



CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. HENRY

WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S

We extend a warm welcome to all new members of our parish. We hope you will find our parish community a place where your faith life will grow. Please introduce yourself after one of the Masses and do not forget to register. You may register on-line or by calling the parish office at the number below.

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OFFICE HOURS

The parish office hours are:

Monday—Thursday 9:00am—4:30pm

Friday 9:00am—2:00pm

STEWARDSHIP—TAKE A STEP

Our weekly donations need to average \$7500 to meet operating expenses. E-Giving is available online. Please contact the parish office to receive an email to help set it up .

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Instructional classes for parents prior to the Baptism of their children are held the first Tuesday of each month, 7:00pm, at St. Henry's Church. Please call the parish office to register for classes. Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during Mass and the fourth Sunday of the month following the 10:00am Mass.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION

St. Henry's Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation & First Communion will begin after completing at least (1) year of Faith Formation. This is the prerequisite to registration into the sacramental preparation classes. Participants will attend weekly classes, Mass and a retreat to further their faith education experience. For more information, please call the parish office.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

The Sacrament is conferred in Tenth grade. The diocese requires a two year preparation period. That takes place in grades 9 & 10 with a retreat and two day mandatory preparation.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

Arrangements for marriage should be made at least 6 months in advance. Kindly call the parish office for an appointment.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:00am
Weekdays..... 8:30am

NO MORNING MASS ON THURSDAY

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 - 3:30pm

**WEEKEND OF January 8 & 9
Attendance 115**

**Collection for January 1 & 2
\$5,513.00 Includes E-Giving**

CONGRATULATIONS TO STEVE HILL!

Looking back on 2021, we need to take time to wish Steve Hill congratulations and happy retirement. Steve retired after many years of service to St. Henry's Church and all of our parishioners. We thank you, Steve, and wish you many years of good health and enjoyment!

WEGATHER DONOR MATCH PROGRAM

Thank you to everyone who signed up for electronic giving. Fourteen families took advantage of the Match Program. We greatly appreciate your generosity.

START A NEW

How often we wish for another chance

To make a fresh beginning.

A change to blot out our mistakes

And change failure into winning.

It does not take a special time

To make a brand-new start,

It only takes the deep desire

To try with all our heart.

To live a little better,

To always be forgiving.

To add a little sunshine,

In a world for which we're living.

Never give up in despair

Nor think you are through,

For there's always a tomorrow,

"A chance to start a new."

~Author Unknown

SCHOOL CLOSINGS

Please remember that if Averill Park Schools are closed or delayed due to inclement weather, St. Henry's will be closed and Mass will be canceled.

RESPECT LIFE

"There is such a wide spectrum of issues involving the protection of human life and the promotion of human dignity. Good people frequently disagree on which problems to address, which policies to adopt and how best to apply them. But for citizens and elected officials alike, the basic principle is simple: We must begin with a commitment never to intentionally kill, or collude in the killing, of any innocent human life, no matter how broken, unformed, disabled or desperate that life may seem. In other words, the choice of certain ways of acting is always and radically incompatible with the love of God and the dignity of the human person created in His image."

HOMEBOUND GIFT BAG EXTRAVAGANZA!

Last week we were able to provide 60 gift bags to our parishioners who are homebound or nursing home residents. Many hands went into the assembling of the bags. Bakers, chocolate makers, crafters, all contributed to each bag. Poinsettias and a spiritual themed ornament were included as well. There is a team of people who actually put the bags together and a team who deliver them! Many thanks to everyone who was a part of that effort!

MISPLACE A GIFT CARD?

A gift card was found in the church just after Christmas. If you are missing a card, please call the office to describe and claim.

PARKING

Please **DO NOT** park in the parking lot across the street. It is not church property. We also ask that you **DO NOT** park in the side driveway. It is for emergency vehicles only.

MASS INTENTIONS

The calendar for Mass intentions for 2020 is now open. Diocesan guidelines ask that we limit the number of intentions per Mass. We would like to encourage you to plan ahead for 2022. The Mass Stipend is now \$15.00.

OFFICE CLOSED

Please note the office will be closed Monday, January 17th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

TAX TIME

Tax statements for 2021 are available **upon request only**. You should receive a separate statement from the diocese acknowledging your Bishop's Appeal donation and your Capital Campaign pledge. If you do not receive them by the end of the month, please call the parish office at 518-674-3818.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Anyone who is frail, ill, facing surgery, or is in need of healing of body, mind or spirit is welcome to call the parish office to request an appointment with Fr. Tom to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. This is a beautiful sacrament of healing. Please do not hesitate to call if you are interested.



DEACON BOB'S CORNER

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time by Mary M. McGlone [January 16, 2022](#)

"My hour has not yet come."

Don't try to use that excuse with your mother! It didn't even work for Jesus.

Today's Gospel story could have been a wedding story that John picked up from the oral tradition. But whenever John retold an anecdote, every detail and word assumed layers of meaning. Just as the Josephs of Scripture were famous for dream interpretation, John knew how to uncover depth in every facet of an incident better than the finest jeweler can appreciate a cut diamond. Thus, today we hear about wine at a wedding and God's gift to a people who had lost touch with joy.

