

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 23, 2025 Third Sunday of Lent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Director of Music Ministries: Chad Perry
201-249-1167

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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 22nd

8:30AM David Riccardi
5:30PM Betty Bilotta (1st ann.)

SUNDAY, March 23rd

8:00AM Louis Alvarez
10:00AM Roseann Brukalo
12:00PM Eleuterio & Maria Vea

MONDAY, March 24th

12:00PM Concetta Marino
Jonas Grigas (14th ann.)

TUESDAY, March 25th

12:00PM Catherine Silverstein
Donald Cruden

WEDNESDAY, March 26th

12:00PM Rose & Tony Mavaro
Dr. Kanagarayer Wignarajan

THURSDAY, March 27th

12:00PM Anthony DeMarco
Stan & Lynn Raith

FRIDAY, March 28th

12:00PM Oscar Pizarro
Carlos Cordova

SATURDAY, March 29th

8:30AM Gary Cobb
5:30PM Alyce Piscopo

SUNDAY, March 30th

8:00AM Ana M. Alvarez
10:00AM Victorino Q. Payawal
12:00PM Eric Schaefer

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Betty Bilotta
From Roseann Hogan

Thoughts and Reflections:

A man owned a large and successful business. When his son wanted to work for him, he gave him a job working in maintenance. He started him at the bottom so that he would better appreciate what it takes to run a business well. More importantly he wanted his son to understand the whole business, and contribute to it, not just cash in on his father's success. They would both rejoice in a job well done.

We are the children of God. Heirs to the Father's business, which is life. The struggle is between good and evil and the greatest weapon of evil is death. It is final, the end of hope and all possibility of change. Jesus must destroy death so that life, eternal life, might be possible. That is why Jesus dies to take on sin's weapon and destroy it by His resurrection. It was not to satisfy God's sense of justice, but to meet sin on its own terms and defeat it. If sin triumphs in the death of Jesus, it is only for a moment. The final word will yet be spoken. Since we are heirs and coworkers with God, ours is the struggle with the remnants of evil, its last desperate attempt to overcome good. Like Jesus, we are about the Father's business in our daily life, carrying the message of salvation to everyone. We are strengthened in our struggle and come to realize the great gift of life with which we are graced. It is our hope that one day we will rejoice with the Father in a job well done.

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.

Readings for the week:

Monday 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23
Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34
Saturday Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14
Sunday Jos 5:9a, 10-12 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7. 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

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 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.

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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 03/16/2025: \$7,355

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,199

Electronic Giving: \$1,156

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, especially Robert Poswiatowski and Deanna Steiger, 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

Any parishioner interested in renting our Parish Center (28th St. behind the Church) 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.

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 3/29, 4/5, 4/12 and 4/19.

STATIONS of the CROSS—Fridays, 7pm—Reflections and prayer in the church led by the Gatekeepers, 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, 3pm- *Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Christ* in the Church; 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.

Our Lenten Music

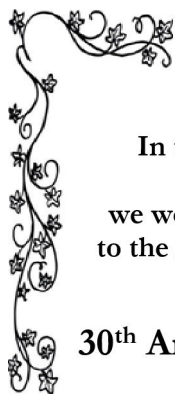
The music for our weekend Masses reflects the spirit of the Lenten season—quiet reflection and prayer. We sing the “Kyrie eleison.” Translation from the Greek is “Lord, have mercy”. This prayer goes back to the very early church. It was sung as a processional and gathering hymn for those coming to celebrate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



In the spirit of joy and
thanksgiving,
we would like to invite you
to the Mass of Thanksgiving
celebrating the



30th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood of

Rev. Fr. Raul Gaviola



Sunday, May 04, 2025
12 Noon Mass
St. Henry Church Bayonne, NJ 07002

Reception will follow at
St. John Paul II Parish Center & Gym
Cor: 22nd Street & Ave. E

Kindly RSVP by April 28th
Parish Office: 201-436-0857
Fr. Raul: 609-334-8545



The Hudson County Serra Society (an organization fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life) invites you to join them at the Annual Seminarian Mass and Dinner on Wednesday, April 2, 2025. Mass will be celebrated by His Excellency, Bishop Gregory Studerus at 6:00pm at St. Henry Church followed by dinner at the Knights of Columbus (669 Avenue C). The cost of the dinner is \$75.00 per person. Proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Seminarians from the Archdiocese of Newark who are studying at the Immaculate Conception Seminary and St. Andrew's College Seminary at Seton Hall University.

This year's honorees are Fr. Peter H. Cho, Rector of the College Seminary of the Immaculate Conception at St. Andrew's Hall; Eddie Navarette, a dedicated parishioner and volunteer of BMT Parish and a liaison to the Spanish community; and Joan Dillman, a dedicated parishioner and volunteer of St. Aloysius Church in Jersey City.

Please RSVP for the dinner by Tuesday, March 25th. For any questions please contact Michael Bruzzio at (201) 463-2380 or mabruz@Verizon.net or Ingrid Alfred at (201)-424-7760 or Ingrid.alfred14@gmail.com.

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.

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. Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60. To date, \$10,265.00 has been pledged and \$9,510.00 has been received. 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.

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.