



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, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Advent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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Phone: 201-339-0319
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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 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 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

MONDAY, December 23rd

12:00PM Louis & Mary Piser
Joseph DiCesare

TUESDAY, December 24th

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

WEDNESDAY, December 25th

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

THURSDAY, December 26th

9:00AM Dr. Joseph J, Chimento, Jr.
Myrta Gonzalez

FRIDAY, December 27th

12:00PM Anne Ferrara
Rose Marie Cancro

SATURDAY, December 28th

8:30AM Therese Foran
5:30PM Mary Levine

SUNDAY, December 29th

8:00AM Peter M. Rocheny, Sr.
10:00AM In Thanksgiving – Inigo-Vila Family
12:00PM Mary & Stanley Cieslak & Sarah Bayers

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Antonio Della Serra
From His Wife, Loretta

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Peter M. Rocheny, Sr.
From Dianne and Sons

Thoughts and Reflections: Happy times and events bring fond memories and a renewed sense of love and kinship with others. The anticipation is half the joy of the event itself. The coming of the Lord is that kind of event that people have been looking forward to for generations with fervent hope and desire. It gave them strength and courage as they waited the coming of the Lord.

We know that Christmas is rushed. Sales begin in August and carols blare long before the season begins. Everyone moans about the commercial aspects of the season, so we should do something to help us be more mindful of the Lord's coming; attend a special celebration of reconciliation; reach out to those alienated from family or society, visit the homebound; demonstrate the love of the readings from the Bible assigned each day; postpone the tree and decorations until closer to Christmas; establish new family rituals, customs and prayers to help remind everyone that we are preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Resist the temptations to rush the season. In His own time and in His own way, God will come. Our task is simply to be watchful and ready.

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 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66
Tuesday Morning 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 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 1:18-25
Wednesday Night Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14
Wednesday Dawn Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20
Wednesday Day Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
Thursday Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 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 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24 Lk 2:41-52 :

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.

Due to the early bulletin printing deadline, the offering totals for the weekend of December 15th will appear in next weekend's bulletin.



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, especially *Salvatore Cardella*, 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.

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.

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, 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.



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.

Christmas Gift for your Parish

The Parish Christmas card and offering envelope have been mailed. Hopefully you have received yours. We encourage our parishioners to be stewards for Christ in giving their TREASURE and helping us reach our budgeted goal of \$42,000. We are, as always, grateful for your kind generosity.

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 a 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 Church
2024 Christmas Schedule



CHRISTMAS EVE, Tuesday, December 24th

4:15PM	Lessons & Carols
4:30PM	Family Mass
9:30PM	Christmas Choir Concert
10:00PM	Christmas Eve Mass

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

SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Tuesday, December 31st—7PM Mass
Wednesday, January 1st –Masses: 9AM and 12PM

St. Henry's

MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE – 2025

PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH

Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2025 through December 2025

TICKET COST: \$120 EACH

THEY MAKE GREAT CHRISTMAS GIFTS!

You have 12 chances to win, and the winning ticket is re-entered so you may win multiple times!

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.

ST. HENRY CHURCH – 2025 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.

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.



Saint Henry Church

Enter Under My Roof

Thank you to the parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign.

Please note: Beginning January 1, 2025, Capital Campaign pledges may be paid online using Parish Giving (electronic giving).

Our 2025 yearly calendars are available at the doors of the church. Kindly take one copy as our supply is limited.

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

ASCA NEWS: Congratulations to our Senior Choir, *The Angelics*, for their wonderful and celebratory Christmas concert. Their voices lifted us in song and spirit. ♦ Mr. Rios, and his faculty and staff, wish you all a blessed and safe Christmas. May the birth of Christ be a beacon of hope for you and your families.