



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 3, 2017 - First Sunday of ADVENT

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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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: 8:30 AM & 12:05 PM

Holy Days: (see inside bulletin for Mass times)

National Holidays: 9:00 AM

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

Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass;
St. Jude Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 AM and 12:05 PM
Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 AM and 4:30 - 5:15 PM

Confessions will be heard any time at the Rectory. Please call
201-436-0857.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Call the Parish Office
to make arrangements. Baptismal Instruction will be sched-
uled prior to Baptism. There are no Baptisms during Lent.

Sacrament of Marriage

Please call the Parish Office to make arrangements as soon
as possible to insure time for adequate 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

Grades Pre-K to 5, Catch-Up, RCIC, Special Needs Children:
Sundays 8:45 - 9:45 AM

Grades 1 to 5: Wednesdays 3:45 - 5 PM

Junior High (Gr. 6, 7, 8): Tuesday Evenings 6:45 - 8 PM

Grade 9 Confirmation: 1st & 2nd Sun. of ea. Month, 10:30 -
11:55 AM, followed by 12 PM Mass (beginning October)

To Become Catholic or Complete the Sacraments

For details about a life-changing journey called the Rite of
Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for those who have not
been Baptized and wish to do so; or information for Baptized
Catholics (children, teens or adults) who have not yet celebrat-
ed the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation and
now wish to do so, please call Marie Pope at 201-339-0319.

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick.

Communion: A priest or Eucharistic Minister of the parish
will bring Communion to those parishioners confined to
home. Please call the rectory.



Advent is a time to think about and to reflect on three events in particular: God's coming into the world as a human child, God's coming into our world today, and God's glorious coming at the end of time. These reflect three promises: God's promise to bring salvation to all people, Jesus' promise to be with those who follow him, and Jesus' further promise to return at the end of time. It is not enough simply to admire Jesus and be impressed by what he says. We are asked to take the extra step and follow the way of discipleship. We do not know where the path of discipleship will lead us, or when Christ himself will return. In the meantime we are the gatekeepers, the stewards, and the ones left in charge.

Our responsibility is to stay alert and focused, even when others seem to be asleep or distracted, so that we are ready to welcome Christ into the world when he comes again. We are also asked to be attentive to the coming of God into our lives today; in the sacrament of Christ's body; in the unlikely guise of the homeless, the hungry, the prisoner, the addict, in whom Christ appears before us; and in the Spirit who is within us. We are urged to live with hope in our hearts for Christ's final return.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- SATURDAY, December 2nd**
 5:30 PM Frank & Marie Stabile
- SUNDAY, December 3rd**
 8:00 AM Nicholas & Yolanda Muhrace
 10:00 AM Rev. Thomas Foye & Family
 12:00 Pm Frank McLaughlin (44th Ann.)
- MONDAY, December 4th**
 8:30 AM Thomas Bock
 12:05 PM Virginia Rodriguez (4th Ann.)
- TUESDAY, December 5th**
 8:30 AM James Downey
 12:05 PM Albert Fetchko, Sr.
- WEDNESDAY, December 6th**
 8:30 AM Eileen McAdam
 12:05 PM Bridget O'Donnell
- THURSDAY, December 7th**
 8:30 AM Barbara Rokicki
 12:05 PM Francis Flaherty, Jr.
 7:00 PM People of the Parish
- FRIDAY, December 8th**
The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8:30 AM Philip Bertucci
 12:05 PM Stanley & Josephine Olszewski
- SATURDAY, December 9th**
 8:30 AM Special Int.—Betty Valanzola
 5:30 PM Trudy Garda
- SUNDAY, December 10th**
 8:00 AM Aurora Tuason
 10:00 AM John Rooth, Sophie & Charles Zaniewski,
 Mary & Richard Rooth, Pauline & Nicholas
 Scheremeta, Mary & Stanley Cieslak
 12:00 PM Anna Dugan (52nd Ann.)&
 John Dugan (32nd Ann.)

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of William, Matilda,
 Eddie & Tom Kmec
 from Eileen Kmec

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory Arlene Flores
 from the John Rooth Family

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Karen Mengo, Diane Corcoran, Ruth Burke, James Leung, Rich Marchitto, Nicholas Anthony Barresi, Mary Phillips-Borzelli, Daniel Gilligan, Sal Fogu, Joanie Robin, Kimberly Allen, Georgene Kennedy, Dolores Philips, Alessandra Spagnolo, Antoinette Lamberti, Claire Poli, John J. Borzelli, George Glom, Kara Sullivan, Gary DeCarlo, Michael Sheehan, Irene Bock Fisher, Marie Brady, Bill Thomas**(Please note that in order to keep our list current, names will be removed from our list every two months. If you wish to have your name listed or re-listed for two months, please call Jean at the parish office, 201-436-0857)

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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin to Visit Bayonne

On **Tuesday, December 5th**, Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin will be visiting our Bayonne Deanery and will celebrate **Mass at 7:30 PM** at St. Henry Church. Following Mass there will be a "town hall meeting". Parking for the evening will be available in our School parking lots (27th & 28th Streets) and our Church parking lot (29th Street), as well as in the Bayonne Municipal parking lot located behind the Public Library on 31st Street off Avenue C. Please plan to attend with your family and friends!

