

# 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 30, 2025 Fourth Sunday of Lent

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Website: [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org)

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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

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](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 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 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

### MONDAY, March 31st

12:00PM Dawn George  
Eileen Ryan

### TUESDAY, April 1st

12:00PM Rosemelita Javate deLeon Mateo  
Francione & Ambrozia Families

### WEDNESDAY, April 2nd

12:00PM Ruvee Yao  
Special Intention— Jean Gallagher

### THURSDAY, April 3rd

12:00PM Maria DeGiorgio  
Special Intention— Jean Gallagher

### FRIDAY, April 4th

12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin  
Special Intention— Julia Cleary

### SATURDAY, April 5th

8:30AM William Foran, Jr.  
5:30PM Kathleen Roddy

### SUNDAY, April 6th

8:00AM Myrta Gonzalez  
10:00AM Robert Gillespie James  
12:00PM Celestino Pallarca deLeon, Sr.

## MEMORIALS

### SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Antonio DellaSerra  
From Wife Loretta and Family

### ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Eileen Ryan  
From Passariello Family

### ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Betty & Henry Kowalski  
From Their Daughters and Grandchildren

### Thoughts and Reflections:

Temptation is powerful because it appeals to our human weakness and our desire for power, wealth, control or personal satisfaction. Evil disguises itself as something good and we are enticed to make a good choice. Our will is weakened each time we give in to something for selfish reasons, especially things we do not wish to choose. It is not something we can totally avoid. Temptation is not something we create or sometimes recognize, but rather it comes from evil. It would be a mistake to think of temptation only in terms of things that are really sinful. Temptation gains its strength by wearing down our will to choose good. If we fail in the small choices, we are all the more likely to fail in the bigger ones.

Herein lies the wisdom of the church in encouraging us to make small sacrifices and to do Lenten penance. In these practices of self-denial, we strengthen our will to choose, our ability to recognize good, and our desire to avoid evil. The balance of power shifts from evil to good, from temptation to resistance. We then overcome evil in the small struggles of daily life and are more attuned to prompting our conscience to choose good.

### 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** Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday** Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday** Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday** Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

**Friday** Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday** Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday** Is 43:16-21 Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6. Phil 3:8-14 Jn 8:1-11

## 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](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).

### Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Kenneth Jablonski, 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 03/23/2025: \$6,502

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,696

Electronic Giving: \$806

*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.

### 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 4/5, 4/12 and 4/19.

STATIONS of the CROSS—Fridays, 7pm—Reflections and prayer in the church led by the Gatekeepers, 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.

**Triduum Music**—As we enter the holiest time of the year, the church invites us to join in prayer and reflection through the beauty of sacred music, which will be sung as follows:

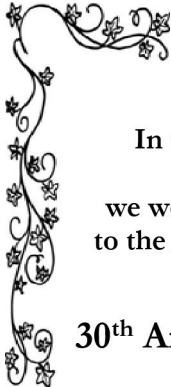
◆On Holy Thursday, April 17th, the choir will sing at the 7:30pm mass, featuring a special choral arrangement of “Pange Lingua” to be sung during the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament

◆On Good Friday, April 18th, the choir will sing the Gospel reading of the Passion at the 3:00pm service

◆On Holy Saturday, April 19th, the choir will sing at the 8:30pm Easter Vigil, featuring a musical Exodus reading and Beethoven’s “Hallelujah” from “Christ on the Mount of Olives”

◆On Easter Sunday, April 20th, a brass quartet will perform at the 10am and 12 noon masses, including a mini-concert 15 minutes before each mass

All are invited to attend these liturgies.



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



**30<sup>th</sup> 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: 22<sup>nd</sup> Street & Ave. E

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



*There is no cost to attend this celebration, but you must RSVP so food preparations can be made.*

**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](http://rcan.org/sharing). **Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60.** To date, \$11,840.00 has been pledged and \$10,285.00 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**

The Archdiocese of Newark is once again preparing for the annual tradition of honoring couples in the Archdiocese who will be celebrating five, twenty-five and fifty years of Catholic Marriage in the Jubilee Year 2025. This liturgy will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin on Sunday, June 1st at 3:00pm at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. All family members are welcome. It is our desire that every couple in the Archdiocese celebrating their 5th, 25th, or 50th Catholic wedding anniversary be present at this special liturgy. The presence of these couples and their families will be a beautiful witness to the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today’s society.

If you are interested in participating, please call Nancy the rectory at (201) 436-0857 X110 to register. Please register no later than Thursday, May 8th.