

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

82 West 29th Street
Bayonne, New Jersey 07002

April 20, 2025 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Alleluia





Mass Intentions for the Week

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

MONDAY, April 21st

- 9:00AM Dawn George
- Special Intention: In Thanksgiving

TUESDAY, April 22nd

- 12:00PM Veronica McAleer-Vargas
- Aunt Marie & Aunt Betty

WEDNESDAY, April 23rd

- 12:00PM James T. Burke
- Von Rico Robertito deLeon Ong

THURSDAY, April 24th

- 12:00PM John & James Dugan
- Michael Cleary

FRIDAY, April 25th

- 12:00PM Anthony Caiazza
- Joseph & Maria Polera

SATURDAY, April 26th

- 8:30AM Jose Salomon Polanco
- 5:30PM Manzi Family

SUNDAY, April 27th

- 8:00AM In Honor of Divine Mercy
- 10:00AM James Iorio
- 12:00PM Special Intention

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of John and James Dugan

From Bernadette

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Julie Kapec

From Helen Boyd

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of John and James Dugan

From Bernadette

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

For any Christian, today's event demands that any and all written references to it ought to be made in upper case letters. For this is the event that establishes our faith. More than any slogan printed on a tee shirt; or any catch phrase in a TV commercial, this gospel message of triumph must be writ large in the annals of human history. Why? Because "JESUS IS RISEN" is all one needs to cite for proof that Jesus is God approved by the Father and the Holy Spirit and all that He taught was the truth.

The secular world has a perennial problem grappling with this story, great as it is. It has the facts of the case in Holy Scripture. But how does one handle all that if God is non-existent? It has to invent a counter proposal. So, it tells us to celebrate spring with its own new life after winter using a new suit or dress; cuddly rabbits and chicks; colored eggs and jelly-beans in a basket. In that way Easter can be ignored or at least be seen as the fantasy of the foolish.

On the other hand, Christ's empty tomb thrills believers as they contemplate all that went before. The gloom of Good Friday yields to the glory of an empty tomb and then of seeing and eating with the Person who had been placed there. We realize anew that the rest of the gospel stories involved not just a magnetic preacher or a powerful healer, but the very Son of God. The record is there for all to see as a chronicle of God's time among us and how He spent it. That the One who went to a wedding at Cana or climbed the hills of Galilee; or walked on the water toward a fishing boat filled with frightened Apostles; who made a lame man walk again and a blind man see was in fact divine! Indeed! He was the very One whose coming had been foretold by the Hebrew prophets and who saved the world from its captivity to sin and despair. And He did it through obedience and a suffering cruel and bloody in a human nature just like ours, minus any sin.

As a result, our Faith in Him glows with a new brightness. Hope rings in with louder bells and love bursts through any confining definitions. When you add in the fact that all of us are invited to be part of this glorious story, yet to be fulfilled in a new life beyond the grave, and you have the formula for endless, deep joy.

Of course, implied here is the fact that we also have a duty to live as closely as we can to the way Christ did. To have an outward directed life. And to realize that our lives are not all about us, but about Him. To use a figure from another happy season, we can recall old Marley's Christmas Eve warning to Scrooge about this same understanding of earthly life. Meanwhile, we have a one-word summary of all this, which is the one great watchword of this season: it is "Alleluia!"

Readings for the week:

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21 Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Acts 5:12-16 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

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.

Due to the Easter holiday, the offering total for the week of April 13, 2025 were not known before the early bulletin submission deadline.
They will appear in next week's bulletin.



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.

Please Note: On Monday, April 21st, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only. There will be no 12:00PM Mass.

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.

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.

An Easter Gift to Your Church

The Feast of the Resurrection is here 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.

The donation of our Easter Candle was given

In Memory of

Mary Ellen & Robert Duffy

Sarah & William Duffy

and

Mary & Patrick O'Donnell

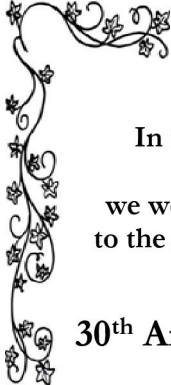


ST. CECILIA FUND St. Henry Church has a proud history of providing excellent sacred music for our Masses and special liturgies. This is financially supported through our parish budget. There are times during the year when we would like to add special music through instrumentalists (brass choir, string quartet, flute, etc.). We also would like to reserve funds to maintain our historic 50 rank pipe organ. We established the St. Cecilia Fund (Patron of Sacred Music) to support these items. You can make a designated contribution of any amount by writing on your check or envelope "FOR ST. CECILIA FUND" and making the check payable to ST. HENRY CHURCH. We encourage you to help support this sacred music effort. The money will be used by the music ministry as the year progresses. You can also indicate your donation is in honor or memory of a named loved one.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: 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.

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, \$14,055.00 has been pledged and \$12,850.00 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.*



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



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.

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

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.

St. Ann’s Society is going to the Pines Dinner Theater in Allentown, PA for lunch and to see the play “*Breaking Up is Hard to Do*” featuring the music of Neil Sedaka. The date is Thursday, May 15, 2025. The cost is \$125 and it includes the bus and tip, 50/50 raffle on the bus, lunch and the play. Please call for more details—Joanne at (201) 823-2096 or Mary (201) 823-4450.

“Salute to the Stars of Opera”

Presented by SONS of ITALY Rev. Dominic J. Del Monte Lodge No. 2560
Sunday, May, 4, 2025 at 4:00pm ♦ St. Vincent de Paul Church ♦ 979 Avenue C♦ Bayonne, NJ (between 46th and 47th St.) ♦
Donation: \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door ♦ (Refreshments to follow downstairs.) ♦ Tickets can be purchased by contacting Kim (201) 233-7384 or Grace (201) 823-0293