St. Henry Parish NEWS

This Week...

SATURDAY, December 2nd

7:00 PM Private Party

SUNDAY, December 3rd

8:45 AM Religious Education classes

10:30 AM Confirmation classes

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

1:30 PM Baptisms

MONDAY, December 4th

6:30 PM Girl Scouts

7:00 PM RCIA classes

7:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, December 5th

10:00 AM ESL

6:45 PM Religious Education classes

7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal

7:30 PM Mass & Meeting with Cardinal Tobin

WEDNESDAY, December 6th

3:45 PM Religious Education classes

7:00 PM Christmas Pageant practice

7:00 PM SJMJ

THURSDAY, December 7th

10:00 AM ESL

6:30 PM ESL

FRIDAY, December 8th

10:00 AM Friday Morning Faith Sharing

7:00 PM First Reconciliation practice

7:00 PM SJMJ

7:30 PM Gatekeepers

SATURDAY, December 9th

11:00 AM First Reconciliation

7:00 PM Private Party

SUNDAY, December 10th

8:45 AM Religious Education classes

10:30 AM Confirmation classes

11:00 AM Brunch with Santa

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

NEXT St. Henry FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, December 16th 9 AM—3 PM

For more information, or to rent tables,
call Barbara Silvey at 201-339-0319.

Join Us...

- **TUESDAYS: 7:30 PM, LINE DANCING**, Parish Center. No experience necessary! For more info. call Norma Lardizabal at 201-844-4475.
- **WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 PM, Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**, every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. First Wednesday—Novena Mass @7:30 PM—St. Benedict Chapel.
- **1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS: 1:30 to 3 PM, Faith Sharing & Intercessory Prayer Group** (held at C. Poli's home, 201-858-2675). Drop prayer intentions in the box in the Church vestibule.
- **FRIDAYS: 10:00 AM, Scripture Study/Faith Sharing**. Rectory Conference Room. Bring your Bible.
- **FRIDAYS: 7:30 PM, Gatekeepers Charismatic Prayer Community**, every Friday at 7:30 PM. **First Friday** - Novena and Healing Mass @ 7:30 PM, St. Benedict Chapel.
2nd & 3rd Fridays: Join **Fr. Alfie Pangillnan**, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Church, in our **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**, as he guides us and helps us explore and discuss the Word of the Lord together.
Novena to Señor Santo Nino every Friday @7:30 PM, St. Henry's Parish Center.
- **SUNDAYS: Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 1—3 PM. In the Rectory.

Religious Education...



Our parish **GIVING TREES** are set up in Church. Please take a gift suggestion from either tree and return your gift unwrapped no later than Sunday, December 17th following all the Masses. One Giving Tree has suggestions of gifts for children, men and women; the other is a "gift card" tree. Please do not leave any gift cards under the trees, but rather place them in a sealed envelope marked: "Attn: Marie Pope". Return the envelope with gift cards via the collection basket at Mass, to the rectory office or to St. Henry's Religious Education office. Kindly write in the amount of the gift card. Won't you please help a family in need? For more information, call Marie Pope at 01-339-0319.

BRUNCH WITH SANTA will take place on **Sunday, December 10th**, following the 10 AM Mass, in the Pine Room. Cost of ticket is \$8 each (children 3 and under are free). Tickets are now on sale in the Religious Education Office. Refreshments will be served. Bring your camera!



Special thanks to all who helped make our November Family Time a fun time for the children and their families; to Aida Lopez, Rich Marchitto, Jazmine Hernandez and all the other people who helped; and to the Actor's Garage, owned and operated by Lori and her team of helpers.

Sunday, December 17th is our Happy Birthday Jesus Party in the pine room following the 10 AM Mass.

REMINDER 1st Reconciliation practice for all 2nd Grade and 2nd year Catch-up children will be held at 7 PM in Church on Friday, December 8th. 1st Reconciliation will take place on Saturday, December 9th at 11 Am in St. Henry Parish.

