



# 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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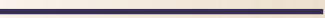
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### OFFICE HOURS

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 June 18 & 19  
Attendance 290**

**Collection for June 11 & 12  
\$6,195.00 Includes E-Giving**

**FOOD ANGELS IN ACTION!**

St. Henry's will be joining the Church of the Covenant to supply lunch bags for the homeless in the month of July. The bags, filled with a variety of ready to eat items, will be distributed through Bethany Center in Troy. Please look over the list of needed items below and bring whatever you can contribute to church no later than **July 17<sup>th</sup>**. Bags will then be assembled and brought to Bethany Center. Please call the office (518-674-3818) with any questions.

**-Meat (tuna, chicken, Vienna sausage, potted meat) in pull tab containers only -fruit applesauce or fruit cups, etc. -individually packaged chips, crackers or granola bars -individually wrapped snack cakes or pudding cups - bottled water**

Please remember that these items must not need refrigeration and need to be self-opening.

The number of bags we can provide will depend on the donations we receive. Please be as generous as you are able.

**DIOCESAN APPEAL**

Only a few short weeks remain for our parish to reach its Diocesan Appeal goal by June 30th. Why should you contribute? Support of the parish and the greater Church is the responsibility of ALL of us, not just a few. It's the expectation that the church is here to serve you and your family in your everyday and milestone moments. Unfortunately, there are costs associated with that, but if we ALL share the costs, the individual burden is less AND we are more likely to be able to fund the church beyond its needs and toward our wants. Support of the Diocesan Appeal is not for the benefit of the Diocese as an entity itself – rather it is a key mission and logistics partner/resource for our parish. It is gratifying to know that support of the Diocesan Appeal impacts ALL 126 parishes in the Diocese – that is powerful! Together our parish and the Diocese bring to life the ministries from which our hearts are nourished. If the practice of your Catholic faith brings value to your life and you pray for a culture of others living a life in Christ, won't you join us in stewarding and strengthening our Church by making your gift to the Diocesan Appeal today? Make your gift online at [www.thediocesanappeal.org](http://www.thediocesanappeal.org) or mail a check payable to Diocesan Appeal to 40 N. Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203.

**MOTHER'S PRAYER GROUP**

Attention all mom's with kids in high school. Please join us for prayers on the 1st and the 3rd Tuesday of each month. We will be meeting the Community Room at 7:00pm starting July 5th. If you have any questions please contact the Parish Office at 518-674-3818.

**ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC**

St. Henry's Parish Picnic will be held on Sunday, **July 10**, from 11:30 -5:00 pm. This year the picnic will be held at **North Greenbush Town Park** on Snyder's Lake. Tickets are \$5. per person with a \$20. cap for families, and will be on sale after all masses beginning June 11/12. The Knights of Columbus will be cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Please bring a dish to share. We are also looking for donations of gently used stuffed animals for the children. Please leave them in plastic bags inside the double doors of the Community Room (on the right when looking at the side of the building). If you have questions, please feel free to contact the parish office at 518-674-3818.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We are looking for volunteers to set up and take down tables in the Community Room for different functions that we hold throughout the year. If you can be of help, please call the office at 518-674-3818 so we can put you on a volunteer list for that purpose.

**WELCOME TO ST. HENRY'S**

We are happy that you decided to worship with us. If you are visiting just for today, we pray that God will be with you on your journey. If you are seeking a church to call home, we would be honored to welcome you into our parish community. If you are interested in joining our parish family, please call the parish office at 518-674-3818.

**BAPTISM CLASS**

The next Baptism class will be held on **Tues., July 5th at 7:00pm in Community Room**. Please call the office at 674-3818 to register.

**RESPECT LIFE**

“O God our Creator... we ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty. Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.”

## DEACON BOB'S CORNER

GALATIANS 5:1, 13-18 by Carol J. Dempsey

Freedom is indeed a wonderful gift that not all people enjoy throughout the world. For people living in different parts of the world, the rise of authoritarian leaders, the unraveling of democratic governments among some nation states, the persistent and growing problems of human trafficking, domestic abuse, racism, classism, casteism, unjust economic wages, and discrimination because of sexual orientation and gender, are just a few of the many political, social, economic and global situations that enchain people, keeping them from the freedom that is theirs.

