



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 16, 2023 - Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

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Director of Religious Education: Marie Pope
Youth Ministers: Rev. Alfie Pangilinan
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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: (8:30 AM & 12:05 PM)

12 Noon ONLY until further notice

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

2022-2023 Program Year

Sundays, 8:45—9:45 AM: Kindergarten, 1st/2nd year RCIC, 1st/2nd year Catch-Up, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Gr.

Wednesdays, 4—5PM: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Gr.

Wednesdays, 7—8PM: 6th, 7th, 8th Gr.

3rd & 4th Sundays, 8:30-9:30 AM or 4-5PM or 7-8PM
Confirmation classes (virtual)

1st & 2nd Sundays, 12:00—1:30 PM—RCIA (for adults, 18 or older who wish to receive the Sacraments)

All classes will remain virtual for the remainder of the religious education calendar year.

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 15th

8:30AM Antoinette Mugrace

5:30PM Frances LaPelusa

SUNDAY, April 16th

8:00AM *In Honor of Divine Mercy*

10:00AM John & James Dugan

12:00PM Connie & Ray Piser

MONDAY, April 17th

12:00PM Christine Fiore

Barbara Chryst

TUESDAY, April 18th

12:00PM Marie Harkness (3rd Ann.)

Eleuterio & Maria Vea

WEDNESDAY, April 19th

12:00PM Jerome Stabile, Sr.

Gina Fontanilla Tajonera (Ann.)

THURSDAY, April 20th

12:00PM Ruvee Yao

Carlo Iazzetta

FRIDAY, April 21st

12:00PM Richard Traba

Elsie & Gabe Doria

SATURDAY, April 22nd

8:30AM Janice Mezzacappa

5:30PM Gustave, Theresa, & Anthony Monzi

SUNDAY, April 23rd

8:00AM Michael Cleary

10:00AM Jean Pope

12:00PM Von Rico Robertito de Leon Ong (Ann.)

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE
In Memory of John & James Dugan
from Bernadette

Thoughts and Reflections... Growth can be painful. Consider the plight of a toddler experiencing the “terrible twos”, or look at a teenager facing choices that create an emotional turmoil. Moving through midlife and on to retirement brings its share of challenges too. As we move through the milestones of life, God wisely endows us with the freedom to question what is happening and the authorization to doubt what is happening, bestowing on us the grace to accept and believe in ourselves and our situation. Would it have not been simpler for God to demand unquestioned obedience? We can ponder the question and speculate on the best answer. However, we can also feel thankful that God gives us free will, the freedom to make choices and the freedom to make mistakes. History reveals the pain that comes from overly controlled environments. A lack of choice and freedom means a lack of individuality, the very hallmark of God’s handiwork. Although we are created in God’s image, we are each individual beings, free to question, doubt, and believe in our quest for eternal life.

PLEASE NOTE:

2023 **Weekday** Mass Intentions scheduled for 8:30 AM and 12:05PM will continue to be honored together at our 12 PM Mass. (Saturday 8:30 AM, 5:30 PM and Sunday 8AM, 10AM and 12 Noon Masses remain the same as always)

Beginning 2024, Weekday Masses will be scheduled at 12 Noon and we will accept 2 intentions for each Mass.

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Michele Gamatko, Ann Fitzsimmons, Juan Diaz, Craig Buonomo, Marie Pope, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, and Claire Poli .

PARISH CENTER RENTAL

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th St., behind the Church) for a private party, please call Nancy at 201-436-0857, Ext. 110, 9AM – 4PM, Monday through Thursday, for availability and more information.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK...

Monday: Acts 4:23-31; Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9; Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33; Ps 34:2, 9, 17-18, 19-20; Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19; Jn 6:16-21

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; 1 Pt 1:17-21; Lk 24:13-35

St. Henry Parish NEWS

Food Pantry Availability

St. Henry FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 9:30AM – 12:30 PM ONLY. Ring office doorbell – a bag will be brought to you.

St. Vincent Food Pantry is open April 27 and May 11 & 25

3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).

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.

An Easter Gift to Your Church

The Feast of the Resurrection 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.

To date, our Easter offering amounts to \$27,453. We have budgeted \$40,000 this year. Our thanks to those who have given so generously!

If you have not already done so, 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 many ministries.

Religious Education...

ATTENTION: All rice bowls should be returned to the rectory office no later than Monday, April 24th. Thank you to all who participated in this Lenten experience.

Love & Peace, Marie Pope



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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 4/2/2023: \$10,144

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$8984

Electronic Giving: \$1160

Parish Assessment Collection \$3040

Holy Thursday Collection \$877

Holy Land Collection \$1992

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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 6 months membership with St. Henry Parish is a requirement if you wish to be a godparent or a sponsor for Confirmation. Parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. Henry's must be members of the parish.



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).

OTHER HAPPENINGS—In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark

Marriage Anniversary Liturgies - 2023

The Archdiocese of Newark will honor those couples in the Archdiocese who will be celebrating **5, 25 or 50 years of Christian marriage in the year 2023 at 3:00 PM** in the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark.

Sunday, April 16th 50 years
(celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin)

Sunday, May 7th 5 & 25 years
(celebrated by Bishop Gregory Studerus)
(due no later than April 28th)

Members of St. Henry Parish who wish to participate in this wonderful recognition of the strength and stability of Christian marriage in today's society, are asked to call Nancy at the Parish Office to register—201-436-0857, Ext. 110. Please call ASAP, as there are deadlines for registration.