Very special thanks to all who donated food, turkeys, gift certificates, etc. for those in need this Thanksgiving: Stanlaw Fitness (Mike & Laura Stanlaw) and clients for turkeys and gift cards; Body Fitness (Frank Marino) and clients for the boxes of food; to St. Henry parishioners for their donations of food and gift cards; all who helped distribute the turkeys, Rich Marchitto, Aida Lopez, Mickey Gonzalez, Stanlaw Fitness folks; to our Junior High students who decorated cookie tins for the homebound of our parish; all who helped wrap bread blessed at our Thanksgiving Day Mass, changed missal books and placed ornaments on the giving trees— Rich Marchitto, Aida Lopez, Erin Aidukas, Anthony and Elizabeth Forino; to Annika Lachica and Aida Lopez and her family for making all the ornaments for the Giving Trees; and to Mayor Davis, his city council members and Abdul Butt for their donation of 100 turkeys helping to feed those in need of our parish and the city of Bayonne.

Religious Education FUNDRAISER "Joe Corbi's Food Products"

St. Henry's Religious Education Program is doing a Fundraiser with Joe Corbi's Food products, as we did last year. If you would like to support our program by ordering from the catalog, please call Erin Aidukas at 201-988-1206 or email erinbi019@MSN.com, or call the Religious Education Office at 201-339-0319. Catalogs may be found at the doors of church this weekend. **NOTE: The deadline for ordering has been extended to Sunday, December 17th.**

OTHER HAPPENINGS - In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF...

Donate Blood. NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES hold their blood drives the 2nd Friday of each month in the **PINE ROOM of St. Henry's School**. The next drive will take place **Friday, January 19, 2018 at 1 PM—7 PM** (there will be no drive in December). Questions /schedule an

appointment for whole blood or ALYX (automated collection for red cells), call 1-800-933-2566. Appts. encouraged, walk-ins welcome! For platelets, call 1-866-758-5387.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH will present its 14th Annual Christmas concert, **Carols by Candlelight**, on **Sunday, December 10th at 4 PM**. The program will feature the adult choir, youth choir, soloists and musicians of the parish. Admission is free. No tickets required. A free will offering will be received. Light refreshments will be served afterwards.

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 immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 973-497-4011.

From the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK...

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A CHILD, sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries of the Archdiocese of Newark, are led by trained facilitators—parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, first Wednesday of each month 7:30 PM; St. Peter the Apostle Church Rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge, third Monday of each month 7:30 PM.

The NEWMAN APOSTOLATE, offered by the Office of Campus Ministry, is a Catholic pastoral outreach to students in secular colleges within the Archdiocese. Outreach includes Sunday and weekday Mass on campus, socials, community service opportunities, faith enrichment, retreats and more. **Please see the bulletin board in St. Henry Church lobby for contact and much more information for 8 colleges in our area.**

Parish NEWS continued...

Catholic Charities DONATION BINS

have returned to St. Henry's School Parking Lot

The beauty of the Fall with its cool temperatures and beautiful foliage energizes people. Would you be willing to channel some of your energy to gather unwanted clothing, shoes, linens, sheets, towels, stuffed animals, etc. for the Catholic Charities clothing bins? Donated items are sold and the proceeds are used to support the many programs for the needy as provided by Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Newark.

IMPORTANT NOTE: If the item will not fit into the bin, it cannot be accepted. **No items are to be left outside the bins.** Also, any glass or breakable items such as dishes, glasses, etc., should not be placed into the bins.

We appreciate your cooperation!

Parish Registration

Formal membership with the parish in which you feel comfortable creates a sense of family. 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 Jean at the rectory office—201-436-0857. 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, were brought up here or attended St. Henry's school. To register, come to the rectory office, between 9 AM and 4 PM weekdays and simply complete a registration card. If this is not possible, call Jean at the rectory office.

Remember that membership with your parish is a requirement if you wish to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation. Parents who wish to have their child baptized or who wish to register their child for religious education must be members of the parish.

Rosary Society NEWS...

Thank you so very much to the Rosarians and parishioners who supported our successful Fall Bake Sale by donating and purchasing home baked or store bought items, bagels & rolls, made monetary donations, purchased raffle tickets and helped set up, sell and clean up. The raffle winners were Julia Cleary (Thanksgiving carrot cake), Aiden Rivera (Thanksgiving brownie cake), Virginia Buczkowski (Thanksgiving carrot cake) and Aiden Rivera (light-up snowman).

NEXT WEEKEND, December 9 & 10

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection

As we consider the unique role senior religious have played in the history of the Church in the U.S., we cannot help but recall their tremendous example of service. We remember with gratitude the tens of thousands of sisters who spent decades teaching in our Catholic schools, the brothers who taught or served in foreign missions, and the priests from religious orders who dedicated themselves to parish and pastoral ministry. Your gift to the collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care and more. As always, your generosity is appreciated!

