



Fourth Sunday in Advent

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 22, 2019 - Fourth Sunday of ADVENT

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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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
Holy Days: (see inside bulletin for Mass times)
National Holidays: 9:00 AM

Parish Access Center: (Hudson County) 201-798-9958

Novenas

Miraculous Medal Novena: Saturdays after 8:30 AM Mass;
St. Jude Novena: Wednesdays after the 8:30 AM and 12:05 PM
Masses

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays 9 - 9:30 AM and 4:30 - 5:15 PM
Confessions will be heard any time at the Rectory. Please call
201-436-0857.

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 1:30 PM. Call the Parish Office
to make arrangements. Baptismal Instruction will be sched-
uled prior to Baptism. 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

Grades 1-5, 1st & 2nd year Catch-Up, RCIC & Special
Needs: Sundays, 8:45 AM - 9:45 AM

Pre-K & Kindergarten classes are held once a month on
the Third Sunday of each month.

Grades 1-5: Wednesdays, 3:45-5 PM

Junior High (Gr. 6, 7 & 8): Tuesday evenings, 6:45-8 PM

Junior High (Gr. 6, 7 & 8): Wednesdays early evening,
5:30-6:30 PM

Confirmation (Gr. 9): 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month,
10:30-11:55 AM, followed by 12:00 PM Mass (begins October)

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults who would like
to become Catholic, full members of the Church. Classes are
held the 1st & 2nd Sunday of each month, 1:30-2:30 PM or
3:00-4:00 PM

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.
Communion: A priest or Eucharistic Minister of the parish
will bring Communion to those parishioners confined to
home. Please call the rectory.



St. Joseph is almost a forgotten saint, despite the fact that he is the foster father of Christ; the Patron of the Universal Church, and a perfect model of true masculinity. What we note also is his outstanding integrity; constant patience; and inspirational obedience. All three characteristics, far from a complete list, can be a working document for all of us to live our Catholic faith in a better way from December 25th into the fast approaching 2020. St. Joseph models skills that fit in with a modern context. What is "time management" other than priority adherence and obedience to a command for prayer? What is "goal setting" other than healthy obedience to a higher power? If you read between the lines of St. Joseph's story, you will note that it has no memorable speech but plenty of action. When St. Joseph's virtues become part of our own biographies, they bring us the elusive joy of PEACE.

"Peace is the beauty of life. It is sunshine. It is the smile of a child, the love of a mother, the joy of a father, the togetherness of a family. It is the advancement of man, the victory of a just cause, the triumph of truth"
- Menachem Begin, former Primer Minster of Israel

A blessed Christmas to you and yours!

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, December 21st

5:30 PM Brendan Gillen

SUNDAY, December 22nd—4th Sun. Advent

8:00 AM Marilyn Monaco
10:00 AM Ignatius Rychlicki (15th Ann.)
12:00 PM Dec. Mem. Dugan & Raccioppi Families

MONDAY, December 23rd

8:30 AM Stabile & Donohue Families
12:05 PM Isabel Acoba

TUESDAY, December 24th—Christmas Eve

8:30 AM *People of St. Henry Parish*
12:05 PM *Dec. Priests Who Served at St. Henry Parish*
4:30 PM Family Mass (Christmas Pageant at 4 PM)
Youth of St. Henry Parish
10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (Carols at 9:40 PM)
Intentions of Our Priests

WEDNESDAY, December 25th—Christmas Day

8:00 AM *All Living*
10:00 AM *& Deceased Members*
12:00 PM *of St. Henry Parish*

THURSDAY, December 26th

9:00 AM Jose Suarez

FRIDAY, December 27th

8:30 AM Joseph & Antoinette Senatore
12:05 PM Anna Marino

SATURDAY, December 28th

8:30 AM Celeste Elaine Welch
5:30 PM Gregg Jablonski

SUNDAY, December 29th

8:00 AM Special Intention—Melody Romua
10:00 AM Hector Texidor
12:00 PM Angie & Nick D'Angelo

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Helen & Bill Drexler

NOTE: There is ONE Mass on Thursday, December 26th—at 9:00 AM.

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Maria Teresa Escototo Balictar, Olivia Blanca Moncion, Regina Rozario Lopez, Florence Vayda, Anna Marie Borzelli, Laurie Riccardi, Gerald Gill, Fran Dugan, Alekzander Heath, Cecil Lim, Rich Marchitto, William Rodas, Claire Latwis, Ryan Kuchta, Alexandra Lee Hughes, Marie Harkness, Dawn Eastmead, Lisa Cerbone, Pedro Medina, Chris Dearing, 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, Michael Sheehan, Bill Thomas**

READINGS FOR THE WEEK....

Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66

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

Wednesday: 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

Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Col 3:12-21 or Col 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

Welcome Home!

During the Christmas Season, many of our college students are home on break to spend time with their families. We're glad to have you back with us for these few weeks. Your presence is a reminder to all of us of the influence our parish has on the world around us. Remember, wherever you go you bring the charisma of St. Henry Parish with you!

St. Henry Parish NEWS

This Week...

