



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 20, 2020 Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Served by:

Director of Religious Education: Marie Pope
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Marie Pope

Director of Music Ministries: Chad Perry
201-935-5727

Trustees: Claire Latwis and Colleen Raccioppi

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
12 Noon until further notice
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 will be limited due to the Pandemic. 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

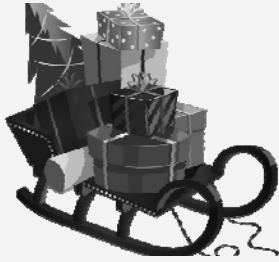
Due to the COVID 19 Pandemic, St. Henry Religious Education classes will be held remotely for the 2020/2021 program year.

New and Re-registration is now CLOSED.

Call Marie Pope at 201-339-0319 for more information.

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. Please call the rectory.



Great events in and of themselves are not tangible. They occur in life but leave no mark behind, nothing that someone could come across and know that something significant occurred. So we mark the event with monuments, holidays, gold watches, or plaques, making a meaningful event tangible and memorable.

Gifts at Christmas do the same thing. They mark the occasion of the birth of Jesus, communicating a bit of the joy of the day by allowing us to be both giver and receiver. Gift-giving sets aside the day as special and different. The special foods, customs, decorations and gifts all help focus our attention on the importance and meaning of the day, and at the same time allow us to share personally in its joy and happiness.

In giving gifts, though, we can share in the meaning of Christmas in a significant way. We imitate God in sharing with others. We give a bit of ourselves to others in the gifts we give, just as God gives us the gift of his Son. No wonder we often say that the best gifts are those that come from the heart. Given in love, these presents are wrapped in the best covering of all.

As we celebrate Christmas, we are reminded that the Christmas Season continues as we look forward to the many other moments that grace this time: The Feast of the Holy Family, the Feast of the Epiphany, the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord. These experiences help to keep the joy of Christmas alive and vital for us. Jesus comes to us every day in the form of people and opportunities that allow us to celebrate our faith. Keep Christmas always, but especially in these next weeks.

Mass Intentions for the Week

- SATURDAY, December 19th**
5:30 PM In Thanksgiving
- SUNDAY, December 20th**
8:00 AM Anne & Irene Maggio
10:00 AM Dec. Mem. Raccioppi & Dugan Families
12:00 PM John Rooth, Sophie & Charles Zaniewski
Mary Richard Rooth, Pauline & Nicholas Scheremeta, Mary & Stanley Cieslak
- MONDAY, December 21st**
8:30 AM Catherine Silverstein
12:05 PM Michael Cleary
- TUESDAY, December 22nd**
8:30 AM Raouf Eshak Jacob
12:05 PM Marian Carnevale
- WEDNESDAY, December 23rd**
8:30 AM Louis Marino
12:05 PM James Harkness
- THURSDAY, December 24th—Christmas Eve**
4:00 PM *All Living*
5:30 PM *& Deceased Members & Priests*
10:00 PM *of St. Henry Parish*
- FRIDAY, December 25th—Christmas**
8:00 AM *All Living*
10:00 AM *& Deceased*
12:00 PM *Members & Priests*
1:30 PM *of St. Henry Parish*
- SATURDAY, December 26th**
8:30 AM James Harkness
5:30 PM Anna Marino
- SUNDAY, December 27th**
8:00 AM Special Intention - Melody Jestine Romua
10:00 AM Adeline & Anthony Ferragine
12:00 PM Therese Foran

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Christine, Salvatore &
Palma Pirozzi
from their daughter, Camille

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Barry Dugan, Fran Dugan, Krisa Oppenhome, Deity Estor, Sierra Smith, Maria Teresa Escototo Balictar, Olivia Blanca Moncion, Regina Rozario Lopez, Florence Vayda, Anna Marie Borzelli, Laurie Riccardi, Aleksander Heath, Cecil Lim, Rich Marchitto, William Rodas, Claire Latwis, Ryan Kuchta, Alexandra Lee Hughes, Dawn Eastmead, Lisa Cerbone, Pedro Medina, Jay Jablonski, Adam Plan, Jasmine Reyes, Preciosa Merced, Karen Mengo, James Leung, Mary Phillips-Borzelli, Joanie Robin, Alessandra Spagnolo, Antoinette Lamberti, Claire Poli, John J. Borzelli, George Glom, Kara Sullivan, Gary DeCarlo, Bill Thomas**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK....

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday: 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
Midnight: 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
Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

Weekday Mass Celebrations & Intentions

As you know, our Monday through Friday Mass celebrations are 12 Noon ONLY and Saturday is 8:30 AM. You will note, however, that the Mass Intentions for our regular schedule of Masses (8:30 AM and 12:05 PM) are listed in our bulletin. The intentions for 8:30 AM and 12:05 PM are being honored together at the 12 Noon Mass Monday through Friday. Sunday Masses are regular schedule: 5:30 PM Saturday evening and 8AM, 10AM and 12 PM on Sundays.

