



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 29, 2026 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Facebook: St. Henry RC Church

Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Don Bosco Park

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*

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

St. Henry Parish Office Hours
MONDAY – THURSDAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 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.

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. Please call the rectory.

Religious Education/Catechism Program

The Religious Education Program is open to all families who desire formal Catholic religious education for their children. Our Religious Education Program is a continuous faith formation process by which the Catholic Faith is taught. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation is part of the Religious Education program. **Sequential participation in Grades 1-9 is required.**

2025-2026 Program Year

Sundays: 8:45AM – 9:45AM: Grades 1-5
Sundays: 8:45AM-9:45AM: RCIC & Catch Up
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

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), also known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is designed for individuals who wish to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. For more information contact the Religious Education office: **Phone: 201-339-0319**
Email: ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com
Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, March 28th

8:30AM Carlos Cordova
5:30PM Alyce Piscopo

SUNDAY, March 29th

8:00AM Josefa Sestayo
10:00AM Joseph Giannullo, Sr.
12:00PM Emmanuel Reyes

MONDAY, March 30th

12:00PM Carlos Sosa
Lyn & Stan Raith

TUESDAY, March 31st

12:00PM Rosemelita deLeon Mateo
Betty & Henry Kowalski

WEDNESDAY, April 1st

12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Maria & Mariano DeGiorgio &
Sebastian Costa

THURSDAY, April 2nd

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, April 3rd

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church
3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion & Death
of Christ

SATURDAY, April 4th

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church
9:30AM Blessing of Food
8:30PM Easter Vigil

SUNDAY, April 5th

8:00AM For the
10:00AM Priests'
12:00PM Intentions

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP

In Memory of Eileen Baniel

From Arlene Crosson

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Palma Pirozzi

From Her Sister Camille

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Betty and Henry Kowalski

From Their Daughters

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

An assessment of the Passion of the Lord has been made over and over through the ensuing centuries by learned and holy people, many of whom are recognized saints of our Church. Therefore, I exclude myself as a worthy analyst. But I can at least offer my take on the matter as "a unique, powerful, and life-changing account of a love like no other. This is authenticated by another Gospel writer, namely John, who wrote that God is love.

That same writer, working later than Matthew, gives us another approach than the linear of the Three Days. He offers a circular approach, meaning that the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus is one Magnificent Event, one that saves the whole world and is clearly a mystery of faith.

In his narrative, always proclaimed on Good Friday, Jesus is clearly in charge of events, a royal figure that allows what happens as part of His triumph over evil.

Today's account is powerful enough in depicting Jesus as the Suffering Servant of Isaiah, but it makes the other figures dominate what occurs and Jesus as the victim.

The Responsorial Psalm today, however, makes the most important point for us hold dear: Jesus throughout the ordeal is "robed in the Father's love."

God love you and have profitable Holy Week.

Reading for the Week:

Monday Is 42:1-7 Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14 Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17 Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34 Mt 26:14-25

Thursday **Chrism** Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9 Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27 Rv 1:5-8 Lk 4:16-21

Thursday Night Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18. 1 Cor 11:23-26 Jn 13:1-15

Friday Is 52:13 — 53:12 Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9 Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday Gen 1:1—2:2 or Gen 1:1, 26-31a Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20 and 22 Gen 22:1-18 or Gen 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Mt 28:1-10

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43 Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

Please Note: The Parish Office will close at 12 noon on Holy Thursday, April 2nd. It will reopen on Monday, April 6th from 10:00AM to 1:00PM only. Regular office hours of 9:00AM to 4:00PM will resume on Tuesday, April 7th.

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: **James Petronick, Alex Diaz, Susan Ficalora, Kenneth Jablonski, Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki, Philip Mango, Tristan Bowen and Romeo Ponce.**

Names of the sick will remain for 4 weeks after which they will be deleted if not renewed by the requestor.

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 03/22/2026: \$8,078

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$7,217

Parish Giving: \$861

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.

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.

**St. Henry Church
Holy Week & Easter Schedule 2026**

Palm Sunday Weekend

Masses: Saturday, March 28th: 5:30PM

Sunday, March 29th: 8:00AM, 10:00AM (Procession of Palms) & 12:00PM

Holy Thursday: April 2nd

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church

7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper (Followed by Adoration until 11:00PM)

Good Friday: April 3rd

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church

3:00PM Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord

6:00PM Citywide Live Stations of the Cross beginning at St. Henry RC Church and concluding at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

Holy Saturday: April 4th

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church

9:30AM Blessing of Food

8:30PM The Easter Vigil (Note: There will be no 5:30PM Mass on Holy Saturday.)

Easter Sunday: April 5th

Masses at 8:00AM, 10:00AM and 12:00PM

2026 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, February 22, to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

** 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.*

Pope Leo XIV has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister to parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name only a few.

The pandemic had hit Christians in the Holy Land particularly hard. Most of them depend on pilgrimages for work. The war and now the Iranian conflict have made their situation even more dire. In these times of crisis, the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in the Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

For more information about Christians in the Holy Land, visit www.myfranciscan.org or www.custodia.org

An Easter Gift to Your Church

The Feast of the Resurrection is near and our chance to celebrate this great event has a spiritual as well as a temporal dimension. We rejoice in what the Lord has won for us, and we express our thanks by lives renewed in faith. We are asked to express our faith by supporting our church. Specifically, we need to support our parish. Please resolve to make an Easter gift to your parish in keeping with the gifts that you have received, one that allows your parish to continue its ministries. This year we have budgeted \$32,000 for Easter. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

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

25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Of

Rev. Father Don Bosco Park

Saturday, May 16th at 5:30pm St. Henry Church

Reception will follow at:
St. Vincent's Robinson Hall
979 Avenue C
Bayonne, NJ 07002

Kindly RSVP through text by May 3rd
Darlene Megally: 201-618-3916
Aida Lopez: 201-844-5391
Mayette Valbuena: 551-222-5916

"BYOB"

For Koreans, please text or email:
Young Teak Lee: 732-266-4640 / teak31@gmail.com

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:

Parish Goal: \$45,308.30

Pledged: \$17,175.00 Received: \$13,505