PARISH CENTER RENTAL -

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th Street, behind the Church) for private parties, please call Jean DiPillo at 201-436-0857, 9 AM—4 PM, Monday through Friday, for availability and more information.

FOOD NEEDED! With more and more people in need coming to us for food, our supply quickly becomes depleted. Your donations of non-perishable foods, would be greatly appreciated: **soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter, box/bag rice, box/can potatoes, cereals, oatmeal, pasta, tuna, other canned, jarred or boxed food items such as fruits, meats, etc.** Food may be left in the boxes in church or brought directly to the parish office. THANK YOU!!

Food Pantry Availability

ST. HENRY FOOD PANTRY located in our Rectory Office, is available **TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 10 AM—12 NOON (ONLY)**. NOTE: Bring current picture ID.

As part of our partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Henry Bayonne parishioners who are in need of food may access the Food Pantry at St. Vincent's. The **Pantry will be open Thursdays Dec. 7th & 21st, 3—5 PM**, and is located in the Rectory basement (entrance 46th St. ground level, near garage). **IMPORTANT:** In order to receive food you must indicate that you are from St. Henry Parish and bring with you current picture I.D. and current proof of residence (utility bill indicating your address in Bayonne). See Mary Ann A. with any questions while you are there.

ST. VINCENT'S SOUP KITCHEN will take place on the above Thursdays, 5—6 PM in the Church basement.

Thank You!

Total Collection for the weekend of 11/26/17: \$8,795.50
consisting of - **Church Offering: \$8,291.50**

(last year, 11/28/16 our church offering was \$7,547.50)

Electronic Giving: \$466

Children's Collection: \$38

Total Collection for the weekend of 11/19/17: \$8,359.50
consisting of— **Church Offering: \$7,804.50**

(last year, 11/21/16 our church offering was \$6,721.50)

Electronic Giving: \$506

Children's Collection: \$49

Black & Indian Collection: \$1,897

Thanksgiving Collection: \$2,063

We need \$10,000 each week

in order to meet our expenses

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

The Advent Season

We celebrate the season of Advent in a spirit of joyful expectation and quiet reflection in waiting for the Lord. You see purple priest vestments and altar hangings, not the red and green of Christmas. We sing Advent hymns instead of Christmas carols. All of this helps us to consider the great mystery that God became human, and that God will come again.

At our weekend Liturgies, we are singing the Seasonal Responsorial Psalm (no. 25). Your refrain is "To You O Lord, I lift my soul, to you, I lift my soul".

We will also use for our Sanctus ("Holy, Holy, Holy") the musical setting composed by Richard Proulx. It is based on the ancient Advent hymn "O Come, O Come Emmanuel".

Advent

Daily Reflections for Advent & Christmas, "Between Darkness and Light" booklets will be available at the doors of Church. Kindly take ONE as our supply is limited.

- ◆ **FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** - We celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (a holy day of obligation) on **Friday, December 8th**. Masses are 7 PM on Thursday, December 7th and 8:30 AM & 12:05 PM on Friday, December 8th.
- ◆ **COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE** - will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church on **Monday, December 11th**. Join us with our partner parish, St. Vincent de Paul, as we start anew this Advent and Christmas Season.
- ◆ **SIMBANG GABI** - **Nightly, December 15th—23rd, 7 PM in Church**. Join us for Mass and fellowship, a novena of nine nights in preparation for Christmas.
- ◆ **FAMILY ADVENT FESTIVAL** - **Sunday, December 17th**, Family Mass at 10 AM then Blessing of the Manger and Christmas Tree at the school, followed by "Happy Birthday Jesus" party and refreshments.

Advent Devotions

Each **Wednesday during Advent** there will be a Holy Hour at **St. Andrew Church** (4th St. & Broadway) at **7:00 PM**. During the Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament, priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Hour will conclude with sung Vespers and Benediction. Plan to attend and spend some quiet time with the Lord.



Feast of the Immaculate Conception

On **Friday, December 8th**, we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation. The feast honors Mary and is the Patronal Feast Day of the United States.

Masses will be: 7:00 PM on Thursday, 12/7 and 8:30 and 12:05 on Friday, 12/8.

Please plan to join us.

St. Henry's Prayer Shawl Ministry meets every Sunday from 1—3 PM in the Rectory office. We will join in with the American Heart Association, in connection with The Children's Heart Foundation, to celebrate American Heart Month by knitting and crocheting red hats for babies born in February at participating hospitals — "Little Hats, Big Hearts". If anyone is interested in donating red yarn for this project or yarn of any color for future projects, please call the parish office at 201-436-0857. Donations are always gratefully accepted. We welcome anyone interested in joining us!

Note that the winners and prizes for our 750 Club, drawn on 11/19, will appear in next week's bulletin.