SATURDAY, December 21st

9:00 AM Flea Market
7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

SUNDAY, December 22nd

8:45 AM Religious Education classes
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

MONDAY, December 23rd

7:30 PM Simbang Gabi

TUESDAY, December 24th - Christmas Eve

WEDNESDAY, December 25th - Christmas Day

THURSDAY, December 26th

FRIDAY, December 27th

7:00 PM Gatekeepers
7:00PM SJMJ

SATURDAY, December 28th

8:00 AM Preschool Playhouse

SUNDAY, December 29th

1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
2:00 PM Private Party

St. Henry's Prayer Shawl Ministry

St. Henry Prayer Shawl Ministry meets on Sunday afternoons, 1–3 PM, in the Rectory Conference Room. If you're interested in our ministry, please stop by with any questions. If you're unable to join us on Sunday afternoons, please consider working on projects at home. We'll supply the yarn, you supply the knitting needles or crochet hooks.

REMINDER: St. Henry's offers the convenience of paying for **Religious Education and Sacramental fees** through our online PARISH GIVING. Go to St. Henry's website home page, sthenryrc.org, and follow the easy steps.

NEXT St. Henry FLEA MARKET
SATURDAY, January 18th, 9 AM–3 PM

For more information, or to rent tables,
call Barbara Silvey at 201-339-0319.

Join Us...

- **TUESDAYS: 7:00 PM Parish Choir**, Church
- **WEDNESDAYS: 7:30 PM, Devotion to Our Mother of Perpetual Help**, every Wednesday at 7:30 PM. First Wednesday—Novena Mass @7:30 PM—St. Benedict Chapel.
- **FRIDAYS: 7:30 PM, Gatekeepers Charismatic Prayer Community**, every Friday at 7:30 PM. **First Friday**- Novena and Healing Mass @ 7:30 PM, St. Benedict Chapel.
2nd & 3rd Fridays: Join **Fr. Alfie Pangillinan**, Parochial Vicar of St. Henry Church, in our **BIBLE STUDY GROUP**, as he guides us and helps us explore and discuss the Word of the Lord together.
Novena to Señor Santo Nino every Friday @7:30 PM, St. Henry's Parish Center.
- **SUNDAYS: Prayer Shawl Ministry**, 1–3 PM. In the Rectory.

Religious Education...

My heart is full with the outpouring of the over 50 youth of our parish and other parishes of Bayonne who responded to my request for help on Thanksgiving eve to wrap bread which was blessed at our 9 AM Thanksgiving Mass. Over 200 rolls were wrapped and arranged in Thanksgiving baskets and placed at the foot of the altar for blessing and distribution to all who attended the Mass.

After the rolls were wrapped, we all walked over to St. Henry Church to place ornaments on the Giving Trees. Our Giving Trees look beautiful. A pizza party followed. Thanks to the Leone family for their donation towards the pizza and soda ordered from Pompeii Pizza. Special thanks to all the adults who helped as well—Rich Marchitto, Carol Ann Carreno, Shawn Rooth and to those parents who remained with their children.

The deadline for returning gifts and gift cards for our Giving Trees is today, December 22nd. Gifts will be donated to charities, St. Ann's Nursing Home in Jersey City and to families in our parish who are in need.

A shout out to Mike Stanlaw and the members from his studio, Stanlaw Fitness, for the donation of 100 turkeys. We also received a donation of 50 turkeys from Mayor Davis and his council members and a monetary contribution from our friends at BCB Bank. The turkeys were distributed to many people of our parish and community. Thanks to all who saw the need and responded, and made a difference in the lives of so many.

It is my hope and prayer that everyone who received a turkey will some day be able to "pay it forward" to someone in need. God bless and thank you one and all!

Our annual Brunch With Santa was a huge success! Over 110 people attended the function to see Santa. A special thanks to Rich Marchitto and his daughter, Nicole and her boyfriend, Dennis for decorating the Pine Room so beautiful and festive. Thank you for all the donations of food, juice, water, sheet cake, and most important the help setting up, serving and cleaning up, as well as the overall kindness of everyone! The children's eyes were aglow when Santa arrived to their singing of Jingle Bells and Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer. A very special thank you to Cydney for her face painting and Lisa (Janice Feeney's daughter) for the tattoo activity. Thanks to Aida Lopez and her daughters, Bella and Adrielle who donated their own money to help buy Danish, cupcakes and drinks, as did Elvia Kenask. Thanks to the Goya family for the Merry Christmas sheet cake and to Nicole Panaccione for the water and fruit drinks. I wish each of you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year 2020. God bless each of you!

- Marie Pope

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



**GIVE BLOOD
SAVE LIFE**

FEEL GOOD ABOUT YOURSELF...

Donate Blood. NEW JERSEY BLOOD SERVICES hold blood drives in the **PINE ROOM of St. Henry's School**. The next drive will take place **Friday, January 3, 2020, 1 PM—7 PM**.

Questions /schedule an appointment for whole blood or ALYX (automated collection for red cells), call 1-800-933-2566. Appts. encouraged, walk-ins welcome! For platelets, call 1-866-758-5387.

BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA PARISH's Music Ministry will present their annual concert of Lessons & Carols during the Christmas Season on **Sunday, January 5th**, the Feast of the Epiphany, at **St. Andrew Church, 3:30 PM**.

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.

From the ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK...

The RETROUVAILLE PROGRAM, a program which gives hope for struggling marriages, is a Christian program, Catholic in origin and for couples of all faiths or no faith background. It's a practical program about improving communication, building a stronger marriage, and helping couples rediscover the love they had for each other. The program is currently being offered in the Diocese of Metuchen and will take place the weekend of **February 21-23**. For more information call the Diocese of Metuchen Family Life Office, 732-562-1990, Ext. 1543. To register call Rich & Annette Colasuonno, 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org.

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.

Parish NEWS continued...

2020 Parish Calendars

Our 2020 parish 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.

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. 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, were brought up here or attended St. Henry's school. To register, come to the rectory office, between 9 AM and 4 PM weekdays and simply complete a registration card. If this is not possible, call Jean at the rectory office. 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.

Your attention, please... There are no more Masses available for intentions in 2020. For the time being, until we open the 2021 Mass Book (sometime in the early part of the new year), we will be taking "Mission Mass Intentions" which means the Mass will be celebrated by a priest overseas or at one of the retired priests' residences.

PARISH CENTER RENTAL -

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th Street, behind the Church) for private parties, please call Jean DiPillo at 201-436-0857, 9 AM—4 PM, Monday through Friday, for availability and more information.



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 logo, and follow the easy registration steps.

FOOD NEEDED! With more and more people in need coming to us for food, our supply quickly becomes depleted. Your donations of non-perishable foods, would be greatly appreciated: *soups, tomato sauce, peanut butter, box/bag rice, box/can potatoes, cereals, oatmeal, pasta, tuna, other canned, jarred or boxed food items such as fruits, meats, etc.* Food may be left in the boxes in church or brought directly to the parish office. THANK YOU!!

Food Pantry Availability

ST. HENRY FOOD PANTRY located in our Rectory Office, is available **WEDNESDAYS, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM (ONLY)**.

NOTE: Bring current picture ID. **NOTE NEW DATE!**

As part of our partnership with St. Vincent de Paul Parish, St. Henry Bayonne parishioners who are in need of food may access the Food Pantry at St. Vincent's. The Pantry is open **January 9th & 23rd, February 6th & 20th** and is located in the Rectory basement (entrance 46th St. ground level, near garage). **IMPORTANT:** In order to receive food you must indicate that you are from St. Henry Parish and bring with you current picture I.D. and current proof of residence (utility bill indicating your address in Bayonne). See Mary Ann A. with any questions while you are there.

ST. VINCENT'S SOUP KITCHEN will take place on the above Thursdays, 5—6 PM in the Church basement.

St. Henry Church

WINDOW RESTORATION COLLECTION

Total To Date: \$116,263

The Window Restoration Collection is THIS WEEK-END, December 21st & 22nd. Envelopes are included in your quarterly packet of offering envelopes. Contributions can also be made via Parish Giving, accessed on our website, www.sthenryrc.org; envelopes are also available at the doors of church (make sure to fill in your name and parishioner number if known); or use a plain white envelope marked "Window Restoration" and your name and parishioner number. No other envelope should be used!). We thank you for your generous support of St. Henry Parish.

Christmas Music & Liturgy

A special program of Music & Liturgy has been prepared for our parish family for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Our schedule includes a Christmas presentation by our children at 4 PM on Christmas Eve, followed by Mass at 4:30 PM, and the special 10 PM Mass with carols at 9:45 PM, as well as special music at each of the Christmas Day Masses, 8 AM, 10 AM and 12 Noon. Invite your family and friends to share the celebration of Christ's birth in a very meaningful way.



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!

**St. Henry's
MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE**

Beginning January 1, 2020 and the first of each month thereafter, ending December 1, 2020, we will have a drawing for a \$1,000 prize. The cost for a ticket is \$120 and only 400 tickets will be sold. The ticket will give you 12 monthly chances to win \$1,000 and each month the winning ticket is re-entered, so you may win multiple times! The drawing will take place at St. Henry Parish Office on the 1st of each month at 12:00 Noon. The winner does not need to be present.

TICKETS ARE NOW ON SALE in the Parish Office AND AFTER ALL MASSES IN THE CHURCH LOBBY. If you are unable to purchase a ticket in person, you may go to our website, www.sthenryrc.org, and download a Ticket Request form, complete and mail in with your payment. This parish fundraiser is an important facet in enabling us to keep up with our expenses, especially those that pop up unexpectedly. Your help and support, is as always, very much appreciated!

**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!



*Join us as we celebrate the Birth of Christ.
Invite someone to share with you
in the celebration of Christmas at St. Henry Church.*

CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24th

- 4:00 PM Children's Christmas Pageant
- 4:30 PM Family Mass
- 9:40 PM Office of Lessons & Carols
- 10:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass

CHRISTMAS DAY, Wednesday, December 25th

Mass of Christmas: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Tuesday, December 31st - Mass at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 1st - Masses: 8:30 AM & 12:05 PM