



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.*

March 9, 2025 First Sunday of Lent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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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*

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, March 8th

8:30AM Jean Fogu Pope
5:30PM Teodulfo "Ted" Concepcion &
Elsa Concepcion

SUNDAY, March 9th

8:00AM Caterina Polera
10:00AM Michael Bolowski
12:00PM Cristina Inigo

MONDAY, March 10th

12:00PM Michael Bolowski
Noah & Nolan Raslowsky

TUESDAY, March 11th

12:00PM Frank & Ella Wong
Ann Lamela

WEDNESDAY, March 12th

12:00PM Louis & Mary Piser
Michele Gamatko (1st ann.)

THURSDAY, March 13th

12:00PM Loretta Brady
Renato Besa

FRIDAY, March 14th

12:00PM Marcos & Luisa Vea
James Cunningham

SATURDAY, March 15th

8:30AM Special Intention – Eduardo Tan
5:30PM Joseph DiCesare, Sr.

SUNDAY, March 16th

8:00AM Carmela Setaro
10:00AM Vito Aiello
12:00PM Mykola & Paranka Scheremeta

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Helen Mary Miller
From Arlene Crosson

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Michael Bolowski
From The Bolowski Family

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Climate change is a nagging issue of our time that resists dismissal. Of course it has little impact on most of our daily lives. It is an objective idea, outside us, and we don't usually give it much thought. It remains, however, as something requiring a personal assessment from us. We cannot remain neutral.

On the other hand, temptation to sin by disobeying God and His plan for us is one issue we cannot ignore. It is internal; quite personal and very important. How we handle it is linked to our ultimate destination. Why is this so? The bible is clear with the answer. Our human race is damaged. Damaged by the deliberate decision of our first parents to disobey a rather simple command of the God who made them. Having already provided them with clear intellects and delightful surroundings, God only gave them one little rule: do not eat the fruit of one certain tree among all the others in the garden.

Satan, self-chosen enemy of God, decides to fight God by luring Adam and Eve to disobey God by weaving a web of lies about the fruit of that tree. Sadly, he succeeds. Instantly our race became one of sinners. But God, in His loving goodness, offers hope to the pair. He will send them a person who will repair the damage.

You and I are the sons and daughters of Adam and Eve, redeemed for ultimate union with God, adopted children of God via our baptism. Yet we must pass a test of our own. Call it our "temptations." Sometimes they are small, no bigger than a candy bar lifted sneakily from the shelf at a Wawa convenience store. At other times they are very large, like casually ignoring a divine command and a Catholic Church precept to participate in Mass on the Lord's Day.

However clever we can be at rationalizing what we know deep down are wrong choices, in the end our consciences will not leave us alone. We are, after all, made for God, and as St. Augustine famously wrote: "Our hearts are restless until they rest in thee, O Lord."

Fortunately, we have our hero, Jesus Christ. Like us in all things but sin, He faced the same three most powerful temptations of power, wealth and fame that we do. Satan still wants us to be on his side. Jesus, on the other hand only asks that we try to live like He did. He knows our struggles. If we do our best, He promised to give us His best. That will include an eternity where the climate is perfect.

God love you and let Lent improve you.

Readings for the week:

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14. Phil 3:17-4:1 or Phil 3:20-4:1 Lk 9:28b-36

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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 03/02/2025: \$8,504

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$7,454

Electronic Giving: \$1,050

Parish Assessment: \$2,525

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.

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.

2025 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. 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 obliged 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.

2. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, March 9, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.**

*Canon 920, §1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

LENT 2025—St. Henry Church

WEEKDAY MASSES—continue to be celebrated at 12 noon. Confessions heard from 9:00am—9:30am and 4:30pm—5:15pm on Saturdays, 3/15, 3/22, 3/29, 4/5, 4/12 and 4/19.

STATIONS of the CROSS—Fridays, 7pm—Reflections and prayer in the church presented by the Gatekeepers, March 14, March 21, March 28, April 4, and April 11.

“*The Three Ordinary Voices of God*” books for Lent are available at the doors of the church. Kindly take only one copy per family as our supply is limited.

GOOD FRIDAY, April 18, 6pm—Citywide live Stations of the Cross/Procession beginning at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church and concluding at St. Henry 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.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: The Rosary Societies of Bayonne 41st Annual City-Wide Communion Breakfast is Sunday, April 6th beginning with 10:30am mass at St. Mary Church followed by brunch at The Chandelier. Dr. Diane Traflet of Seton Hall University will be this year’s guest speaker. All parishioners are invited to attend. Price is \$55.00. 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*”. Deadline is March 28th. Call Jackie Garrander at (201) 708-5567 for reservations and tickets.

Our Lenten retreat, sponsored by the Rosary Society of Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish, will be on Saturday, March 22nd at 10am in The St. Joseph Room at St. Mary Church. Fr. Joseph Furnaguera, Pastor of St. Paul the Apostle Parish in J.C., who was at St. Henry during his transitional deacon year, will be the guest speaker. All attendees are welcome to join their 9am mass and rosary before the retreat. There will be a free will offering. Deadline is March 19th. Call Roseann Hogan at (201) 565-5638 to sign up.

St. Henry 2026 MASS BOOK

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

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

Our Lenten Music

The music for our weekend Masses reflects the spirit of the Lenten season—quiet reflection and prayer. We sing the “Kyrie eleison.” Translation from the Greek is “Lord, have mercy”. This prayer goes back to the very early church. It was sung as a professional and gathering hymn for those coming to celebrate Eucharist.

We will use a more contemporary setting of Psalm 51 as our seasonal Psalm. Your response each week is “Create in me, create in me, a clean heart, O God.”

Several other mass parts will be sung using the 13th C. Benedictine chant “Adoro Te Devote,” a melody loved and promoted by St. Thomas Aquinas (#478 in the hymnal). In addition, we will sing the “Lamb of God” (Agnus Dei) in Latin, since Roman Catholicism is known historically as “the Latin Rite Church.” it is # 384.

No organ postludes are played during Lent. Instead, we leave the building quietly. They will again be heard at Easter. May the spirit and sound of our Lenten music help us to better experience this season of prayer, charity for others, and fasting.

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. Our February “Coffee for St. Henry” Collection totaled **\$3,587**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

2025 Calendar Raffle

The third drawing of our monthly calendar raffle was held on March 1st and the winner was Dianne Roeheny. Congratulations! Drawings will continue on the 1st of each month through December.

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.

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 Paull II gym/parish center.

More information to come.

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.