

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 27, 2025 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
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Director of Music Ministries: Chad Perry
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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 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

MONDAY, April 28th

12:00PM Ricardo Bacani
Helen Boyd

TUESDAY, April 29th

12:00PM Special Intention: 25th Anniversary
Maria & Eleuterio Vea

WEDNESDAY, April 30th

12:00PM Special Intentions: Jojie & Third
Carolyn Kuz

THURSDAY, May 1st

12:00PM Judy Blom (5th ann.)
Marilyn Howland

FRIDAY, May 2nd

12:00P Stolte & Peters Families
Special Intention: Julia Cleary

SATURDAY, May 3rd

8:30AM Rev. Eugene Hazewski (9th ann.)
5:30PM Barbara Silvay

SUNDAY, May 4th

8:00AM Olga Josefowicz
10:00AM James Cunningham (4th ann.)
12:00PM Margaret & John Fox

**MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Oscar Pizarro
From Barbara Peters**

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 and 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 1 Cor 15:1-8 Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 Jn 14:6-14
Sunday Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19
or Jn 21:1-14

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

You could say that a newly engaged couple have something in common with a newly graduated student; or someone newly promoted or praised: they all have a certain glow in their appearance. The same applies to a new Catholic at the Easter Vigil or the same of a new Christian at the time of the first Easter. St. Thomas the Apostle had it upon seeing the risen Jesus, even if his glow also bore the tinge of embarrassment as well. As onlookers, we perceive all this easily enough in others. We might remark about it, or even ask: "How do you feel?" or "What happened to you?" Those of us who have lived awhile already know the answers, either from similar lived experience or from personally acquired book knowledge. It is the joy of being in a new but long-desired situation; a dream fulfilled; a happy ending to a long story.

Sacred Scripture sometimes gives such things a quick acknowledgment, such as the description of Moses' face after he had dialogues with God on Mt. Sinai. But that is rare. We must imagine the looks on the faces of the people who came to believe in Jesus from the so-called "signs and wonders" worked by the Apostles in these very early days of the Church. Especially those miracles worked by St. Peter, to the point that they believed even his shadow could be a source of healing for the sick.

When we come to the second Sunday of those first Easter days, and the powerful meeting of the risen Jesus with a doubting Thomas, I think we can "see" a kind of glow on the Apostle's face. At first, there was some embarrassment. Jesus uses Thomas' own words when he commands Thomas to touch the divine wounds in hands and feet and side. Then comes St. Thomas' great profession of faith, as he kneels humbly and tearfully proclaims "My Lord and my God!" There it is! This personal proof for one former doubter; the climactic moment of John's whole gospel; the call of faith for each one of us as we leave the pew and walk up the aisle to receive Holy Communion. Do we have an observable glow on our faces? Maybe. Maybe not. After all, we have done this many times in our lives. But there should be a certain inner peace from knowing that the living God dwells within us for some special moments.

A certain Polish nun named Sister Faustina felt this glow after an appearance to her of Our Lord, shown with His heart projecting rays of red and blue light, at the same time asking for our trust in Him. That's why this second Sunday of Easter is also named "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Easter message is a test of our trust and our faith. And of our faith it was the great St. Augustine who said, "If you believe what you like in the gospel and reject what you don't like; it is not the gospel you believe, but yourself. Best to believe it all.

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: **John D'Altilio, 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 04/13/2025: \$10,898

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$9,432

Parish Giving: \$1,466

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.

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.

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.

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. To date, our Easter offering amounts to **\$26,697**. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

Easter Flowers and Decorations

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution toward our Easter flowers and decorations which amounted to \$2,852, enabling us to prepare our church so beautifully this Easter. Your loved ones, in whose memory your donations were made, are remembered at St. Henry Parish during Easter and throughout the year.

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.

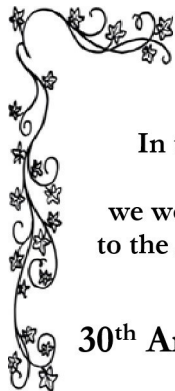
COFFEE for ST. HENRY



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.

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, \$15,330.00 has been pledged and \$13,625.00 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



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

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.

A great big thank you to all rosarians and parishioners who supported our Spring Bake/Religious Items Sale by donating baked goods, making monetary donations, purchasing baked goods, religious items and raffle tickets and who helped sell and clean up. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Our raffle winners were:

- Craft Easter Basket of Crafts: Pat Giudice
- Easter Candy Platter: Kate Mathew
- Basket of Easter Crafts: Helene D'Andrea

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

The Knights of Columbus, Star of the Sea Assembly 675 PRESENTS "A Knight of Honors" Shield Awards

<u>Police Officers of the Year</u>	<u>Firefighters of the Year</u>	<u>EMT of the Year</u>	<u>Teacher of the Year</u>
Officer Alex Lambos	Matt Kemple	Doug Williamson	Cathy Hurley
Officer Jonathon Hromy	Erik Lyman		
Officer Kevin Vazquez			

Date: Saturday, May 3, 2025 Time: 7PM to 11PM Tickets: \$80.00 Per Person
Location: The Knights of Columbus ♦ 669 Avenue C ♦ Bayonne, NJ
For Tickets Contact: Mike Policastro (201) 918-1992 ♦ John Fekety (732) 241-1963 ♦ or Louis Rodrigo (201) 706-1322

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.