CONFESSIONS: 9:00AM—9:30 AM & 4:30PM—5:15 PM.

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.

St. Henry Parish NEWS

Religious Education

Food Pantry Availability

St. Henry FOOD PANTRY is OPEN WEDNESDAYS, 9:30AM – 12:30 PM ONLY. Masks are required. Participants may come every 2-3 weeks, as necessary. 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 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.

Because of the Corona Virus pandemic, the following have been suspended, until further notice:

- ◆ **Choir Practice**
- ◆ **Servants of Jesus, Mary & Joseph and The Gatekeepers prayer groups meetings**
- ◆ **Prayer Shawl Ministry meetings**
- ◆ **ESL classes**
- ◆ **Private Parties**

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 and a registration card will be 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.



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!

The Giving Tree is decorated with Gift Card ornaments which will be given to families in need this Christmas. No gifts please. Remove the tag from the tree, purchase the suggested gift card, insert in an envelope with the receipt and write "Marie Pope" on the outside of the envelope. DO NOT LEAVE CARDS UNDER THE TREE. Please return to the rectory, St. Henry school office, or place in the collection basket at Mass.

Congratulations to all the children who received the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on Monday, December 14, 2020:

Francesca Almaria, Anthony Ammirato, Ava Amadeo, Samantha Ayala, Robert Ayala, Joseph Byrne, Leah Bolowski, Brian Boruch, Caterina Bergantino, Nicholas Cerbo-Lioi, Gianna Cassandro, Morgan Chrzanowski, Chloe Chrzanowski, Dylan Cohen, Raphael Francis Colago, Anastacia Camacho, Reggie Cirio, Michael Czok, Natalie Czok, Raiven Cirio, Grayson Davis, Mark Duffy, Lillianna DeMarco, Savannah DeMarco, Sierra DeMarco, Taylor Degnan, Aksel DeLeon, Alexis Elder, Yuvain Damian Fernando, Jordyn Flores, Vincent Fracasso, Isaac Fernandez, Gia Frigiola, Isabella Fiore, Soleil Lily Guillen-John, Jonathan Gomes, Sophia Lisa Gass, Yhumie Gula, Olive Giacobe, Isabella Gunshefski, Thomas Haytas, Lewis Haber, Elly Holly, Damon Hansen, Brielle Hilinsky, Layla Johnson, Sidra Loiacono, Kevin Lapinski, Scarlett Lelinho, Vincent Lucci, Carter Liana, John McAlary, Jack Makowski, Alex Moscicki, Dereck Mayancela, Rocco Marino, Aedan Mont, Nevaeh Newman, Christian Newman, Francisco Newman, Cassandra Ortiz, Edward Olanowski III, Cole O'Conner, Colin O'Conner, Avery Percella, Damian Padilla, Damon Porch, Caileen Raferty, Alexander Richardson, Valentina Ruiz, Jerald Asher Reyes, Genesee Roe, Elias Santiago, Matthew Serrano, Valentina Serrano, Skylar Santos, Joseph Squitieri, Justin Squitieri, Kerby Vincent Tibay, Grayson Wasilewski, Keira Wade, Chasity Wearing, Juliana Wilbeck, Brooklyn Yatco.

A special thank you to all the catechists who have prepared their students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation: Jessica Becker, Nicole Marchitto, Lisa Cerbone, Aida Lopez, Shena DeMoya and Jessica Driscoll. Unlike years past, the method of teaching this year has been quite different but yet very effective. A special thank you as well to the children's parents/guardians and all our priests and volunteers who helped make this process for the children safe, meaningful and experience God's forgiveness. Each child received an envelope containing their Reconciliation certificate, a heart with their name, a big eraser which states "Jesus Erases All of Our Mistakes", a Nativity dog tag, and their Eucharist book which they will begin using in 2021.

All parents/guardians should have received their child's First Holy Communion date, which also includes All Saints children. If you did not receive this important email, call me ASAP at 201-339-0319 or 908-612-6674 (pls. do not email/text).

Also, due to COVID-19, we will not hold our annual Christmas Pageant on Christmas Eve. However, Nancy Kopacz has been practicing with her Wednesday 3rd grade class to present the Birth of Christ in pageant form to be viewed by our Wednesday classes on 12/16 and Sunday classes on 12/20. Thank you, Mrs. Kopacz!

God Bless and Merry Christmas and Happy, Holy, Healthy New Year to all!

- Marie Pope

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

FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF Donate Blood.

Questions /schedule an appointment for whole blood or ALYX (automated collection for red cells), call 1-800-933-2566.

NOTE: We have been notified by Blood Services that at this time, as they now need a much larger space in order to comply with social distancing, they will not be holding blood drives in St. Henry's Pine Room. PLEASE WATCH FOR INFORMATION ABOUT THE POSSIBILITY OF FUTURE DATES HERE AT ST. HENRY'S.

