



# 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 29, 2024 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**

### **RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE**

**Phone:** 201-436-0857      **Fax:** 201-823-4611

**Email:** [sthenryrc@optonline.net](mailto:sthenryrc@optonline.net)

**Website:** [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org)

**Facebook:** St. Henry RC Church

### *Served by:*

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

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Phone:** 201-339-0319

**Facebook:** St. Henry Religious Education

**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 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 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 and Stanley Cieslak and  
Sarah Bayers

### MONDAY, December 30th

12:00PM Anna Marino

Joyce Harsh Krech

### TUESDAY, December 31st

12:00PM Anne Ferrara

Patricia Siwiec

7:00PM For the People of St. Henry Parish

### WEDNESDAY, January 1st

9:00AM Ruvee Yao

12:00PM Louis Evangelista

### THURSDAY, January 2nd

12:00PM Betty Bilotta  
Special Intention

### FRIDAY, January 3rd

12:00PM Victoria Garces Javier Regala  
Petra Tupaz

### SATURDAY, January 4th

8:30AM Al Arnold

5:30PM Mary Daly

### SUNDAY, January 5th

8:00AM Richard Josefowicz

10:00AM Anthony Giannaci and Gerry Wortman

12:00PM Antonia Bello

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

**Thoughts and Reflections:** One way or another we have all experienced family problems of one kind or another. They may not have escalated to the level of tragedy, but they have all been unwanted and hurtful. Hopefully, the happier times our family has enjoyed strike a balance, and we get through the other kind. It is important to recall from time to time that the good times are meant to sustain us. Though we have never taken any vows about it, we honor our families and stay loyal in good times and in bad, in sickness and in health, “til death do us part”.

Today's Christmastime Feast of the Holy Family “widens the focus” of the imaginary Church camera from that of the child in the manger to the child as a near adult, and the two adults who stood by the manger and now stand beside each other in fear and sadness. “Where can he be?” they ask themselves. “He’s never done anything like this before”. No wonder that when they finally reunite, His mother asks her plaintive question, “Why have you done this to us?”.

We can identify with the story in a way we didn’t expect at first. How? By changing Mary’s words only slightly and asking God when bad things happen to us “Why have you done this to me?”. Yes, it’s the old matter of the problem of evil that surfaces when bad things happen to good people. But angry fists or malicious thoughts hurled God’s way are not the solutions to the situation. Instead we are to rely on the example of Mary and Joseph and how they handled things like this all along with their unspoken appeal to us to trust. It’s all part of being members of God’s family. It’s trusting God our heavenly Father to know what’s best for us at all times.

### 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 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.

### Readings for the week

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

**Tuesday** 1 Jn 2:18-21 Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 Jn 1:1-18

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

**Thursday** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 1:19-28

**Friday** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

**Saturday** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

**Sunday** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## 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](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).

## 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.

**Please Note:** Saint Henry Parish does not have a clothing donation program. Please do not leave bags, boxes etc. of clothing items in or around the church property. Thank you for your cooperation.

Thank You!

**Total Regular Offering – weekend of 12/15/2024: \$7,711**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,316**

**Electronic Giving: \$1,395**

**Immaculate Conception Collection: \$2,045**

The offering totals for the weekend of December 22nd will appear in next week's bulletin.

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*



*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 **Louise A. Reid and Barbara Siwec**, 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.

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, 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 will be at 7:00PM on Tuesday, December 31st and 9:00AM and 12:00PM on Wednesday, January 1st.

**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.

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



**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 by debit or credit card using online Parish Giving (electronic giving).

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****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.

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

**ASCA NEWS:** Happy New Year! You are in the prayers of Mr. Rios and his faculty and staff. They pray that the Holy Spirit breathes in all of us thoughts that are holy. That we may recognize Christ in everyone we meet and respond to the needs of others as we would like done for ourselves. They pray that 2025 will be a year filled with hope and promise, good health, and the love of family.

**FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: - *Safe Environment Corner***

**Training Adults:** Safe Environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. In the Archdiocese of Newark, over 100,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond and report child sexual abuse and exploitation since 2003, in our multi-class in-person and online curriculum. Call Ralph Lilore, the Coordinator of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, for more information on this training. He can be reached at (973) 497-4578.

**Training Children:** All our Catholic school children in parish faith formation programs receive annual training in how to keep themselves safe. Do you know the risks children face from their use of the internet and cell phone apps? Do you speak about these risks with the children in your life? Would you know how to report a disclosure? Find out more about this training by going to [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) and clicking Protect/Report, and then Protecting God's Children, then scroll down to Empowering God's Children.

**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.