



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 8, 2024 Second 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

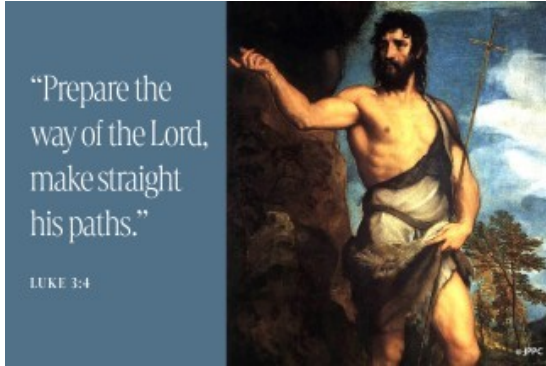
2024-2025 Program Year

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, 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

MONDAY, December 9th

- 12:00PM Steven Scott, Jr.
 Mariana Veá & Isabel Acoba

TUESDAY, December 10th

- 12:00PM Special Intention – Lerie Reyes
 Andrew E. Polashock

WEDNESDAY, December 11th

- 12:00PM Arthur Dautrick
 Joseph Caiola

THURSDAY, December 12th

- 12:00PM Ana Alvarez &
 Deceased Members of the Family
 James Beaver

FRIDAY, December 13th

- 12:00PM Judy Blom
 Rose Marie Cancro

SATURDAY, December 14th

- 8:30AM Miriam Krapp
- 5:30PM Joseph DiCesare

SUNDAY, December 15th

- 8:00AM Elizabeth Sokol
- 10:00AM Maria & Frank Perrucci
- 12:00PM John, Mary & Richard Rooth

**MEMORIALS
 SANCTUARY LAMP,
 ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
 In Memory of Maggie and Lala Harden
 From Their Family**

Thoughts and Reflections: Fans of TCM (Turner Classic Movies) will have no problem imagining the opening fanfare of the Twentieth Century Fox studio productions. The theme is complete with trumpets and searchlight beams reflecting off the call letters. If that scene doesn't resonate with you, then consider instead the NFL (National Football League) theme song heard on most Sunday afternoons in the Fall. Whenever I read St. Luke's opening sentence about the arrival of St. John the Baptist and his message about the Messiah, Jesus Christ, I hear the Fox theme for sure. As we believers know, the announcement heralds what will prove to be an earth-shattering event. It will have far-reaching consequences for John's world and still has them for our own.

As the commercial world around us hypes up its preparation for Christmas, already begun last July, the Church asks us to do something different. It wants us to be quiet; slow down and take at least a little time each day of Advent to prepare our hearts and minds to celebrate Christ's first coming. The bible tells us it will not take place with pounding drums and clashing cymbals, but with hushed silence until we hear a tiny infant cry on a Bethlehem night.

I realize that the Church's Advent plea for some extra prayer and a little preparatory penance is tough to do. What with shopping, decorating, baking and required partying all crammed into 24 days, slowing down seems next to impossible. But then we are called to be different from the world as Christians, are we not?

So, we should try when we can, perhaps in the morning, or when the house quiets down at night, to light an Advent wreath candle, and think about the seasonal Scriptures. That should lead us to pray in wonder at the love of God for us that that brought Him down to earth in the nick of time. What follows is more than just a relaxed heartbeat. We regain our composure. We recharge our patience with all that's going on. We appreciate our young ones and are less likely to snap at our older ones. We avoid nasty behavior toward restaurant servers, harried store clerks and fellow drivers. We can exude joy rather than jumpiness in our preparations. After all, joy is what Christmas is about.

Certainly, the Blessed Mother felt joy deep in her heart as she had nine months to reflect on what Archangel Gabriel had told her about her baby. The calendar compels us to celebrate her faith and humility in an Immaculate Conception feast day moved to tomorrow.

For all of us, her children, I offer the best "spelling" of joy that I ever heard from a preacher that offered it long ago: "J" is for Jesus. "Y" is for you, and the "O" is for nothing in between.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Readings for the week:

- Monday** Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38
- Tuesday** Is 40:1-11 Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13 Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30
- Thursday** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jud 13:18bcd, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
- Friday** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday** Zep 3:14-18a Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

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. 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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 11/24/2024: \$6,543

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,643

Electronic Giving: \$900

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 12/01/2024: \$6,755

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,600

Electronic Giving: \$1,155

Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,197

Thanksgiving Collection: \$1,839

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 Robert Moloughney, Manuel Pineiro and Charles Bowling, 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 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.



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 November collection totaled \$4,575.

Saint Henry Church
Enter Under My Roof

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OVER \$420,000 FROM 97 FAMILIES!

Have you made your Pledge Commitment yet?

We are asking each parishioner to consider making a gift of \$75 a month over a period of three years. This amounts to a little over \$2 a day. **We realize that not everyone can make the same size gift, but everyone can make the same size sacrifice.** Pledges and gifts in all amounts are gratefully accepted.

Also, the only way we are going to reach our goal is through the strong support from the **entire parish**. Therefore, your sacrifice, support, and careful consideration to participate in this appeal is important for the success of our campaign.

Thank you to parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign. We cannot emphasize enough the concept of **Equal Sacrifice Not Equal Giving**.

Frequently Asked Question

1. **How will the roofing project be funded?**
The project will be partially funded through a loan from the Archdiocese, which will allow us to begin the work immediately. The funds raised through the Capital Campaign will go toward repaying this loan and reducing our long-term debt.
2. **Why are we taking a loan from the Archdiocese?**
Taking a loan allows us to start this critical project without delay. Waiting until we have all the funds could result in further damage and increased repair costs. The Archdiocese offers favorable loan terms to help parishes with essential projects like this one.
3. **What is the timeline for the project?**
We aim to begin construction in Spring 2025 and complete the project by early summer, depending on weather and contractor availability.

ADVENT

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION— Mass will be celebrated at noon on Monday, December 9th. This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

"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.

COMMUNAL 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.

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.

Our final 2024 Calendar Raffle drawing was held on December 1st and the winner was Michele Link. Thank you to all who purchased a ticket. It is not too late to get your 2025 Calendar Raffle Ticket. First drawing will be January 1, 2025.

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.

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

ASCA NEWS: Please join us for our monthly liturgy Monday morning at 9:00. ♦ ASCA’s Home and School Association will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar Monday and Tuesday. Thank you to everyone who has donated toys and gift cards and to those who will volunteer their time. ♦ Our Senior Choir, *The Angelics*, will be performing their annual Christmas concert Wednesday at 6:30pm in the gym. Admission is \$5 per person. Join us as they perform a compilation of traditional and modern Christmas songs—both sacred and secular. It will be a festive evening; you’ll definitely find yourself singing along! All are invited.

CANDLELIGHT CAROL SING—The 53rd annual Candlelight Carol Sing will be held at the Cathedral Basilica on Wednesday, December 18th and Thursday, December 19th, at 8PM (two performances). Doors open at 7PM both nights. Christmas music in several languages will be sung by the Cathedral Choir with the assembly, and will be accompanied by the great Cathedral organs and brass ensemble. Free-will donation. For more info call 973-484-2400, or visit: www.cathedralbasilica.org.