



# 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 14, 2024 Third Sunday of Easter**

### **RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE**

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#### *Served by:*

**Pastor:** Rev. Raul Gaviola  
**Parochial Vicar:** Rev. Don Bosco Park

### **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE**

**Phone:** 201-339-0319

**Facebook:** St. Henry Religious Education

#### *Served by:*

**Director of Religious Education:** Marie Pope

**Director of Music Ministries:** Chad Perry  
201-935-5727

**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 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**

**2023-2024 Program Year**

**Sundays, 8:30AM–9:45AM:** Kindergarten and Grade 5

**Sundays, 8:30AM-9:45AM RCIC**

**Sundays, 8:30AM-9:30AM:** Grade 9

**Sundays, 4:00PM-5:00PM:** Grade 9

**Sundays, 7:00PM-8:00PM** Grade 9

**Wednesdays, 3:45PM-5:00PM:** Grade 5

**Wednesdays, 6:45PM-8:00PM:** Grades 6-8

Grades 1-4 will be enrolled in a digital at-home faith formation program.

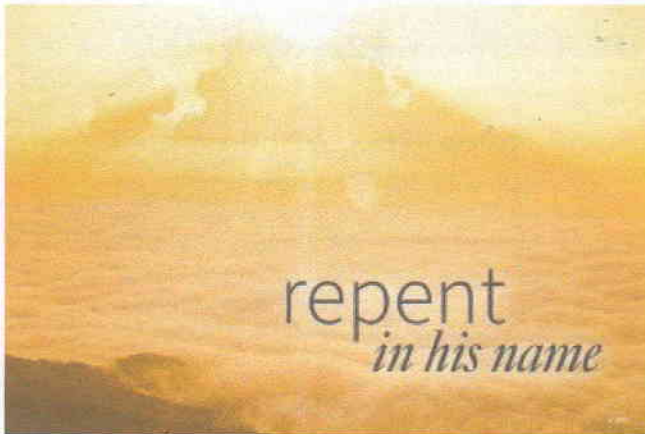
### **Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound**

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 13th**  
 8:30AM Rita Trebour  
 5:30PM Marsha Newick
- SUNDAY, April 14th**  
 8:00AM Wael Karkour & George Chidiac  
 10:00AM Maria Balayo  
 12:00PM Vito Doria
- MONDAY, April 15th**  
 12:00PM Judy Blom  
 Gabe & Elsie Doria
- TUESDAY, April 16th**  
 12:00PM Cornelius, Catherine & Timothy Cadogan  
 Richard Traba
- WEDNESDAY, April 17th**  
 12:00PM Mary Dellara  
 Brendan M. Burke
- THURSDAY, April 18th**  
 12:00PM Marie Harkness (4th ann.)  
 James Fox
- FRIDAY, April 19th**  
 12:00PM Gina Fontanilla Tajonera (4th ann.)  
 Rita Trebour
- SATURDAY, April 20th**  
 8:30AM Michael Cleary  
 5:30PM Gustave, Theresa & Anthony Manzi
- SUNDAY, April 21st**  
 8:00AM Blessed Sacred Souls  
 10:00AM Maria Senande  
 12:00PM John Rooth

**MEMORIALS**  
 Sanctuary Lamp  
 In Memory of Vito Doria  
 From Noel Kiniery

**ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE**  
 In Memory of Richard Traba  
 From Grandchildren Brody, Casey, Patrick  
 & Mackenzie

**Thoughts and Reflections:**

Our spiritual lives could well be described as the placing of "mind over matter." The matter is our activity, such as the plans we make, or the career we pursue. But over and above all that is our purpose. What, in short, is our goal?

An earthbound example of action and goal would be that of the two teams in a "Super Bowl" such as we watched two months ago in the company of millions. Every play that each team made was aimed at the goal of being world champions of football.

