



# 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 24, 2023 Fourth Sunday of Advent

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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#### *Served by:*

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola  
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Don Bosco Park

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319

Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education

#### *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](http://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-  
illy 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 23rd

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

### SUNDAY, December 24th

8:00AM People of St. Henry Parish  
10:00AM People of St. Henry Parish  
12:00PM Dec. Priests Who Served at St. Henry Parish

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24th – Christmas Eve

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

### MONDAY, December 25th –Christmas Day

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

### TUESDAY, December 26th

9:00AM Nita Blazewicz

### WEDNESDAY, December 27th

12:00PM Mary Levine (ann.)  
Gabe and Elsie Doria

### THURSDAY, December 28th

12:00PM Mary Levine  
Anna Marino

### FRIDAY, December 29th

12:00PM Stabile and Gaughran Families  
Therese Foran

### SATURDAY, December 30th

8:30AM John Galaska  
5:30PM Tina McGuire

### SUNDAY, December 31st

8:00AM Antoinette Mugrace  
10:00AM Peter M. Rocheny, Sr.  
12:00PM In Thanksgiving – Inigo-Vila Family

MEMORIALS  
SANCTUARY LAMP,  
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE  
In Memory of Jesus & Silvestra Vila  
From The Vila Family

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

**Thoughts and Reflections:** 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 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 monuments 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.

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday, December 25, 2023 (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

**Monday, December 25, 2023 (Night)** Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

**Monday, December 25, 2023 (Dawn)** Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

**Monday, December 25, 2023 (Day)** Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

**Tuesday, December 26, 2023** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

**Wednesday, December 27, 2023** 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8

**Thursday, December 28, 2023** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18

**Friday, December 29, 2023** 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

**Saturday, December 30, 2023** 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

**Sunday, December 31, 2023** 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 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

## 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, especially Maria Vitro and Joseph Caiola, 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.

## 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 their TREASURE and helping us reach our budgeted goal of \$40,000. We are, as always, grateful for your kind generosity!

Due to the holiday, the collection amounts for the week of December 17th were not known before the early submission deadline. They will appear in next week's bulletin.



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](http://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](http://www.sthenryrc.org) (click on Our Parish at the top of our cover page, then click on Parish Giving on the drop down menu).

## 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.

## 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. 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.

## St. Henry Parish NEWS - continued

### COFFEE for ST. HENRY



Welcome Home

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.

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'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

Join us as we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ.

Invite someone to share with you in the celebration of Christmas at St. Henry Church.

### 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



**Beautiful Eucharist** booklets and our **2024 yearly calendars** are available at the doors of the church. Kindly take only one copy as our supply is limited.

**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.

### OTHER HAPPENINGS – In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark

**ASCA NEWS:** Congratulations to our latest Calendar Raffle winner, Kelly Cullen (ticket #0741)!

On behalf of Principal, Mrs. John Rios, and his faculty and staff, we wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas. May we all "share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men." (Robert Louis Stevenson)