



# 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.*

## May 4, 2025 Third Sunday of Easter

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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### *Served by:*

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola  
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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319

Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education

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](http://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 lim-  
ited. 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 civ-  
illy 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, 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

### MONDAY, May 5th

12:00PM Ted Bilak (1st ann.)  
Eric Schaefer

### TUESDAY, May 6th

12:00PM Antoniette Mugrace  
Mary Daly

### WEDNESDAY, May 7th

12:00PM Ruvee Yao  
Therese Foran

### THURSDAY, May 8th

12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin  
Patricia & Robert Haggerty

### FRIDAY, May 9th

12:00P Anna & Patsy Ambrozia  
Matthew F. Hogan

### SATURDAY, May 10th

8:30AM Special Intentions: Nellie & Awie  
5:30PM All Mothers, Living & Deceased

### SUNDAY, May 11th

8:00AM All Mothers  
10:00AM Living and  
12:00PM Deceased

### MEMORIALS

### SANCTUARY LAMP

Special Intention of Jean Gallagher

### ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Norm Elam  
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family

### ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Carlo & Marie DiPietro  
From Ann & Joe DiPietro

### Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Let's face the fact: God believes in second chances. Throughout history, the concept of a second chance has captivated hearts and minds, reminding us that redemption is always within reach. That is another "plus" for us who desire it as we live out our days on earth.

The bible tells of several "second chance people" whose lives took unexpected turns, often leading them down paths fraught with mistakes. Samson and David come to mind from the pages of the Old Testament. But for us today the spotlight falls on St. Peter, the man featured in two of our three Readings for today's Mass.

We read of Peter's denial transformed into steadfast leadership of the Church. As we delve deeper into his remarkable tale, I think we can take encouragement and enjoy the Holy Spirit's inspiration that lets us embrace our own imperfections and even seek new beginnings in our own lives. After all, Peter is a saint and our first pope!

We know that Peter was one of Our Lord's closest disciples. Yet he was also a person who experienced a major failure in loyalty to Christ. You remember Holy Thursday night in the High priest's courtyard. "I tell you I do not know the man!" Peter swore to the maid. As Bishop Sheen put it: "Judas got His lips, but Peter got His eyes." With that, Peter wept bitterly. This is the same impetuous man who had confidently declared that he would never deny Jesus, even if it meant facing death. However, when the moment of testing came, Peter denied knowing Jesus three times as Jesus was arrested and taken to trial. That denial was not just a failure of courage, but a deep betrayal of the One he had vowed to follow. Awful! But that is truly you and me when we sin.

But what do we read or hear today? That after Jesus' resurrection, Peter's shame and regret were met with grace! In one of the most moving scenes in the New Testament, Jesus asked Peter three times "Do you love Me?"—mirroring the three times Peter had denied Him. With each response, Jesus restored Peter and gave him a new mission to "feed His sheep" and continue the work of spreading the Gospel, as he does courageously before the Sanhedrin in today's excerpt from Acts. "I shall obey God rather than men and continue to preach His name!"

So, today's main takeaway is this: Our failures do not define us! Jesus offers forgiveness, restoration and purpose even after our worst moments of betrayal. This is the Gospel. And today He comes to us in Holy Communion. Does God believe in second chances? Count your own number and answer the question, if you will.

### Readings for the week:

**Monday** Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29

**Tuesday** Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35

**Wednesday** Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40

**Thursday** Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51

**Friday** Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59

**Saturday** Acts 9:31-42 Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Jn 6:60-69

**Sunday** Acts 13:14, 43-52 Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rv 7:9, 14b-17 Jn 10:27-30

## 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](http://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](http://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 04/27/2025: \$6,084

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,293

Parish Giving: \$791

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Collection: \$1,681

*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 *Cleopatra Masherelli* and *Rosalina Doria*, 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

Thanks to all who were so generous with their Easter gift to St. Henry Parish this year. Your gift is vital in allowing us to meet our expenses and continue our many ministries here in the parish. As of today, our total is \$29,234.00. We are very hopeful that we can reach or exceed this year's budgeted amount of \$32,000.00 very shortly.

### 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.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN:** In error, invoices were sent to those who donate electronically. Please disregard the invoice if you received one in the mail.

### **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](https://rcan.org/sharing). **Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60. To date, \$16,985.00 has been pledged and \$14,685.00 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*

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.

### Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

St. Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 4th from 1:00-3:00 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. St. 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 201-547-6465.

**ASCA NEWS:** The spring season of MAP testing begins this week. Teachers will share their testing schedules with their respective parents. ♦ Please join us for our monthly school liturgy Thursday morning at 9:00AM. We will be commemorating Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich. ♦ The ASCA Theatre Group will be presenting *Beauty and the Beast Junior* Friday and Saturday. Tickets are available via the link posted on their Facebook page. ♦ [Save the Date!](#) Our 7th graders will be having a car wash on school/parish grounds the morning of Saturday, May 31st.

### **SAVE the DATE**

St. Vincent de Paul Church invites you to a Pilgrimage ♦ Archdiocese of Newark Cathedral & Churches plus Shrine of St. Joseph ♦ June 7, 2025, 8am—6pm ♦ \$68 with buffet lunch ♦ Call (201) 436-2222 for more information.

## FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: - *Safe Environment Corner*

**Training Adults:** Safe Environment training is taking place in all dioceses of the United States. In the Archdiocese of Newark, over 100,000 adults have received training to recognize, respond and report child sexual abuse and exploitation since 2003, in our multi-class in-person and online curriculum. Call Ralph Lilore, the Coordinator of the Office of Child and Youth Protection, for more information on this training. He can be reached at (973) 497-4578.

**Training Children:** All our Catholic school children in parish faith formation programs receive annual training in how to keep themselves safe. Do you know the risks children face from their use of the internet and cell phone apps? Do you speak about these risks with the children in your life? Would you know how to report a disclosure? Find out more about this training by going to [www.rcan.org](http://www.rcan.org) and clicking Protect/Report, and then Protecting God's Children, then scroll down to Empowering God's Children.