



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 18, 2022 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Director of Religious Education: Marie Pope
Youth Ministers: Rev. Alfie Pangilinan
Marie Pope

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201-935-5727

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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: (8:30 AM & 12:05 PM)
12 Noon ONLY until further notice
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 to insure time for adequate 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

2022-2023 Program Year

Sundays, 8:45-9:45 AM: Kindergarten, 1st/2nd year RCIC,
1st/2nd year Catch-Up, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Gr.

Wednesdays, 4-5PM: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Gr.

Wednesdays, 7-8PM: 6th, 7th, 8th Gr.

(above classes are in person)

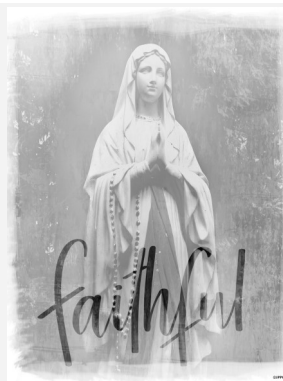
3rd & 4th Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM or 4-5PM or 7-8PM
Confirmation classes (virtual)

1st & 2nd Sundays, 12:00-1:30 PM - RCIA (for adults, 18 or older who wish to receive the Sacraments) (virtual)

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 - 3:00 PM



The final few days of waiting are upon us. God brought us to this point and will see us through good times and bad for the rest of our lives. God gave Mary the strength to accept the angel's message. Although Mary asked, "How can this be?" she chose to accept God's plan. Her love and commitment can help us when we face difficult choices.

We have daily opportunities to bring Jesus' spirit into the lives of those around us, just as Mary did. Little displays of caring and compassion do more than we imagine to build up the Body of Christ. Sometimes a small action or word opens the cold or hardened heart of a lost disciple.

Unplanned, spontaneous acts of faith can move mountains—if only we do them. Just as God surprised us with the gift of Jesus, we can surprise the world with our gifts. God may have been surprised by the wonder of being human; we can surprise others with the joy of being God-like and loving. Give a gift to God and to the world this Christmas—the gift of your heart. Everyone loves wonderful surprises.

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, December 17th

5:30 PM Maria & Ricardo Bacani

SUNDAY, December 18th

8:00 AM James Cunningham

10:00 AM Dec. Mem. Dugan & Raccioppi Families

12:00 PM John Rooth, Sophie & Charles Zaniewski,
Mary & Richard Rooth, Pauline & Nicholas
Scheremeta, Mary & Stanley Cieslak

MONDAY, December 19th

12:00 PM Michael J. Pierce
Silvestra Vila

TUESDAY, December 20th

12:00 PM Thomas Gilson
Timothy Keating

WEDNESDAY, December 21st

12:00 PM George VanSant
Michael Cleary

THURSDAY, December 22nd

12:00 PM Leticia Roman
Francisco Antonio Megale

FRIDAY, December 23rd

12:00 PM Anthony Gomes
William Polera

SATURDAY, December 24th—CHRISTMAS EVE

4:30 PM For the Youth of St. Henry Parish

10:00 PM For the Priests' Intentions

SUNDAY, December 25th—CHRISTMAS

8:00 AM Living &

10:00 AM Deceased Members

12:00 PM of St. Henry Parish

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,

In Memory of Andrea Ellen Wilkolaski

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Benjamin Rosario
from Teresa & Shabbir Gomes

In Honor of Nuestro Padre, Jesus Del Gran Poder
by Mary and Stanley Ivancic
December 18, 2022

PLEASE NOTE:

Weekday Mass Celebrations & Intentions

It has been decided that we will not be bringing back the 8:30 AM Mass, Monday through Friday. For the remainder of this year we will continue to honor the scheduled 8:30 AM Mass and the 12:05 PM Mass together at the 12PM Mass each weekday.

In the same way, 2023 Mass Intentions scheduled for 8:30 AM and 12:05PM will be honored at our 12 PM Mass each weekday.

Saturday 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM and Sunday 8AM, 10AM and 12 Noon Masses remain the same as always.

Beginning 2024, weekday Masses will be held at 12 Noon and we will accept 2 intentions for each Mass.

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 Afafe, Michele Gamatko, Ann Fitzsimmons, Juan Diaz, Craig Buonomo, Marie Pope, Barry Dugan, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, Mary Phillips-Borzelli, Claire Poli, John J. Borzelli.**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

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

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Sunday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

St. Henry Parish NEWS

Food Pantry Availability

St. Henry FOOD PANTRY is OPEN WEDNESDAYS, 9:30AM—12:30 PM ONLY. Participants may come every 1—2 weeks as necessary. Ring office doorbell—a bag will be brought to you.

St. Vincent Food Pantry is open January 12 & 26, February 9 & 23 - 3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location is in the 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 during the week. Please call ahead to insure Jean is in the office to accept it—201-436-0857, Ext. 110.

Thank you, as always, for your generosity and willingness to help those in need.

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.

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 Jean 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—3:30 PM, or call Jean if you would like the form mailed to you

Remember that membership with your 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 a private party, please call Jean DiPillo, 201-436-0857, Ext. 110, 9AM—3PM, Monday through Thursday, for availability and more information.



