



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 17, 2023 Third Sunday of Advent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319

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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

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-
ily 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 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 LoScrudato

MONDAY, December 18th

12:00PM Barbara Fahley
Stabile & Gaughran Families

TUESDAY, December 19th

12:00PM Leonard Inskip
Charles Cirillo, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, December 20th

12:00PM Barbara Niedbalski
James O'Connor

THURSDAY, December 21st

12:00PM Barbara J. Niedbalski
Michael Cleary

FRIDAY, December 22nd

12:00PM Barbara J. Niedbalski
John Galaska

SATURDAY, December 23rd

8:30AM Louis & Mary Piser
5:30PM Joseph DiCesare

SUNDAY, December 24th

8:00AM Living and Deceased
10:00AM Members of
12:00PM St. Henry Parish

SUNDAY, December 24th – CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30PM For the Youth of St. Henry Parish
10:00PM For the Priests' Intentions

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Antonio Della Serra
From His Wife & Family

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Barbara J. Niedbalski
From Robert, Mary Lou & Allie Kowalski

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Barbara J. Niedbalski
From Amanda Kline

Thoughts and Reflections:

Certain watchwords are associated with each season of the church year, almost becoming a motto. Advent is "wake up". It then leads to other words like "watch", "wait", and "witness". But every third Sunday of Advent we anticipate the coming of the Christmas season, whose key word is "Rejoice".

Dear God, source and giver of joy, open my heart to receive your joy. As the Advent season continues, help me to live in a spirit of anticipation and watchfulness for how Christ continues to come into the world, a spirit of joy rooted in the awareness that you are faithful to your children. Amen.

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 18, 2023 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 2023 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23, 2023 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24, 2023 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

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 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.

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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 12/10/23: \$7,395

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,257

Electronic Giving: \$1,138

Retirement for Religious Collection: \$2,119

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$1,964

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

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).

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.

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.

ST. CECELIA 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. Cecelia 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. CECELIA 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.

Religious Education: Today, following the 10am Mass, we will host a *Happy Birthday, Jesus* party in the Pine Room! All children, families, and parishioners are invited.

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)

St. Henry Parish NEWS – continued



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

♦ **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.

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.



2023 CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE, Sunday, December 24th

4:30PM Family Mass
9:40PM Office of Lessons and Carols
10:00PM Christmas Eve Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Monday, December 25th

Mass of Christmas 8AM, 10AM and 12 Noon

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, Monday, January 1st

Masses: 9:00AM and 12:00PM



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

ASCA NEWS: Congratulations to Calendar Raffle winner Anton Makar (ticket #1050)!

Our Senior Choir Christmas concert last week was marvelous! Congratulations to *The Angelics*, who under the direction of Mrs. Maria Minerley and Mrs. Chris Ann Weening, performed a beautiful catalog of songs that chronicled the birth of our Savior. What a wonderful way to help us focus on the season of Advent. Thank you!

Students will enjoy a free Tag Day Thursday – wear Christmas colors, please – and be dismissed at 12PM to begin their Christmas break. We will not be offering After Care.