It starts out simply. Mary and Jesus and friends were at a wedding celebration. But the subject is not really the wedding. John tells us nothing about the goodness and aim of marriage. We have no idea who the newlyweds are. We know nothing about the ceremony, the dress, the music. No society page would pick up the story John tells. If the tale were to be published, it would probably go in the "Believe It or Not" section of the paper.

Here is the short version. Two people are supposed to be enjoying the happiest day of their lives with all their friends and the wine runs out. That's not just an embarrassment, but it seems a terrible omen: if there was too little wine at the wedding, what else will be lacking to the marriage? Who is to blame? The parents, godparents, steward? Maybe the people who drank too much from the get-go? Sure, blame can be spread all around, but even if a culprit is found, there is still no wine.

But for one woman.

Mary, the woman who taught Jesus to pray. She will not just sit back and watch the feast fizzle. She finds Jesus and announces: "They have no wine." Whether she used only those words or made them the centerpiece of a cajoling mother's entreaty, she got her point across.

Unfortunately, what she saw as a problem didn't fit Jesus' master plan.

At this point, John the Evangelist begins to write as much between the lines as in the text. Jesus says, "Woman, how is that our problem? My hour has not yet come." Jesus doesn't call her *immah* (mom), nor does he use her name as if he were addressing her with formal distance. No, the Greek says he called her *gune*, woman, as if she represented all of Israel, God's own bride. John is framing this incident as a symbolic depiction of God's people who have run out of joy.

In John's Gospel, Jesus does not teach about prayer as in Matthew, Mark and Luke. We might see Mary here as an image of Luke's persistent widow and the friend who comes in the night or the Syrophenician woman of Mark and Matthew's Gospels. Like the psalmists who plea, "For the sake of your name, hear my cry!" Mary believes that God's name is too great, God's generosity is too famous to allow people to remain joyless and ashamed.

"My hour has not yet come." Jesus' reply was not enough for Mary. Representing her people, representing her needy world, she simply told the servants to do what Jesus bid them, knowing that when that happened, all would be well.

Two millennia later, Martin Luther King Jr. picked up Mary's theme in his book *Why We Can't Wait*. He wrote: "Time itself is neutral; it can be used destructively or constructively." Like Mary telling the servants to obey Jesus, King said, "Human progress never rolls in on wheels of inevitability; it comes through the tireless efforts of [people] willing to be co-workers with God." King wrote about the change that was past due for people of African descent in the United States. Like him, women and impoverished people in the Catholic Church are saying that necessary changes can't wait for the "right time" because when it comes to reform, that time never arrives.

As we enter into a new church year, Mary of Nazareth, the persistent guest at Cana, urges us to believe that the hour has come. The hour has come for us to believe that the reign of God can be palpable in our midst. The hour has come for us to listen to the urgings of the Spirit. The hour has come for the church to become genuinely synodal, appreciating and listening to the voice of each of her members, especially those on the margins. The hour has come for all of us to be coworkers with God and to listen to the Gospel. The hour has come to look at Christ and do whatever he tells us. Then we will know the joy God intends for humanity.

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 17

8:30AM No Mass **Martin Luther King Day**

Tuesday, January 18

8:30AM Paula DeFrancisco—Husband
Fredrick & Helen DeChristopher—Linda Coffey

Wednesday, January 19

8:30 AM Joyce Jimino—Vince & Kathy Jimino

Thursday, January 20

10:00am NO MASS

Friday, January 21

8:30AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 22

4:00 PM Arthur L. Mardon Jr.—Gail Lindeman
Ernest Scoville—Ruth Ann Swartz
Marjorie Bassett

Sunday, January 23

8:00 AM Walter Lane—Wife

10:00 AM Andrea Scanu—Rita Evans
Robert Peake—Sara Duncan

Monday, January 24

8:30AM Thomas Snook—Sister

Tuesday, January 25

8:30AM Albert Marion—Rita Evans
Estelle Hawkins—Rita Evans

Wednesday, January 26

8:30AM For the People

Thursday, January 27

8:30AM NO MASS

Friday, January 28

8:30 AM All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, January 29

4:00 PM Arthur Mardon—Addie & John Schepis
Paul Rodgers—Mr. & Mrs. Brian Ahlborn
Anna Wimmer—Steve Coffey

Sunday, January 30

8:00 AM Mary Lou Roser—Fr. Tom & Staff
John Kronau—Lois Rohloff

10:00 AM Lillian & Bill Shaughnessy—Thomas & Carolee
Coffey
Mary Lynn Baldwin—Thomas & Carolee Coffey

Calendar of Events

Prayer Group meets every Tuesday 1:00pm in the Blue Room

Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 6:00pm in the Chapel

Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm

1/17 **Office Closed (Martin Luther King Day)**

1/20 **Knights meeting 6:30pm in the Blue Room**

1/21 **Eddy Caregivers Group 10:00am in the Blue Rm**



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 01/22 & 01/23

1. Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10
2. Corinthians 12:12-30
3. Luke 1:1-4, 4:14-21

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 1/29 & 1/30

1. Jeremiah 1:4-5,, 17-19
2. Corinthians 12:31-13:13
3. Luke 4:21-30

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 2/5 & 2/6

1. Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
2. Corinthians 15:1-11
3. Luke 5:1-11



January 22

4:00pm

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Sunday, January 23

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John Morley and Mary Sapp

10:00am

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Gretchen Schulz and MaryK Lettko

Saturday, January 29

4:00pm

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