SCHOLARSHIPS FOR POLISH-AMERICAN STUDENTS

- The Kosciuszko Foundation, an American Center of Polish Culture, is offering the **Jeanette K. Nieciecka Scholarship** for undergraduate studies in the areas of business, nursing and education. Eligible applicants are citizens and legal permanent residents of the United States who are of Polish descent. A minimum GPA of 3.0 is required to qualify. Qualified Bayonne, NJ residents who are majoring in business, nursing and education receive first preference. Other NJ residents and majors will be considered if no eligible first preference candidates apply. To apply, students must complete the online application and financial information forms and submit the following supporting materials: a statement of purpose/essay, official transcripts, two letters of recommendation, proof of Polish ancestry, a head shot photo, curriculum vitae (CV), checklist and a \$35 non-refundable application fee. Applications and supporting materials will be accepted through January 15, 2021. Scholarships will be awarded for full-time studies during academic year Fall 2021/Spring 2022. Award announcements will be made in writing in June, 2021. For more information and to apply, please go to: <https://www.thekf.org/kf/scholarships/tuition/Nieciecka>. For help with the application or other questions, you may call Addy at 212-734-2130, Ext. 412, 10:30 AM to 5:00 PM, Monday—Friday, or email Addy@thekf.org.

From the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK...

SUPPORT GROUPS FOR PARENTS GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A CHILD

, sponsored by the Office of Family Life Ministries/Archdiocese of Newark, are led by trained facilitators—parents who have personally experienced the death of a child. Groups meet: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Parish Center, 60 Byrd Ave., Bloomfield, first Wednesday of ea. month 7:30 PM; St. Peter the Apostle Church Rectory Basement, 445 Fifth Ave., River Edge, third Monday of ea. month 7:30 PM.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER—With the hustle and bustle of the holidays over, don't you and your spouse deserve a beautiful weekend away together? If you agree then you'll want to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. For more information, visit www.wwme.org, or call Mike and Janet Turco, 973-427-7016 or email mikeandjanetwwme@gmail.com.

The above is for future information only, as due to the Corona Virus Pandemic, all meetings and activities are suspended until further notice.

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 immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Individuals who wish to report allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling the Archdiocesan Office of Child & Youth Protection at 973-497-4011.

ST. HENRY PARISH NEWS - continued

YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT TO YOUR PARISH

The Parish Christmas card, Christmas schedule 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. We are, as always, grateful for your kindness and generosity!

2021 PARISH CALENDARS

Our 2021 calendars are available this weekend, sponsored generously, once again, by Catholic Cemeteries of the Archdiocese of Newark.

Please take one per family, as the supply is limited. Thank you!

St. Henry's 2021

MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH

Drawn on the 1st of each month, January, 2021 through December 1, 2021

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 Friday, 9 AM to 4 PM and after the Weekend Masses. Also, for your convenience, you may tear off the form on the last page of this bulletin and mail it in to the office along with your payment. Upon our receipt of your form and payment, a ticket will be entered into the drawing and your ticket stub will be mailed to you

Calendar Raffle Tickets make GREAT Christmas Gifts—they give all year long!

Your participation is important to the financial health of the parish. As always, we are grateful for all you do to support our Parish of St. Henry!

**GUIDELINES FOR AND SCHEDULE OF MASSES
FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR AT ST. HENRY CHURCH**



Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th
Masses at 4:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 10:00 PM

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th
Masses at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12 Noon & 1:30 PM

Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Thursday, December 31st – Mass at 7:00 PM
Friday, January 1st - Masses at 9:00 AM & 11:00 AM

(all Masses, except for the 8:00 AM on Christmas Day, will be livestreamed on our Facebook page, [St. Henry RC Church](#))

We ask those who plan to attend to please:

1. Check your temperature at home to insure you do not have a fever. If you are feeling ill, please stay at home.
2. We understand that you have your favorite places in Church, but please occupy the front rows first. This will avoid people from walking all over to find available seats.
3. If you see the Church is full, you can instead stay in your car or in the area and follow the Mass livestream on Facebook, [St. Henry RC Church](#). At Communion time, you may come inside to receive, or one of the Priests/Ministers will go out by the main doors to give out Communion. NOTE: No Communion will be given once Mass is over.
4. Wear a mask while in Church.
5. Practice social distancing. Seats are marked by blue tape. Only families who live in the same house can be seated together.
6. Do not shake hands during the Sign of Peace.
7. For Communion – remain in your seats. The Priest/Minister will come to you to give you Communion. Communion will be received in hand only. The chalice with the Blood of Christ will not be ministered. Anyone who does not wish to receive Communion should place their arms across their chest to signify this.

**WE WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND A BLESSED, HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR!**

If you cannot, or would prefer not to, come in to the office to purchase your ticket, please complete the following form for each purchaser and mail with your payment to St. Henry Parish Office, 82 West 29th St., Bayonne, NJ 07002, Attn: Jean (your ticket will be entered into the drawing and the stub will be mailed to you)

**ST. HENRY CHURCH – 2021 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)