SIMBANG GABI - Continues nightly through December 23rd, 7:30 PM in Church. Join us for Mass, a novena of nine nights in preparation for Christmas.

Religious Education

GIVING TREES

This year, we have 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 UNDER THE TREES. Please be sure to include your receipt with the gift card donation. Please do not wrap cards. All Giving Tree gift cards should be returned by Sunday, December 18th. Thank you for your kindness and generosity helping those in need this Christmas.

If you are a St. Henry Parishioner and are in need, call Marie Pope at 908-612-6674.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS

If you are interested in "adopting a family for Christmas" by ordering a Christmas dinner for this family, call Marie Pope at 908-612-6674.

If you are in need of Christmas dinner, also call Marie.

As our parishioners are aware, there are many families in need. Our Giving Trees is a vehicle our parish adopted many years ago to assist the families of our parish who are in need. The Giving Trees are decorated with gift card requests. When the gift cards are purchased and given to us, we present them to these families so they can buy Christmas gifts.

Another vehicle of giving is something called the Christmas Wish initiative which was started about seven years ago with John Graziano, CPA. Families of our parish complete a wish list and Mr. Graziano's team help select gifts. A Christmas party is held with refreshments, pictures are taken with Santa and gifts are distributed to the children. It is such a joyful, loving experience for all. Last year I was unable to attend in person due to my illness, but thanks to Aida Lopez I attended via Facetime. Also, last year, our beloved Lisa Cerbone who recently passed away assisted me with this initiative. We miss you Lisa!

"Adopt a Family for Christmas" is another initiative created to help our parish families in need. This entails ordering a Christmas dinner for a family.

We are so thankful to all those who donated, as well as to those who have helped in any way with these events. Have a Blessed Christmas!

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

IMMIGRATION HELP FOR UKRAINIANS:
Contact Gintare Grigaite, Esq. at 201-471-7989.

Mass for Our Country, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Evangelization, will take place at **Holy Spirit Church, 970 Suburban Rd., Union, NJ on the First Thursday of each month**—Patriotic Rosary at 7:00 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 7:30 PM. Upcoming dates are: **January 5th, February 2nd, March 2nd, April 13th, May 4th and June 1st.**

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

2022 Archdiocesan ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties in the Archdiocese of Newark - namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. **OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$41,661.** The Archdiocese requires us to meet this goal. If we do not, we must contribute the difference between our goal and the actual amount of pledges received. We therefore ask that you prayerfully consider making your gift or pledge to the 2022 Annual Appeal.

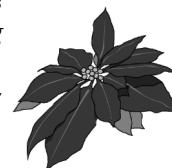
TOTAL PLEDGED TO DATE: \$37,206

NOTE: If you have not completed your pledge for the 2022 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal, please do so as soon as possible! Our parish will not receive credit for pledges made unless they are fully paid. Thank you to all!

Christmas Gift for Your Parish

The Parish Christmas card and Christmas offering envelope have been mailed. Hopefully, you have received yours. We encourage our parishioners to be stewards for Christ in giving of their TREASURE and helping us reach our budgeted goal of \$45,000. We are, as always, grateful for your kind generosity!

Christmas Flower donation envelopes are included in your packet of offering envelopes. Extra envelopes are located at the doors of Church. Your donation, in memory of or in honor of a loved one, enables us to decorate our Church so beautifully for Christmas. Thank You!



Support Group for those Grieving the Death of a Loved One

The Bereavement Ministry of St. Henry Parish will offer another support group series for those grieving the death of a loved one. There will be 6 sessions of information, mutual sharing and support. The support group will take place on **Tuesdays, January 10th – February 14th at 7PM**, and will meet at St. Henry Parish House.

If you are interested please contact Jean at the parish office, 201-436-0857, Ext. 110, by January 3rd.



St. Henry Church
Schedule of Masses for Christmas and New Year

Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24th
 4:30 PM - Family Mass
 9:40 PM - Office of Lessons & Carols
 10:00 PM - Christmas Eve Mass

Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25th
 Mass of Christmas: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12 Noon

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Saturday, December 31st: 5:30 PM
 Sunday, January 1st: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 12:00 PM

GET YOUR 2023 CALENDAR RAFFLE TICKET TODAY!
THEY MAKE WONDERFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS!!

St. Henry's
MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE - 2023
PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH
 Drawn on the 1st of each month, January, 2023 through December, 2023
 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 are on sale at the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 3PM; from Father in the sacristy after the weekend Masses; and for your convenience a ticket request form is printed below, or you may download the form on our website, www.sthenryrc.org. Complete the form and mail it in to the office along with your payment. Upon receipt of your form and payment, a ticket will be entered into the drawing and your ticket stub will be mailed to you. NOTE: There is no need to complete a request form if you come in to the parish office to purchase your ticket.

Your participation is important to the financial health of the parish. Let's sell all 300 tickets this year! As always, we are grateful for all you do to support our Parish of St. Henry!

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ST. HENRY CHURCH – 2023 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)