



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 23, 2025 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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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

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 22nd

8:30AM Catherine Celmer
 5:30PM Nancy Grzyb

SUNDAY, February 23rd

8:00AM Juan Formoso
 10:00AM Aniceto Abastillas Suarez
 12:00PM Joseph & Mary Levine

MONDAY, February 24th

12:00PM Rose M. Hogan
 James Cunningham

TUESDAY, February 25th

12:00PM Rosemarie Femia Clarkin
 Oscar Pizarro

WEDNESDAY, February 26th

12:00PM Judy Blom
 Lynne & Stan Raith

THURSDAY, February 27th

12:00PM Vito Aiello
 Rosalie Frey & Robert Frey

FRIDAY, February 28th

12:00PM Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Hajduk (10th ann.)
 Jerry & Josephine Raiola

SATURDAY, March 1st

8:30AM Jack & Margie Sheren
 5:30PM Adele McLaughlin (23rd ann.)

SUNDAY, March 2nd

8:00AM Ann Dugan
 10:00AM Ana Alvarez (7th ann.)
 12:00PM LuAnn Caamano (3rd ann.)

MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Marie Pope
From Jean & Frank DiPillo

Thoughts and Reflections: Expansion, like many words and ideas, can have multiple and quite disparate meanings. Often this is the source of good humor. When we think of the expansion long ago by then President Thomas Jefferson in making the Louisiana Purchase, he doubled the size of our country with the stroke of a pen. So wide was the territory that Jefferson sent Lewis and Clark to explore and map it. Contrast that noble historic event with the notion of an expanded waistline that afflicts most of us after 40, and we have a happening in our personal history that demands will power, or in some cases, injections of expensive drugs to combat.

But today I wish to reflect on an expansion Our good Lord made of the concept of charity. To the question: "Who is to be the object of love of neighbor?" The answer comes in the Gospel for this last Sunday of February. Who did Jesus say we have to love? In a word, everybody! Wow! Of course, we believers have heard it before. But it can be just as disconcerting to our preconceived plan of behavior and just as annoying as it was for Christ's first hearers. With Lent being just 10 days away, I would think this is a priority task for most of us in any effort at penance and self-reform.

You may think that the need for such is foreign to the life of a priest. Let me assure you that it is not. Responding positively to Our Lord's expanded idea of love is just as hard for us as for anyone. Personally speaking, many years ago a priest much younger than I spoke negatively about me to our authorities with no justification. It shocked me at the time because I thought I had bent over backwards to be kind to this man. To this day he has no idea of the hurt and disappointment he caused. I must see him at most diocesan events and never let on. I must refrain from even a hint whenever I'm in the company of those who know him. The devil on my shoulder has urged me to reveal, but this gospel passage stops me. Like David with Saul, I must forgive and respect the teachings of my king and yours, Jesus our Lord.

Somehow over the years that have followed, regarding this incident and others, I have come to realize that Our Lord is so right. Absorbing pain when the gospel truth demands it is one sure way of making small amends for the pain of our Savior on His cross. And it helps us all to think big for a change. I found this line from an anonymous source: "Forgiveness is a funny thing. It warms the heart and cools the sting."

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Readings for the week:

Monday Sir 1:1-10 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday Sir 2:1-11 Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40 Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday Sir 4:11-19 Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175 Mk 9:38-40
Thursday Sir 5:1-8 Ps 1:1-4, 6 Mk 9:41-50
Friday Sir 6:5-17 Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35 Mk 10:1-12
Saturday Sir 17:1-15 Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18 Mk 10:13-16
Sunday Sir 27:4-7 Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 1 Cor 15:54-58 Lk 6:39-45

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, 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).

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, Philip Mango, Romeo Ponce and Indy Littlefield.

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.

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.

Due to the Presidents' Day holiday early printing deadline, offering totals for the week of February 16th will be included in next week's bulletin



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 Mary T. Pytel, and 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.

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.

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.

SAVE the DATE

On Sunday, May 4th at the noon Mass, Fr. Raul will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

A lunch reception will follow at St. John Paul II gym/parish center.

More information to come.

2024 DONATION STATEMENTS

The donation statements for 2024 have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please call the office at (201) 436-0857 X111

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2025 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs of our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. You can make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing or join us for In-Pew Commitment weekend on March 8th and 9th.

Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60. *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 2025 Annual Appeal. Pledge/Gift envelopes are located at the doors of our church. You may bring your envelopes 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 2026 MASS BOOK

Once again this year, we ask those who would like Mass Intentions or Memorial Intentions for 2026 to mail in a list of your requests, written CLEARLY—indicating the date and time, and for whom you wish the intention (please include an alternate date/time for each request), along with your payment, a telephone number and an email address. We will accept two names per intention.

You may mail your request beginning this week to:

St. Henry Parish Office ♦ 82 West 29th Street ♦ Bayonne, NJ 07002 ♦ Attention: Nancy

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

Intentions will be entered into the Mass book in the order of receipt of your list and payment. We are not limiting the number of Masses you may request, but ask that you be considerate of others who will also be making requests. If your requests cannot be filled as you indicate or with the alternate you provide, you will be called or emailed to arrange another date. Once Mass/Memorials are booked, a confirmation of your 2026 intentions will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email, please include your address with your list so the confirmation can be mailed to you instead.

Beginning Tuesday, March 11th, you may stop by the office for in person 2026 Mass or Memorial Intentions.

St. Henry Church Track Team

All boys and girls of St. Henry Church Parish, ages 5 and older, along with Religious Education students, are invited to join the St. Henry Church Track Team for the Spring 2025 Track Season. Running is a healthy and social activity for children and is also complimentary for other youth sports and all children in our Parish are welcome to participate. We will race at the newly re-surfaced track in Bayonne Park on Saturday mornings in April and May competing against Catholic schools within the Newark Archdiocese. We will also compete in the Archdiocesan championships, which include relay events. Preseason training will begin in March on Saturday afternoons at the indoor track above the ice rink at Bayonne High School. Please contact the Rectory for additional information or write directly to me: alexlong685@gmail.com, referencing track in the subject line.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:

Our next meeting will be on Sunday, March 2nd following the 10am Mass and recitation of the rosary. All women of the parish are invited to the meeting and all parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary with us. Reminder: Please bring one non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

A great big thank you to all rosarians and parishioners who generously donated to our annual baby items drive for Good Counsel Homes. A special thank you to The Prayer Shawl Ministry for their beautiful donations.

Our Lenten Retreat is Sunday, March 22nd at St. Andrew’s Church/Parish Center in Westwood, NJ from 9am to 2pm hosted by The Catholic Women of Zion. The guest speaker is Fr. James White, D.Min whose topic is *God is Mercy*. The retreat also includes Mass, light breakfast, box lunch, music, prayers for healing and the rosary. Price is \$25 payable at the door. Reservations are required. Deadline is Sunday, March 16th. Call Roseann Hogan at (201) 565-5638 for reservations and choice of lunch. Drivers are needed.

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 established 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.

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

St. Ann’s Society is going to the Pines Dinner Theater in Allentown, PA for lunch and to see the play “*Breaking Up is Hard to Do*” featuring the music of Neil Sedaka. The date is Thursday, May 15, 2025. The cost is \$125 and it includes the bus and tip, 50/50 raffle on the bus, lunch and the play. Please call for more details—Joanne at (201) 823-2096 or Mary (201) 823-4450.



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 (Star of the Sea Council 371). For information, email Chris Wilimberg at GrandKnight@kofccouncil371.org.