IMMIGRATION HELP FOR UKRAINIANS:
Contact Gintare Grigaite, Esq. at 201-471-7989.

Mass for Our Country, sponsored by the Archdiocese of Newark Office of Evangelization, will take place at **Holy Spirit Church, 970 Suburban Rd., Union, NJ on the First Thursday of each month**—Patriotic Rosary at 7:00 PM, followed by Holy Mass at 7:30 PM. Upcoming dates are: **May 4th and June 1st.**

St. Ann's Society is having a bus trip to Hunterdon Hills Playhouse on May 24th to see *The Million Dollar Quartet*. Cost is \$120 and includes the bus, show and 50/50 on the bus. For more info call 201-823-2096 or 201-436-9565.

ASCA NEWS: When school resumes after Easter break on April 18th, students may begin wearing the summer uniforms.

The Theatre Group at ASCA presents Disney Pixar's *Finding Nemo, Jr.* Friday through Sunday, April 21-23. To purchase tickets, email the admin at ascatheatre@gmail.com.

Mother Seton Regional High School—1 Valley Road—Clark, NJ—Please join us for an evening of conversations and tours at our Spring Open House on **Wednesday, May 3rd** at 7-8PM. Meet teachers and current students to learn about what a Catholic education for girls can do for your daughter: academic excellence, personal growth, confidence and service to others. 5th, 6th, 7th, and 8th grade girls are welcome. Register at motherseton.org. 7th & 8th grade girls are welcome to be a Student for a Day.

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on **Sunday, April 30th** from 1:00-3:00PM at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff, as well as coaches, students, and parents will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. Saint Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call 201-547-6389.

The Marianist Family Retreat Center Cape May Point, NJ 08212 *Gift of Days: Spirituality & Aging Retreat*: May 9-11 (mid-week): This retreat (intended for those 55+) will explore the mystery of aging and God's desire for our spiritual fulfillment and development. This retreat will consist of input, quiet, personal time, prayer rituals, Mass, and small group sharing. Cost is \$145 per person (includes program, lodging & meals). Sign up online at: www.capemaymarianists.org or call Center Director, Anthony Fucci, at 609-884-3829 for more information.

Discover the joy of being a hospice volunteer. Visiting Nurse Association Health Group will provide you with training and support to enhance your gifts of compassion, commitment and companionship to those nearing end of life. Training: Mondays: May 1st, 8th, & 15th; 10am-3pm—80 Main St. Suite 210—West Orange. Advanced registration is required and all 3 sessions must be attended.

St. Henry Parish NEWS – continued

Rosary Society NEWS... Thank you so much to all the rosarians who supported the bake sale by donating baked goods, made monetary donations and purchases, as well as helping to set up, sell, and clean up. A very special thank you to all the parishioners who supported the bake sale with baked goods and monetary donations and who purchased baked goods, raffles, and religious items. Because of all of you we had a very, very successful bake sale!! Because of your generosity, we will be able to make a nice donation to the parish. God bless you all. Any baked goods that were left over were donated to St. Lucy's Shelter. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Duck cake: Emily, Rabbit cake: Antonieta, Easter baskets with candy and activities: Sharon and O. Rojas.

Our next meeting, The May Crowning, is Sunday, May 21st following the 10am mass and recitation of the rosary in church. Please note the change of date. There will be no meeting on May 7th. All parishioners are invited to pray the rosary with us, and all ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting. REMINDER: Please bring one non-perishable item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

ATTENTION PLEASE... we were recently made aware that parishioners have been receiving texts and emails claiming to be from the parish and from the priests asking for donations of gift cards. These are scams and not from us. Do not respond to the requests.

St. Henry CYO Spring Track 2023 We will begin races on Saturday, April 22nd at 10AM at the track in Hudson County Park – Bayonne, and continue on the following dates:

Saturday, April 29th: 10AM -12PM

Saturday, May 6th: 10AM-12PM

Saturday, May 13th: 10AM-12PM

Saturday, May 20th: 10AM-12PM

Wednesday, May 24th: 6PM-8PM

Contact ALong@spwax.com for more information.

Thanks to all who shared their time, talents, and treasure for our Lenten, Holy Week, & Easter celebrations. Chad Perry, the Cantors, the Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Marie Pope & the RCIC team who prepared our newly baptized catechumens at the Easter Vigil; Fr. Alfie and those who helped decorate our Church so beautifully. Thank you, as well, to all who joined or participated in any way during the Lenten Season; those who prayed the Stations of the Cross every Friday night; and those who joined us during the Triduum and Easter Celebrations. May God bless you all. -Fr. Raul

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.

St. Henry's CALENDAR RAFFLE

Our fourth drawing was held on April 1st, and the WINNER was **Susan Reyes**. Drawings will continue on the 1st day of each month through December. CONGRATULATIONS to the winners so far, and GOOD LUCK to all who purchased a ticket.

2023 Archdiocesan

ANNUAL APPEAL

The Annual Appeal funds essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in our four counties in the Archdiocese of Newark – namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care for the poor and those on the margins.

OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$46,379. To date \$28,082 has been pledged. 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 2023 Annual Appeal.

Pledge /Gift envelopes are located at the doors of our church. You may bring your envelope 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.

How to Report Abuse The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse and other misconduct. Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling Karen Clark, Director of the Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 973-497-4254. Victims in need of assistance should call the Archdiocesan Assistance Coordinator at 201-407-3256. They are also encouraged to call the Attorney General of NJ Clergy Abuse Hotline at 855-363-6548.