



# 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 10, 2023 Second Sunday of Advent

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 201-436-0857 Fax: 201-823-4611  
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Website: [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org)  
Facebook: St. Henry RC Church

#### *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 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

### MONDAY, December 11th

12:00PM Stabile & Gaughran Families  
Mario Sassara

### TUESDAY, December 12th

12:00PM Debra Camangian  
Lucia Sassara

### WEDNESDAY, December 13th

12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin  
Judy Blom & Loretta Brady

### THURSDAY, December 14th

12:00PM Tatyana Palterman  
Geraldine Rogers

### FRIDAY, December 15th

12:00PM George & Helen Kmec  
Stabile & Donohue Families

### SATURDAY, December 16th

8:30AM Von Rico Robertito de Leon Ong  
5:30PM Maria Bacani

### SUNDAY, December 17th

8:00AM Jim Cunningham  
10:00AM Maria & Frank Perrucci  
12:00PM Donna LoScudato

**MEMORIALS**  
**SANCTUARY LAMP,**  
**ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE**  
**In Memory of Anna and John Dugan**  
**From their daughter, Bernadette**

### Thoughts and Reflections:

How many towns do you suppose have a newspaper called *The Herald*? It's a good name for a newspaper because it refers to one who proclaims significant news. It also can refer to a person who comes before to announce what will follow, a forerunner. The angels who heralded the good news of Jesus' birth fit into a long line of heralds who proclaim that God's promise would be fulfilled.

We are baptized with the Holy Spirit and we ought to be both heralding and "*hastening the company of the day of God*".

## 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.

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday, December 11, 2023** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12, 2023** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bcde, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday, December 13, 2023** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14, 2023** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15, 2023** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16, 2023** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17, 2023** Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## 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, Especially Cecelia Buonavolonta and Teresa Cavanagh, 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 will be taking a holiday break and returning January 7, 2024. We would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas and Happy New Year!

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 12/03/23: \$7,539**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,254**

**Electronic Giving: \$1,285**

**Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,229**

*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 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



♦**Beautiful Eucharist** books for Advent are available at the doors of the church. Kindly take only one copy as our supply is limited.

♦**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**—will be held at St. Vincent de Paul Church (979 Avenue C) on Wednesday, December 13th at 7:00PM. 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 a Mass, a novena of nine nights in preparation 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. 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.

### St. Henry's

## MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE – 2024

**PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH**

**Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2024 through December 2024**

**TICKET COST: \$120 EACH**

**(ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD)**

**You have 12 chances to win, and the winning ticket is re-entered so you may win multiple times!**

Tickets will be on sale at the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM....or you can mail the below form and payment to the office and your ticket will be entered and the stub will be mailed to you.

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)



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.