This portion of Paul's letter to the Galatians offers a word of hope to various community members today, just as it did for many of the people of Galatia. Today's passage is a clarion call to resist everything that is oppressive, no matter what shape the "yoke of slavery" may take. The second part of the call to freedom is to espouse to a life of love, guided by the Spirit and not governed by the law. Oftentimes the law, constructed by human beings with all their biases and prejudices, is discriminatory and binding. A life lived in union and communion with the Spirit safeguards freedom and sustains an attitude of love for all life, even when the one causing pain and injustice is a "neighbor."

Feminist commentators point out that the exhortation to serve one another through love is a noble task, but it can also be detrimental to one's being, especially for women who are socially educated to be engaged in service roles. Many women have been taught that their true happiness lies in their service to others. While women are serving others, men are often pursuing their own interests and careers.

Loving one's neighbor as oneself is said to be the fulfillment of the law. This act establishes community. In *Global Bible Commentary*, Nestor Oscar Miguez argues that "the law of loving your neighbor is the only law that endures because it builds relationships ... . Our neighbor is neither a competitor nor a threat, but an occasion to define freedom as service." Miguez argues further that "freedom begins when [a] real neighbor — especially the poor, the weak, the needy — becomes the motive for [one's] actions, when individualism is overcome by community." Miguez links freedom, love and service and thus, the exhortation to serve one another heard earlier reinforces the idea that this exhortation extends to both men and women.

With respect to the notion of "flesh," an argument can be made that it is not the human body or materiality. In *Women's Bible Commentary*, Carolyn Osiek says that "Flesh" is "the human ability to put self in place of God, to resist God's spirit. While this is Osiek's interpretation, Paul's letter does reflect a binary attitude toward the Spirit and the flesh. More appropriate for today is a focus on embodied spirituality, with the spirit and flesh working together.

# Mass Intentions



**Monday, June 27**  
**8:30AM** For the People  
**Tuesday, June 28**  
**8:30AM** For the People

**Wednesday, June 29**  
**8:30AM** For the People  
**Thursday, June 30**  
**8:30AM** NO MASS

**Friday, July 1**  
**8:30 AM** For the People  
**Saturday, July 2**  
**4:00 PM** Marjorie Bassett—Linda Biittig  
 Gary Norby—Dick Field  
 Carol Small—Martha Dwyer

**Sunday, July 3**  
**8:00 AM** Madison Stern—Friend  
 Dorothy Budesheim—Sister  
**10:00 AM** Kathleen Nixon—Thomas & Kathleen  
 Charles & Nora Hough—Daughter

**Monday, July 4**  
**8:30AM** NO MASS Office Closed  
**Tuesday, July 5**  
**8:30AM** Madison Stern—Mom, Dad, Anna & Sophia

**Wednesday, July 6**  
**8:30 AM** For the People  
**Thursday, July 7**  
**8:30AM** NO MASS  
**Friday, July 8**  
**8:30AM** For the People  
**Saturday, July 9**  
**4:00 PM** The Cane Family—Steve Coffey  
 Daniel Mahoney—wife  
 Marie Weisenforth—Daughter

**Sunday, July 10**  
**8:00 AM** For the People  
**10:00 AM** Sr. Ellen Boykin—Linda Coffey

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 7/02 & 7/03

1. Isaiah 66:10-14c
2. Galatians 6:14-18
3. Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 7/9 & 7/10

1. Deuteronomy 30:10-14
2. Colossians 1:15-20
3. Luke 10:25-37

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF Sat.—Sun 7/16 & 7/17

1. Genesis 18:1-10a
2. Colossians 1:24-28
3. Luke 10:38-42



**Saturday, July 2**  
**4:00pm**

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**Sunday, July 3**  
**8:00am**

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**10:00am**

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**Saturday, July 9**  
**4:00pm**

Altar Servers  
 Lectors  
 Counters

**Sunday, July 10**  
**8:00am**

Altar Servers  
 Lectors  
 Counters

**10:00am**

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## Calendar of Events

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

**Rosary Group meets every Tuesday 7:00pm in the Chapel**

**Mens Scripture Group meets every Wednesday at 7:00pm**

**If you would like to help prepare a meal quarterly for Joseph's House or monthly for Damien Center please call Lynn Waterman at 518-674-3377 or 518-469-8687**



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