



# 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.*

## February 2, 2025 The Presentation of the Lord

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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### *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  
201-249-1167

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, February 1st

8:30AM Linda Gaydos  
5:30PM Vincent Setaro

### SUNDAY, February 2nd

8:00AM Jose Otero  
10:00AM Teresita Lim  
12:00PM Vito Aiello

### MONDAY, February 3rd

12:00PM James A. Goble (1st ann.)  
Kurt, Michael & Daniel

### TUESDAY, February 4th

12:00PM Anna Marino & Lottie Jarmosz  
William T. Boyd, Sr. &  
William T. Boyd, Jr.

### WEDNESDAY, February 5th

12:00PM Ruvee Yao  
Terence Cleary

### THURSDAY, February 6th

12:00PM John & Mary Dolan  
Special Intention

### FRIDAY, February 7th

12:00PM Theresa & John Latwis  
Special Intention: Julia Cleary

### SATURDAY, February 8th

8:30AM Theresa Meyer  
5:30PM Joseph Roddy

### SUNDAY, February 9th

8:00AM Josefa Sestayo  
10:00AM Joseph Giannullo, Jr.  
12:00PM Teodulfo "Ted" Concepcion &  
Elsa Concepcion

MEMORIALS  
SANCTUARY LAMP  
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE  
In Memory of Betty & Henry Kowalski  
From Their Grandchildren

*Thoughts and Reflections:* You may know the long-running TV series 'Law and Order' and its trademark 'plink plunk' sound between scenes. Each show featured an incident of law violation followed by the court trial. Evidently a winning formula as the franchise has continued to produce spin-offs.

Generally speaking, in real life, most people prefer to live under authentic law and consistent order. It's the criminal element among us who "ply their trade," so to speak.

Joseph and Mary, the holy parents of a Holy Child, certainly knew the law of their nation and kept them in good order. That is why they entered the great Temple on a day long ago to participate in the established rite of presentation that all Hebrew mothers had to go through forty days after the birth of their male child. Obviously, Mary did not have to undergo any purification, but she, with Joseph, did so to preclude any scandal. So, in all humility they lined up with the other couples and their boys.

The topic of law and order enters our thinking from time to time. It often proceeds from "something out there" to something personal. We believe that Our Lord Jesus provided us guidelines. He fulfilled the Old Testament Law. He passed on the same to what would eventually become His Catholic Church through His Apostles and their successors. Twenty-one centuries later the obligation to obey remains, even if the idea of obedience these days is culturally foreign.

Sad to say, a growing number of those who call themselves Catholic have chosen not to agree. So, we note their absence from Sunday Mass in a downward trend that underscores the prediction of our late pope Benedict XVI that the Church will grow smaller and poorer.

It is difficult to understand how a rational person could decide to ignore Christ's words 'Do this in memory of Me,' spoken at the Last Supper to His Apostles is beyond the scope of this reflection. I will just say the words "relativism" and "self-referential morality" for the time being. You can explore them.

Honestly though, a person's bias against law in general certainly threatens order. How safe would it be to cross a busy street? Or board a plane? Or ride a New York City subway?

I began this piece with reference to a popular TV show. Let me close with some homespun wisdom I found that recognizes the problem. "Many people believe in law and order as long as they can lay down the law and give the orders."

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

#### Readings for the week

**Monday** Heb 11:32-40 Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 Mk 5:1-20

**Tuesday** Heb 12:1-4 Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32 Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15 Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday** Heb 12:18-19, 21-24 Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 Mk 6:7-13

**Friday** Heb 13:1-8 Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mk 6:30-34

**Sunday** Is 6:1-2a, 3-8 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 1 Cor 15:1-11 or 1 Cor 15:3-8, 11 Lk 5:1-11

## 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, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki 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.

#### 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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 01/26/2025: \$6,893

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,958

Electronic Giving: \$935

Communicating God's Word Collection: \$1,735

*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, 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.

