



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 25, 2022—The Nativity of the Lord

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Director of Religious Education: Marie Pope
Youth Ministers: Rev. Alfie Pangilinan
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201-935-5727

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: (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



Divinity is often where you least expect to find it. Yes, it is in the faces of those we hold near and dear, but also in those of the worried stranger; the downtrodden street beggar; the Third World hungry child.

Rarely if ever is Divinity found where luxury abounds. So don't look for it in the palaces of the powerful, unless those who reside there use their good fortune to help those with less. Don't seek it in the chairperson's office, unless the chairperson treats the shareholders with respect. Don't look for it in the judge's chambers, unless the occupant is unafraid of mercy.

Always look for Divinity in those places in the heart of good but ordinary folk who love God and try each day to do His will, even when they don't understand it or even find it disagreeable. Look for it in smiles that come regularly and love that endures mightily. Look for it in your own heart and soul that responds to the hope that a child's birth in a stable over twenty centuries ago guarantees. And stay young enough to have the excitement of a kid in a candy shop when each new day of your life dawns. A blessed Christmas to you!

Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, December 26th

9:00 AM In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, December 27th

12:00 PM William DeRosa
Elsie Doria

WEDNESDAY, December 28th

12:00 PM Michael J. Pierce
Angie & Nick D'Angelo

THURSDAY, December 29th

12:00 PM Agnes Schrier
Therese Foran

FRIDAY, December 30th

12:00 PM Leticia Roman
Anna Marino

SATURDAY, December 31st

8:30 AM Francisco Antonio Megale
5:30 PM Peter Rocheny

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023

The Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 AM Cynthia Tan
10:00 AM Antoinette DeRosa
12:00 PM George L. Pollock

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Marie & Jim Harkness and
Agnes & Frank DiPillo
from Jean & Frank DiPillo & Family

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

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

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

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

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

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13; Jn 1:1-18

Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

NOTE: Mass on Monday, December 26th will take place at 9AM. There will be NO Noon Mass. The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 26th.

St. Henry Parish NEWS

Food Pantry Availability

BEGINNING JANUARY, St. Henry FOOD PANTRY WILL BE OPEN THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 9:30AM – 12:30 PM ONLY. 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.



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 **Concetta Bruno**,

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.

Religious Education

On Sunday, December 11th I visited all three Confirmation and special needs classes remotely. It was a joy and spiritual enlightenment to be in attendance with God's children.

Our special needs class, led by Amy Vieira, was outstanding both spiritually and lovingly. The children recited all of their prayers. They prayed for those in need and for their family members; they watched videos on the birth of Christ.

All three Confirmation classes are in sync, discussing the Sacrament of Confirmation, the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, sponsor selection and Confirmation name. The dates for the retreat, Confirmation practice and Confirmation were reviewed. I must compliment all of the catechists for performing an outstanding job of teaching and engaging our candidates. They are: Christine Sorrentino, Isabella DeMoya and Jes Becker. The parish of St. Henry and I are blessed and thankful for the most knowledgeable, spiritual, faith-filled catechists, who continue to give of their time, talent and treasure.

I also joined our RCIA team for our weekly class. We have shared so much information in the past few months. We have covered Prayer, the Liturgical Calendar, beginning the Season of Advent, the Immaculate Conception, the Ten Commandments, Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, the Christmas Season, the Baptism of the Lord and so much more. We have viewed videos pertaining to this subject matter and engaged in conversation. The RCIA team is extremely knowledgeable about their faith. Thank you to Nancy Kopacz who has done an excellent job of researching and sharing videos with the class; to Veronica Pinto who presented the Ten Commandments to our class and to Ericka Rodas who will facilitate the next class scheduled for January 8th.

We meet 12PM to 1:30 PM usually the first and second Sunday of each month, although we maintain a flexibility to change class dates if necessary. The RCIA program consists of 1 catechumen and 3 candidates this year and is a joyful, spiritual experience for everyone.

Once again, thank you to all who make our parish and Religious Education Program the Light of Christ.

God's blessings, always,
Marie Pope

Thank You!

Total Collection thru the weekend of 12/11/22: \$7,586

Consisting of Regular Weekly Offering: \$6,508

Electronic Giving: \$1078

Immaculate Conception Collection: \$1,552

Retirement Fund for Religious: \$1,859

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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: \$38,106

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!

Music During the Christmas Season

At the conclusion of many of the Christmas Season Masses, you will hear the organ play the famous Ukrainian "Carol of the Bells". This is being played as a musical prayer for the people of Ukraine suffering from the war by Russia. You are invited to silently add your prayers as the music is playing.

During the Christmas Season, we sing the *Gloria in Excelsis* composed by our music director and organist Chad Perry. It is based on the French carol "Angels We Have Heard on High".

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.



Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary SUNDAY, January 1st

On this day, we honor Mary as the Mother of Jesus. Mary was not merely passively engaged by God, but freely cooperated in the work of our salvation through faith and obedience, and she accepted new dimensions to her motherhood as her life unfolded. We can all live by Mary's example.

Masses on January 1st will be at 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM.

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!

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.

PLEASE NOTE:

Beginning in January, ST. HENRY'S FOOD PANTRY will be open on the First and Third Wednesdays of each month ONLY, 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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!



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)**