



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 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319

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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

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

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 30th

8:30AM John Galaska

5:30PM Tina McGuire

SUNDAY, December 31st

8:00AM Antoinette Mugrace

10:00AM Peter M. Roeheny, Sr.

12:00PM In Thanksgiving — Inigo-Vila Family

MONDAY, January 1st

9:00AM William Birtwistle

Barbara Silvay

12:00PM Venancia Vea

TUESDAY, January 2nd

12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin

Richard Farfalla

WEDNESDAY, January 3rd

12:00PM Ruvee Yao

Victoria Garces Javier Regala (2nd ann.)

THURSDAY, January 4th

12:00PM Richard Budka

Mary Daly

FRIDAY, January 5th

12:00PM Anthony Giannaci & Gerry Wortman

William & Bridget Cleary

SATURDAY, January 6th

8:30AM Louis & Mary Piser

5:30PM Steven Wexler

SUNDAY, January 7th

8:00AM Richard Josefowicz

10:00AM Jose Otero

12:00PM Joan Calianese

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Tina McGuire
From Barbara Peters

Thoughts and Reflections: Could any period in history have been more difficult than the one in which we live when it comes to raising children, keeping marriages together, or maintaining ties among adult family members? Our whole culture often seems to be working against us. The Christmas season, especially, magnifies the differences between the values that we Catholic Christians hold and the values of the ordinary world. And not all the stresses are external. Many of our troubles arise from the differences among people within our families. Christmas can also exacerbate those internal tensions. Sometimes we just want to run away and hide from the duel struggle with the bad influences of the world and the strains of family life.

The feast of the Holy Family gives us much needed encouragement. Jesus was protected by his parents from danger of death. Yet they did not keep him sequestered forever. As a child growing up, he lived out his call to holiness while dwelling in the midst of the Galilean Jewish community, with all its positive and negative influences. This feast reminds us that in Christ, the divine and the human, the holy and the ordinary, have been forever linked. Whether it is in our nuclear family, our extended family, our parish family, the family of Christians, or the human family, today we celebrate the holiness that is to be found within our ordinary human families and communities. We are urged to “put on love”. Does that motivate you to change the way you treat someone in your parish community or to mend a rift with a member of your family?

Reading for the Week:

Monday, January 1, 2024 Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

Tuesday, January 2, 2024 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28

Wednesday, January 3, 2024 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

Thursday, January 4, 2024 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

Friday, January 5, 2024 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

Saturday, January 6, 2024 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

Sunday, January 7, 2024 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



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 Miriam Krapp, 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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 12/17/23: \$7,613

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,573

Electronic Giving: \$1,040

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Due to the holiday, the collection amounts for the week of December 24th 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, 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).

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. Vincent Food Pantry is open January 11th and 25th... 3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).

St. Henry Parish NEWS - continued

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. At the end each month, we will announce in the bulletin how much we collected, just like the regular collection.

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.

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

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Monday, 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 9:00AM and 12:00PM.



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

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

ASCA NEWS: Congratulations to our latest Calendar Raffle winner, Anthony Glasinovich (ticket #1400)!

School resumes Wednesday. Please note we have a full day of school Friday despite it being the first Friday of the month.

On behalf of our principal, Mr. John Rios, and his faculty and staff, we wish you all a blessed New Year. "The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace." (Numbers 6: 24-26)

Vocation Discernment Retreat

The Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth at St. Walburga Monastery will host a Vocation Discernment Retreat from January 5 through 7 for single woman ages 18 to 55. For more information, please contact Sr. Rosemary Kenny, Vocation Director, at 908-352-4278 X206 or by email at Rosemaryosb@bensisnj.org

The Spirituality Center at St. Walburga Monastery will also present two retreats for lay Catholics in January: "**Wintering with God**" - a morning mini retreat—will be held on Thursday, January 4, 2024, from 9:15am to 12:30pm and "**Thomas Merton-Contemplative Activist**" takes place January 26 to 28. To learn more visit <https://bensisnj.org>.

Contact Information:

Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth ♦ 851 North Broad Street ♦ Elizabeth, NJ 07208 ♦ 1-908-352-4278 ♦ <http://www.bensisnj.org>

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.