



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 15, 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

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Served by:

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Director of Music Ministries: Chad Perry
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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 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

MONDAY, December 16th

12:00PM Von Rico Robertito DeLeon Ong
Antonia Bello

TUESDAY, December 17th

12:00PM Alessandra Spagnolo
Anna & John Dugan

WEDNESDAY, December 18th

12:00PM Loretta Brady
Ann DeMaria

THURSDAY, December 19th

12:00PM Laureano & Paz Acoba
Betty & Henry Kowalski

FRIDAY, December 20th

12:00PM Gabe and Elsie Doria
Elizabeth Sokol

SATURDAY, December 21st

8:30AM Michael Cleary
5:30PM Jake & Kelsey O'Donnell

SUNDAY, December 22nd

8:00AM James Cunningham
10:00AM Helen C. Nicaretta
12:00PM Pauline & Nicholas Scheremeta &
Sophie & Charles Zaniewski

**MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Anna & John Dugan
From Their Daughter, Bernadette**

Thoughts and Reflections:

"What's the latest?" we ask, both in times of excitement and joy, as well as those of anxiety and sadness. We are in a place of expectation. If ever there was a word to match the liturgical mood of this "Gaudette" ("Rejoice") Sunday, it is expectation. The rose colored vestments optionally worn this day (a mixing of the purple of penance and the white of joy) is to symbolize the sentiment. We are nearing Christmas and our expectations are high.

For a list of reasons, not the least of which are happy childhood memories, Christmas usually brings great joy with it. Our spirits are lifted by the bright decorations on houses and in streetscapes that lift our spirits at the very time of winter's longest nights.

However, there is a cautionary note to be had in the midst of all this joy and good cheer. It is to avoid all the temptations there are to think that this feast is somehow all about us. The fact is that without God's grace, we would not be special. But because God Himself deemed us worthy of redemption, we are. Our God is a loving God and a generous one. In fact, He is love itself. We kneel in awe and gratitude before the manger that depicts the beginning of the final phase of the Father's plan.

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.

Readings for the week:

Monday Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday Gn 49:2, 8-10 Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 Mt 1:1-17

Wednesday Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Thursday Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Friday Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday Sgs 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Sunday Mi 5:1-4a Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 Heb 10:5-10 Lk 1:39-45

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.

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.

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.



Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 12/08/2024: \$7,966

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,843

Electronic Giving: \$1,123

Retirement Fund for Religious Collection: \$2,688

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, 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.



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.

St. Henry's

MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE – 2025

PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH -Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2025 through December 2025.

You can win multiple times. TICKET COST: \$120 EACH

THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

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.

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.

Saint Henry Church
Enter Under My Roof

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OVER \$450,000 FROM 103 FAMILIES!

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 the 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. **Is my contribution tax-deductible?**

Yes, all contributions to the campaign are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. You will receive a statement for your records.

2. **When happens if we don't raise the full amount?**

If we do not reach our goal, the parish will still be responsible for repaying the loan. That's why every contribution is vital to the success of this campaign.

3. **Who is overseeing the project and campaign?**

Fr. Raul Gaviola, our Pastor, is leading this effort alongside the parish finance committee and a dedicated campaign team. We are also working with reputable contractors approved by the Archdiocese of Newark.

ADVENT

“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.

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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO LISTEN...This Christmas season, St. Henry’s Music Ministry invites you to three special music events: On Christmas Eve, Lessons & Carols will take place at 4:15PM, fifteen minutes before the 4:30PM Mass. Later that evening, at 9:30PM, there will be a Christmas concert featuring our parish choir, held one half-hour before the 10PM Mass. Finally, on Christmas Day, we will have a brass quartet perform at the 10AM and 12 Noon masses, including a mini-concert 15 minutes before each mass. We hope you can join us for these joyous celebrations.

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 Church
2024 Christmas Schedule**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION
Saturday, December 21st
9:00 – 9:30 AM and 4:30 – 5:15 PM

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24th
4:15PM Lessons & Carols
4:30 PM Family Mass
9:30 PM Christmas Choir Concert
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25th
Mass of Christmas – 8AM, 10AM and 12 Noon

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday, January 1st – Masses: 9AM and 12PM

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

ASCA NEWS: Congratulations to our Senior Choir, *The Angelics*, on their performance last week. As always, their concert spreads the Christmas spirit. It was a celebratory and joyful evening. ♦ Kudos to the following students who were awarded prizes in Bayonne’s annual Fire Prevention poster contest: **Division 1**—Elena Khalil, Gianna Nardini, and John Wilson; **Division 2**—Isabella Dwyer, Thomas Kouvel, and Stella Scapardine; **Division 3**—Carmina Henry, Makayla Jones, and Karas Yusif. ♦ Congratulations to the following *Calendar Raffle* winners: Soon Song, Samy Mirham, and Julia Santos. ♦ Students will be dismissed at noon Friday. We will not be offering After Care.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: - Safe Environment Corner

Are you thinking of ways that you can volunteer in your parish community now or in the future? If the answer is YES...you are needed! If you would like to become a catechist or volunteer in your church, you can begin by contacting your Local Safe Environment Coordinator—just call the parish or school office for their contact information. The next step would be to create a Virtus account and sign up for *Protecting God’s Children* training—the training is good for five years! Again, find out how at your parish. Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at (201) 407-3256.