

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.*

April 6, 2025 Fifth Sunday of Lent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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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

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, 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.

MONDAY, April 7th

12:00PM Judy Blom
Jimmy Rokicki

TUESDAY, April 8th

12:00PM Paul Suda
Norm Elam

WEDNESDAY, April 9th

12:00PM Richard & Felicia Sahli
Albert Gatchalian

THURSDAY, April 10th

12:00PM Louis & Mary Piser
Emily Ginter (1st ann.)

FRIDAY, April 11th

12:00PM Rev. Thomas Foye & Family
Patricia Abrams &
Jan Carlos Arias-Matteucci

SATURDAY, April 12th

8:30AM Paul Carl Sildatke, Sr.
5:30PM Teodulfo "Ted" Concepcion &
Elsa Concepcion

SUNDAY, April 13th

8:00AM Betty Bilotta
10:00AM Marie C. Sesito
12:00PM Laurene Tiner

**MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Emily Ginter
From Arlene Crosson
ALTAR BREAD
In Memory of Olympia Squiteria
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family
ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Catherine Celmer
From Her Nieces**

Thoughts and Reflections:

Part of the power of Lent is that we focus as a community on renewing our faith and preparing for Easter. Our Lenten practices have a purpose and a goal. When we focus our efforts on one virtue, or try to change one bad habit, or seek to deepen our understanding of one aspect of faith, we focus our efforts and give our full attention to what we are trying to accomplish. We tend to be more successful achieving our goals. More importantly, it has a ripple effect in our lives: one thing changes or is added to the spiritual mix of our lives and many aspects are changed.

All too often we leave our spiritual growth to chance and the practice of faith to habit, and then wonder why we have no sense of growth or progress. Think of it in terms of exercise. We walk, lift weights, bend and stretch to attain the maximum benefit from what we do. In addition, to keep those benefits, we eat healthy food and get enough vitamins and rest. Spirituality requires the same kind of attention: we pray, fast, read the Bible, receive sacraments, and do charitable work to maximize the benefits of practicing faith. Keeping Lent year round keeps us in spiritual shape!

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 Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or Dn 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday Nm 21:4-9 Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42
Thursday Gen 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59
Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42
Saturday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56
Sunday Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Lk 22:14-23:56 or Lk 23:1-49

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: **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 03/30/2025: \$7,218

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,187

Electronic Giving: \$1,031

Catholic Relief Services Collection: \$2,210

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 *Donna Bubnis and Mark Alegre*, 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 4/12 and 4/19.

STATIONS of the CROSS—Friday, April 11th, 7pm—Reflections and prayer in the church led by the Gatekeepers.

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:

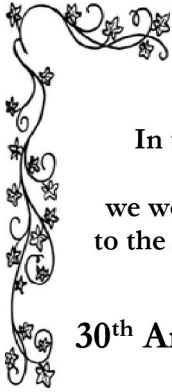
◆On Holy Thursday, April 17th, the choir will sing at the 7:30pm mass, featuring a special choral arrangement of “Pange Lingua” to be sung during the Transfer of the Blessed Sacrament

◆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



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



ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:

Our annual Spring Bake / Religious Goods Sale will be on Palm Sunday, April 13th, after all masses. Please support our fundraiser that supports the parish. Donations of baked goods are needed and can be dropped off at the parish center at 7:45am. Volunteers are needed to help the sale. Please call Roseann at (201) 565-5638 to sign up.

Our next meeting is Sunday, April 27th after the 10:00am Mass and recitation of the rosary. Note the change of date. There will be no meeting on May 4th. All parishioners are invited to pray the rosary with us and all women of the parish are invited to the meeting. Please bring one non-perishable food item for our food pantry donation.

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. **Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60.** To date, \$12,535.00 has been pledged and \$10,980.00 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

Wednesday, April 16th at 6:30pm, St. Vincent de Paul Church will be having a Lenten Reflection on the Holy Shroud by Fr. Ryan, CRM.

ASCA NEWS: Please join us Monday morning at 9:00am for our monthly Liturgy. Our faith and prayer community of All Saints are enriched when we share Masses with those in our greater Catholic community. ♦ *Lifetouch Studios* will be at school Wednesday for those families interested in having spring photos taken. Students who will be photographed may dress out of uniform. ♦ Breakfast with the Easter Bunny will be held in school Saturday afternoon from 12:00pm to 2:00pm. ♦ Save the date! ASCA's senior choir, *The Angelics*, will perform their annual showcase on Friday, May 30th. It promises to be a joyous show.