#### 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.** Serving 22nd Street through 29th Street residents. 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.

**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.



**Please Note:** BCB Bank recently informed us they will no longer be accepting any checks that have crossed out and/or altered information (ex. corrected year) even if the changes are initialed by the check signer. Please see that all information on submitted checks is correct before placing in the collection basket. We appreciate your cooperation.

**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.



**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.

***ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:*** Our annual baby items drive for Good Counsel Homes for single mothers who choose life will begin on Saturday, January 18th and end on Sunday, February 9th. All parishioners are invited to support this worthy cause. A playpen for donations will be set up in the vestibule. Suggested items are diapers, wipes, baby soap, shampoo, and lotion.

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, February 2nd after the 10am mass and recitation of the rosary. Rosarians are encouraged to sit together in the reserved pews. All ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting and all parishioners are invited to pray the rosary. Reminder: please bring 1 non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

**Saint Henry Church**  
***Enter Under My Roof Capital Campaign***

Thank you to the parishioners who have made their pledge of sacrifice to our Capital Campaign.

**Our current pledged amount is \$503,525.**

**Please note:** Our online Capital Campaign payment system is now up and running. Capital Campaign pledges may be paid by debit or credit card using online Parish Giving (electronic giving). If you have questions when setting up your payment, please call the Parish Giving Help Line at 1-866-307-7140. Please code your payment to "Capital Campaign" and not to "Offering". Beginning in February, invoices will be mailed to those not using the online payment system. Statements will be mailed from Cathedral Corporation. If there are any issues, please call the parish office at 201-436-0857.

Christmas Gift for your Parish

As of this bulletin, our Christmas collection totals \$33,041. Hopefully in the coming weeks we will meet or exceed our goal of \$42,000. We are grateful for all who so generously contributed. If you have not already done so, please consider your Christmas gift to your parish of St. Henry. Your gift enables us to keep up with our expenses, both planned and unexpected. May God bless you all!

Dear Parishioners,

Please join us the weekend of February 8, 2025 to hear Reverend Christopher C. Steinle, O.S.A. speak at all the services about a ministry providing direct relief to the poor throughout Latin America and the Caribbean.

Father Steinle will share personal witness about Food For The Poor’s mission to care for the destitute as a means of living out the Gospel mandate to love one another.

Fr. Steinle was ordained in 1998 to the Augustinians. He has served in the missions of Peru and Bolivia for more than ten years. Fr. Chris is also a teacher. Before preaching for Food For The Poor, Fr. Chris was Mission Director for his Province.

Please join us in welcoming Father Steinle.



**Your Attention Please:** There are still Masses and Memorials available for intentions in 2025. There are several 8:00am Sunday masses, as well as noon weekday masses available. Once the intentions are taken, we will open the 2026 Mass Book (date to be determined).

Mass Intentions remain at \$10 each ♦ Memorials are: \$10 Sanctuary Lamp, \$10 Altar Bread, \$15 Altar Wine

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

St. Vincent de Paul Rosary Society is sponsoring a pocketbook Bingo on Saturday, February 8th at All Saints Catholic Academy cafeteria, 19 West 13th Street. Doors open at 12 noon and the first game is at 1:00pm. Cost of ticket is \$35.00 and includes 10 games. Please bring your own snacks and drinks. No tickets will be sold at the door. Call the rectory for tickets at 201-436-2222.



The Knights of Columbus invites men to build their lives on solid ground, to become the spouse, father, and man God created them to be – fulfilled and fully alive. Inspired by Blessed Michael McGivney, St. Joseph, and our four principles – charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism- our international community of Catholic men comprises more than two million members who wish to grow in faith. Knights support each other and lead our families and parishes through action. Discover your mission at [kofc.org/join](http://kofc.org/join) (Star of the Sea Council 371). For information, email Chris Wilimberg at [GrandKnight@kofccouncil371.org](mailto:GrandKnight@kofccouncil371.org).