

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 13, 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319
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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 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

MONDAY, April 14th

- 12:00PM Peter Speranza
Dano Loscrudo

TUESDAY, April 15th

- 12:00PM Elsie & Gabe Doria
Special Intention: Fe & Irwin

WEDNESDAY, April 16th

- 12:00PM Loretta Brady
Richard Traba

THURSDAY, April 17th

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

FRIDAY, April 18th

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

SATURDAY, April 19th

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

SUNDAY, April 20th

- 8:00AM Carlo Iazzetta
- 10:00AM Betty Bilotta
- 12:00PM Gina Fontanilla Tajonera

MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY LAMP ,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Betty and Henry Kowalski
From Their Daughters**

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Each of us is drawn into the story of the Passion, particularly if the parish lectors present it with clarity and realism in their voices. I believe this narrative does this like no other, because the Jesus story is ours as well. We know and believe that we are the indirect cause of Jesus' pain. It was our sins, big and little, that drove in the nails and made Him hang there on that cross of shame.

We find ourselves almost exactly 2 months from February 14. Valentine's day, when our attention was focused on warm romantic love, even as snow lay on the ground and may have canceled many a romantic dinner. The story of Our Lord's Passion drives home the facts about real love of neighbor. "Greater love than this no man has: that he lay down his life for his friend." That is the famous caption for the picture. That is what Jesus did for us even though we were and are still to a large extent: sinners.

Add to this the fact that Jesus is God, and the whole story is heard on a higher level. How dare we say that God does not love us? Check out the nearest crucifix for the opposite truth.

Imagine, if you will, what you would do if someone were to harm you physically. Or hurt you with malicious untrue gossip. You would certainly have righteous indignation. And perhaps a handy fist. How different is our loving God!

What we blandly call "the Passion Narrative" is really a chronicle of the worst injustice ever done by man to a Man. A man who is also God Himself. Don't be too quick to insert yourself in the adoring crowd laying down palm for Jesus on a donkey to walk over. Instead, see yourself among those who picked up the nails for the soldiers to use. The confessional is the place for reconciliation with the Man on the donkey.

How better to end these thoughts than by praying together the traditional Act of Contrition which still says it best:

"O my God, I am heartily sorry for my sins, because I dread the loss of heaven and the pains of hell. But most of all because they have offended Thee, my God, who art all good and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve, with the help of Thy grace, to confess my sins; do penance; and avoid the near occasions of sin. Amen."

God love you, and have a meaningful Holy Week.

Readings 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 Christm** 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 Lk 24:1-12
- 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

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.

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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 04/06/2025: \$6,755.50

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,589.50

Electronic Giving: \$1,166

Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,578.50

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 Linda McIntyre, 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.

Please Note: The Parish Office will close at 12:00PM on Thursday, April 17th. It will reopen at 9:00AM on Monday, April 21st.

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.

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 Saturday 4/19.

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.

St. Henry Church Holy Week 2025

Holy Thursday April 17th

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church
7:30PM Mass of the Lord's Supper
(followed by Adoration until 11:00PM)

Good Friday April 18th

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. Mary, Star of the Sea
Church and concluding at St. Henry RC
Church

Holy Saturday April 19th

9:00AM Morning Prayer in Church
9:30AM Blessing of Food
8:30PM The Easter Vigil Mass
(NOTE: There will be no 5:30PM Mass on
Holy Saturday.)

Easter Sunday April 20th

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

An Easter Gift to Your Church

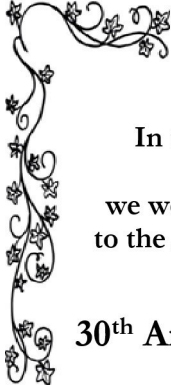
The Feast of the Resurrection is near and our chance to celebrate this great event has a spiritual as well as temporal dimension. We rejoice in what the Lord has won for us, and we express our thanks by lives renewed in faith. We are asked to express our faith by supporting our church. Specifically, 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.

Pontifical Good Friday Collection - April 18, 2025

Pope Francis 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 in 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 Pontifical Friday Collection is necessary to meet the basic needs of the People of God still living in this Land and to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. When you contribute to this collection, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

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 with 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.



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



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

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 March "Coffee for St. Henry" Collection totaled **\$2,192**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

Our 4th Calendar Raffle drawing was held on April 1st. The winner requested to remain anonymous.

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.

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.