



# 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, 2023 First Sunday of Advent

### 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, December 2nd

8:30AM Andrew Edward Polashock  
5:30PM Trudy Garda

### SUNDAY, December 3rd

8:00AM Lisa Cerbone  
10:00AM Frank McLaughlin (50th ann.)  
12:00PM Angelo LoScudato &  
Salvatore LoScudato

### MONDAY, December 4th

12:00PM Lojer Lucas  
Ricardo Bacani

### TUESDAY, December 5th

12:00PM Mary Stolte  
James Downey

### WEDNESDAY, December 6th

12:00PM Stabile & Donohue Families  
Estanislao Reyes (ann.)

### THURSDAY, December 7th

12:00PM Barbara Fahley  
Barbara Rokicki  
7:00PM People of St. Henry Parish

### FRIDAY, December 8th

#### *Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:00PM Vincent Lefante  
Gabe & Elsie Doria

### SATURDAY, December 9th

8:30AM Sean Edwards  
5:30PM Special Intention – Lerie Reyes

### SUNDAY, December 10th

8:00AM Jim Cunningham  
10:00AM Anna & John Dugan  
12:00PM John Rooth, Sophie & Charles Zaniewski,  
Mary & Richard Rooth, Pauline & Nicholas  
Scheremeta, Mary & Stanley Cieslak &  
Sarah Bayers

### MEMORIALS

### SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Lala Harden  
From His Family

### ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Maria & Ricardo Bacani  
From The Ilaw & Reyes Family

**Thoughts and Reflections:** Advent is a time to think about and 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, 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 in 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.

### *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.

Masses will be: 7:00PM on Thursday, December 7th and 12:00PM on Friday, December 8th. Please plan to join us.

## 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, December 4, 2023** Is 2:1-5  
Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

**Tuesday, December 5, 2023** Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

**Wednesday, December 6, 2023** Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

**Thursday, December 7, 2023** Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

**Friday, December 8, 2023** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

**Saturday, December 9, 2023** Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

**Sunday, December 10, 2023** Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

## 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, 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.

## Thank You!

**Total Regular Offering – weekend of 11/19/23: \$6,984**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,029**

**Electronic Giving: \$955**

**Total Regular Offering – weekend of 11/26/23: \$6,837**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,942**

**Electronic Giving: \$895**

**Thanksgiving Offering for the Poor: \$3,027**

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*



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, 9:30AM – 12:30 PM ONLY.** Ring office doorbell – a bag will be brought to you.

St. Vincent Food Pantry is open December 7th and 21st... 3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).

**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 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

### 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. 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.

### NEW CHRISTMAS CD by the CHOIR

Our Parish Choir has produced a new CD of Christmas music (perfect for a stocking stuffer). You are invited to buy them at \$15 each. The cantor each weekend will have them after mass at the front of the sanctuary. Or, you can purchase one at the parish office during the week. All proceeds go to support the Saint Henry music program.

**Rosary Society News:** A big and heartfelt thank you to all who supported our Fall Bake and Religious Items Sale. To the Rosarians who helped set-up, sell, clean up, donated baked good, made a monetary donation, bought raffle. To our generous parishioners who donated and bought baked goods, religious items and raffles. Thank you for your support. Because of you, we had another successful sale. Our Raffle winners were: Helene D’Andrea, *Fall Pastas and Sauces Tray*, Helene D’Andrea, *Fall Snacks and Cookies Basket*, and Ruth Yao, *Fall Beverages Basket*.

**Religious Education:** On December 17th, following the 10am Mass, we will host a *Happy Birthday, Jesus* party in the Pine Room! All children, families, and parishioners are invited. I am in need of adult volunteers to help with the decorating, setting up the Pine Room, picking up the sheet cake from ShopRite, bagels from Broadway Bagels, shopping for coffee, milk, sugar, hot chocolate etc. for the party. If you are able to volunteer, please call me at your earliest convenience.

If you are interested in providing a Christmas dinner for a family in need, in our parish, please call me and I will provide all the pertinent information.

Happening again this year we will be having two Giving Trees, both for GIFT CARDS ONLY. Please place gift cards in an envelope marked “Marie Pope” and drop it in the collection basket at Mass, or bring or mail it to the Parish Office. DO NOT LEAVE IT UNDER THE TREES. Please be sure to include your receipt with the gift card donations. Please do not wrap cards. All Giving Tree gift cards should be returned by Sunday, December 17th. Thank you for your kindness and generosity helping those in need this Christmas.

If you are a St. Henry Parishioner and are in need, please call me. I can be reached at (908) 612-6674 regarding any of the above.

### 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

SEPARATE REQUEST FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PURCHASER

(Form may be duplicated)

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

Please be aware of an increase in scam texts or emails asking parishioners for gift cards or cash, especially during the holiday season. Scammers may pose as a pastor sending a message from an unknown email address, phone number, or social media account asking for money or gift cards, and at times, indicating it is an emergency. Scammers may start by expressing interest to connect via phone or direct message.

Archdiocesan clergy will never contact parish community members in this manner. Furthermore, law enforcement agencies urge all to question any message they receive from someone outside their contacts. If a pastor's name is used, parishioners should contact the parish to verify the legitimacy of the appeal. Anyone who feels they have been the victim of this type of scam is urged to contact their local police department. Individuals also may report fraud or scams via the Federal Trade Commission's fraud reporting [website](#).

**IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT FOR OUR PARISH COMMUNITY** Dear Parish Community: The Archdiocese of Newark has been notified that an individual named (Horacio) Daniel Medina has been falsely presenting himself as a Catholic priest in the northern New Jersey area where he is celebrating Mass in people's homes and then ministering confessions and blessing homes and religious articles. Mr. Medina was permanently removed from the clerical state by the Holy Father in 2013. As a result of the laicization, he is forbidden from wearing clerical dress and from functioning in any capacity as a priest. He is not authorized to celebrate the sacraments, including the Eucharist, or engage in any priestly ministry. Prior to his laicization, Mr. Medina was arrested and charged with child abuse. His name appears on the Archdiocese of Newark's list of credibly accused priests. We urge both clergy and the faithful to refrain from participating in any further attempt by Mr. Medina to offer the Mass or administer other sacraments. We strongly encourage that any such activity be reported immediately to the Archdiocese of Newark at 973-497-4254. We ask that all the faithful join in prayer that Christ may bring healing and hope to anyone who has been abused by a priest or by anyone in the Catholic Church. Any person who wishes to report an incident of abuse or misconduct committed by a member of the Archdiocese of Newark is urged to immediately inform their County Prosecutor or other law enforcement office as well as the Archdiocese's Department for the Protection of the Faithful. For more information, visit online at [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org).

### RELICS of ST. NICHOLAS

At Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church

30 East 25th Street, Bayonne, NJ

VENERATION of the RELICS

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

5:00pm-6:00pm

DIVINE LITURGY: 6:00pm



Thank you to St. Henry's Track Team, their parents and coaches for their very generous donation of food to our Food Pantry. This will surely help the families in need of our parish and community in a big way.

**ASCA NEWS:** Our Home and School Association's annual Christmas Bazaar will be Monday and Tuesday. Students in all grades will have the opportunity to purchase small gifts for family members and buy raffle tickets to hopefully win prizes. Thank you to the parents who are volunteering their time toward the success of this anticipated event and to the families who have donated.

ASCA's Theatre Group will be performing *Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer Junior* for our students Friday morning and then for the public Saturday. Check their Facebook page for information about purchasing tickets.

First trimester report cards will be available online via PowerSchool Friday.

Students will be dismissed at Noon Friday as the faculty has a meeting. We will not be offering After Care.