, Maria &
Antoinette Murgace
Ricardo Bacani

TUESDAY, December 3rd

12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
Pablo & Hilaria Vea

WEDNESDAY, December 4th

12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Alice Rooth

THURSDAY, December 5th

12:00PM Mary Stolte
James Downey, Sr.

FRIDAY, December 6th

12:00PM Elsie & Gabe Doria
Estanislao Reyes

SATURDAY, December 7th

8:30AM Barbara Rokicki
5:30PM Trudy Garda

SUNDAY, December 8th

8:00AM Arline N. Lautermilch
10:00AM Jose Formoso
12:00PM Cecelia Buonavolonta

**MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Alice Rooth
From Barbara Peters**

Thoughts and Reflections: One contemporary mode of thinking about the two parts of today's Gospel passage is to call to mind both a "Jumbotron" and a cell phone. For those who need a definition, a "Jumbotron" is a very large monitor screen measured in feet, and often seen in sports stadiums or any large outdoor event with crowds of people in attendance. There happens to be several of them mounted in place in St. Peter's square at the Vatican.

I want to classify those happenings at the end of the world that Jesus describes today as a "Jumbotron event." Of course, when it will happen is known only by Jesus. He doesn't tell us. It could be 10,000 years from now or 10 days. The main point Our Lord makes clear is that history is always on the move, and never stagnant. It's heading toward some goal. That goal is Jesus Himself as King of the universe.

Now I ask your indulgence as I classify the happenings in our little lives as "cell phone events." Despite our often inflated sense of ourselves, we are actually just a tiny part of the created world. We, too, are on the move, heading toward the same goal as the universe: union with Jesus as our King. The date that ends our earthly lives is also one of God's best kept secrets. We can only wonder when, but only our loving Creator knows for sure.

As a result of these dual mysteries, there is only one healthy conclusion that Jesus urges on both first disciples and on us: "Be prepared!" It seems to me that the biggest mistake most people make is to be unprepared. They try to avoid even thinking about their potential end.

In her wisdom, Mother Church has presented the facts in the Scriptures of last week and today, to make sure we know that our death is not a matter of fiction. This is definitely not to scare us. Nor to belittle us. But to wake us up. Only a "drowsy" Christian would invest all its hope in the things of this passing world. We are made for more. Much more.

If thoughts like these make you fearful, try to acquire the perspective of God's love for you. His love truly drives out fear. What proof do we have of Love's existence? It is the Holy Eucharist. That's really why we come together for it each Sunday and holy days. It is for sure to give God thanks for gifting us with Faith, Hope and Love. But it also is to renew a positive attitude toward life. It is to remind ourselves of the outlook that Holy Scripture provides for us about our destiny. What we receive for sure is a clear picture of God's love for us, giant size or small, depending on our need. How wise then it is to "Prepare and prevent instead of repair and repent."

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Readings for the week:

Monday Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday Is 29:17-24 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Mt 9:27-31

Saturday Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday Bar 5:1-9 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

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: **Bob Moloughney, 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. Parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. Henry's must be members of the parish.

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.

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.

Due to the early submission printing deadline, the offering totals for the weekend of November 24, 2024 will appear in next week's bulletin.



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 Marie Danowski and Adam Czuba 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.

St. Vincent Food Pantry is open December 5th and 19th... 3PM- 4PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).

Christmas Flower donation envelopes are included in your packet of offering envelopes. Extra envelopes are located at the doors of the church. Your donation, in memory or in honor of a loved one enables us to decorate our Church so beautifully for Christmas.



ADVENT

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— Mass will be celebrated at noon on Monday, December 9th.

“33 Days to Eucharistic Glory” books for Advent are available at the doors of the church. Kindly take only one copy per family as our supply is limited.

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE—will be held on Wednesday, December 11th at 7PM at St. Vincent de Paul Church. Join us with our partner parish as we start anew this Advent and Christmas Season.

SIMBANG GABI—Nightly, December 15th through December 23rd, 7:30PM in the church. Join us for Mass, a novena of nine nights in preparation for Christmas.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: Thank you to all Rosarians and parishioners who supported our Fall Baked and Religious Items Sale by donating baked goods, purchasing items and raffles, monetary donations, selling and cleaning up. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Billy Cleary, large homemade turkey cupcake cake; Kate Palomino, small turkey cupcake cake; and Janet Larwa and Jim D’Alessio who each won a children’s Thanksgiving crafts basket.

Our annual Christmas Party is Sunday, December 8th at KP Sarelli’s beginning at 1:30pm. Price is \$35 per person. Checks made payable to St. Henry Rosary Society, in an envelope marked *Rosary Society Christmas Party* can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off to the rectory. Deadline for reservations is Sunday, December 1st. Please call Michelle Masangkay at 201-388-7339 for reservations.

2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

Because of your kindness and generosity we have reached our parish goal of \$44,355.35. Therefore, we will be discontinuing our monthly Annual Appeal Collection. Thanks to each and everyone who supported this endeavor.

Saint Henry Church
Enter Under My Roof

Thank you to the parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. We can only meet our goal through the participation of the entire parish.

We cannot emphasize enough the concept of **Equal Sacrifice Not Equal Giving**. This means that not everybody can make the same size gift, but they can make the same size sacrifice through prayer, consideration, and reflection.

Please note: Beginning January 1, 2025, Capital Campaign pledges may be paid online using Parish Giving (electronic giving).

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.

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

THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

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.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: - Safe Environment Corner

Training Adults: Safe Environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. In the Archdiocese of Newark, over 100,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond and report child sexual abuse and exploitation since 2003, in our multi-class in-person and online curriculum. Call Ralph Lilore, the Coordinator of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, for more information on this training. He can be reached at (973) 497-4578.

Training Children: All our Catholic school children in parish faith formation programs receive annual training in how to keep themselves safe. Do you know the risks children face from their use of the internet and cell phone apps? Do you speak about these risks with the children in your life? Would you know how to report a disclosure? Find out more about this training by going to www.rcan.org, and clicking Protect/Report, and then Protecting God's Children, then scroll down to Empowering God's Children.

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.

OTHER HAPPENINGS – In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark CONTINUED

ASCA NEWS: Congratulations to our Lady Panthers volleyball team who are the **UNDEFEATED** Hudson County Girls Volleyball Champions! We are proud of you and how far you've come. ♦ Our Senior Choir, *The Angelics*, will be performing their annual Christmas concert Wednesday, December 11th at 6:30pm. Admission is \$5 per person. All are invited. ♦ Thank you to everyone who donated new toys and gift cards for our Home and School Association's Christmas Bazaar which will take place next week. Thank you, too, to everyone who has volunteered his/her time. ♦ Report cards will be available via Powerschool Friday. Students will be dismissed at noon Friday; we will not be offering After Care.