



# 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 18, 2024 First Sunday of Lent

### 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

### *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](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 lim-  
ited. 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 civ-  
illy 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, February 17th

8:30AM Yvonne Leach  
5:30PM Rev. Thomas Foye & Family

### SUNDAY, February 18th

8:00AM Special Intention – Betty Bilotta  
10:00AM Adriana Ortiz  
12:00PM Nicaretta Family

### MONDAY, February 19th

9:00AM Gabriel Doria (1st ann.)  
Jesusa Millor

### TUESDAY, February 20th

12:00PM Jake & Kelsey O'Donnell  
Dharshini Sivakumaran

### WEDNESDAY, February 21st

12:00PM Laura Odra Garces DeLeon (5th ann.)  
John Breen

### THURSDAY, February 22nd

12:00PM Frank & Ella Wong  
Marie & Philip Brady

### FRIDAY, February 23rd

12:00PM Mary & Joseph Levine  
Dennis Marchesani

### SATURDAY, February 24th

8:30AM Shaun McNulty  
5:30PM Rose M. Hogan

### SUNDAY, February 25th

8:00AM Josefina Ledezma  
10:00AM Juan Formoso  
12:00PM Nancy Grzyb

### MEMORIALS

#### SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of John Breen  
From the Kinery Family

#### ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of the Bebel-Kmec Family  
From Eileen Kmec & Family

### Thoughts and Reflections:

Water is life giving and life preserving. This leads to a consideration of the water of baptism. And that takes us to the heart of the annual Lenten season that is upon us. One could say that Lent is all about baptism.

Lent as we know it had a gradual development. In the early days of our Church, it was a period of penance and preparation for new catechumens, those seeking baptism and entrance to the Church. As the living Church evolved, Lent became an observance for the whole Christian body, already part of the Church but in need of reform and renewal. The goal and hope is that we all find ourselves at the end of Lent not just six weeks older but better at keeping our baptismal promises. We are then sprinkled with life giving water at Easter Liturgies. Of course our Lenten resolve has to be genuine and never half-hearted because Jesus proved on the cross His whole hearted love for each of us.

### 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.

*Please note: On Monday, February 19th, mass will be celebrated at 9:00am only. There will be no noon mass. The Parish Office will also be closed in observance of Presidents' Day.*

### Readings for the Week:

**Monday** Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13

**Tuesday** Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday** Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday** Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

**Friday** Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday** Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday** Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

**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.

## 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 Antonia Bello and Patrick Rouse, 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 – 4 PM, 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.

## Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 2/11/2024: \$7,374

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,134

Electronic Giving: \$1,240

*Thank you for your continued support and generosity!*



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).

## 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.

**St. Vincent Food Pantry is open February 22nd...3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).**

## 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.

## 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. CECELIA 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. Cecelia 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. CECELIA 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.

### **ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:**

Our next meeting is Sunday, March 3rd after the 10:00am mass and rosary. All ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting and all parishioners are invited to pray the rosary. Please bring one non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food donation.

Our Lenten Retreat is Saturday, March 9th from 9am –2pm at St. Andrew Church/Parish Center in Westwood, NJ hosted by Catholic Women of Zion. The retreat includes mass, music, guest speaker Sr. Pat Wormann, sharing, prayers for healing, light breakfast and box lunch. Cost is \$25 payable at the door. Deadline is March 3rd. Call Roseann Hogan at (201)-565-5638 for reservations.

The Rosary Societies of Bayonne 40th Annual City-Wide Communion Breakfast is Sunday, April 21st beginning with 9:45am mass at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church at St. John Paul II Parish with brunch immediately following at The Chandelier. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. Price is \$50. Checks made out to *St. Henry Rosary Society* can be put in the collection basket, mailed or dropped off to the rectory in an envelope marked Rosary Society. Call Mary Rooth at (201) 240-5909 for tickets. Deadline is April 1st.

### 2024 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal

The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties in the Archdiocese of Newark—namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins. Now more than ever our ministries and programs need your support. Will you prayerfully consider making a gift to the 2024 Annual Appeal?

“OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$44,355. The Archdiocese requires us to meet this goal. If we do not, we must contribute the difference between our goal and the actual amount of pledges received. We therefore ask that you prayerfully consider making your gift or pledge to the 2024 Annual Appeal. Pledge/Gift envelopes are located at the doors of our church. You may bring your envelope to the Parish Office, or add a stamp and mail it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark (do not mail cash). As always, your generosity is appreciated.

## St. Henry Parish NEWS – continued

### 2024 LENTEN REGULATIONS

The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence. On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obligated to fast. On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole is a serious obligation. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individually may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 18th to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.

### LENT 2024—St. Henry Church

WEEKDAY MASSES—continue to be celebrated at 12 noon. Confessions are heard from 9:00-9:30am and 4:30PM-5:15Pm on Saturdays, 2/17, 2/24, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23, and 3/30.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS—Fridays, 7PM—Reflections and prayer in the Church presented by the Gatekeepers, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29, 6PM, Citywide live Stations of the Cross/Procession beginning at St. Henry Church and concluding at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church.

ALMSGIVING—Operation Rice Bowl: This Lenten discipline asks us to give up one meal a week and contribute the cost of that meal to the Rice Bowl program. Rice Bowl provides food to the hungry throughout the world. Rice Bowls are available at the doors of the church. The deadline to return your Rice Bowl is two weeks after Easter.

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

### Marriage Anniversary Liturgies - 2024

The Archdiocese of Newark will honor those couples in the Archdiocese who will be celebrating 5, 25 or 50 years of Christian marriage in the year 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Mass will be Sunday, May 5, 2024 for 5 and 25 anniversary years and Sunday, June 2, 2024 for 50 anniversary years. Masses will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin.

Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join as well. Members of St. Henry Parish who wish to participate in this wonderful recognition of the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society, are asked to call Nancy at the Parish Office to register—201-436-0857, Ext. 110. Please call ASAP, as there are deadlines for registration.

**ASCA NEWS:** School is closed Monday in commemoration of Presidents' Day.

Students in grades 3 through 8 will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation this week. Please keep them in your prayers that they may recognize God's gift of Mercy and resolve to adopt better choices moving forward.

Our annual Al Richard's Easter candy sale begins Tuesday. Information has already been sent home to the families.

Registration for the 2024-2025 school year is in full swing. Registration packets have been sent home to our school families. If you are new to All Saints Catholic Academy, please call the school office to request paperwork and/or to schedule a tour (201) 443-8384

New Spirit Wear merchandise is available via our website. T-shirts and hoodies (in youth and adult sizes) can be made to order. Go Panthers!