We too should be involved in the pursuit of a goal. If not, we are in danger of having no reason to get up in the morning, and that would be tragic in itself. Our goal as Catholics is our eternal salvation. That places us squarely in a competition not of our own making. That between good and evil. Both sides want us and pull at us for their triumph over our souls. This struggle is "super" in the sense that it is "above" all else in the human project.

The resurrection of Christ our Savior clearly presents us with the goal of sharing in His victory over sin and death. In His struggle with all that afflicts us in human life we find mirrored our own. But since we live in Christ and He lives in us, we have our own victory guaranteed unless we cave in to sin. Unless we change our purpose to some earthbound goal that has nothing to do with God and everything to do with our decision about what is worthwhile.

Christ's love of us is so inviting. So powerful an antidote to that "upside down" kind of thinking that our life is all about us instead of all about God and our relationship with Him. Prayer and the sacraments, especially that of the Holy Eucharist, help us to maintain "right side up" thinking. And deep peace.

*by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

**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**

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th St., behind the Church) for religious related celebrations ONLY as per new Archdiocesan guidelines, 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 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 4:8-12 Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 1 Jn 3:1-2 Jn 10:11-18

**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.

## 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: **Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Craig Buonomo, Marie Pope, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli and Thomas Cahill.**

### 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. Parents who wish to have their child baptized at St. Henry's must be members of the parish.

### Thank You!

Total Regular Offering— weekend of 4/7/2024: \$6,498

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,428

Electronic Giving: \$1,070

Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,303

*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 Marie Sestito and Thomas J. Wall, 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.

### Food Pantry Availability

**St. Henry FOOD PANTRY IS OPEN THE FIRST AND THIRD WEDNESDAYS OF EACH MONTH, 10:00AM—12:00PM ONLY.** 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.

St. Vincent Food Pantry is open April 18th, May 9th & 23rd, June 6th & 20th...3 PM- 4 PM ONLY. Location: Rectory Basement (entrance 46th St., ground level, near garage).

### 2024 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. Now more than ever our ministries and programs need your support.

OUR PARISH GOAL IS \$44,355. 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 2024 Annual Appeal. To date, \$22,261 has been pledged and \$21,076 has been received. Pledge 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.

## St. Henry Parish NEWS - continued

### 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. To date, our Easter offering amounts to \$28,296. We have budgeted \$38,000 this year. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

### Easter Flowers & Decorations

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution toward our Easter flowers and decorations which amounted to \$3,419, 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.



### 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. At the end each month, we will announce in the bulletin how much we collected, just like the regular collection.

**ST. CECELIA 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 are establishing the St. Cecelia 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. CECELIA 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.

**Religious Education:** It is with sincere congratulations, thanks, and appreciation to Amy Viera, all of our adaptive special needs children and their families for the dedication and commitment on their spiritual journey which began many years ago. On Saturday, April 6th, all of these children, their sponsors and families experienced their receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Mikaela Maria Acosta	Miranda Joseph Acosta	Gabriel Blaise DeMaria	Yesenia Lawrence Gonzalez
Matthew Joseph Kline	Matteo Dominic Marino	Leandra Rose Pronti	Tyler Anthony Vieira

Thank you to Fr. Raul, Fr. Park, and all of the families and friends who witnessed the children receiving the sacrament. May God continue to bless these children and their families all the days of their lives.

A special thank you to Fr. Raul who has been, and will continue to be, a beacon of light to all the children and their families since day one of their faith journey! In my tenure as Director of Religious Education for the last almost 28 years, Fr. Raul has always met these children with unconditional love and kindness. Fr. Raul is truly a representative of Jesus! Jesus said, "Let the children come to me. Do not hinder them." Fr. Raul never hindered them! You are a blessing, Fr. Raul. Thank you from all of your St. Henry Family.

A very special thank you to Aida Lopez and her entire family, including children and mom, for the completion of our First Eucharist banners which Aida delivered in time for our in person First Eucharist meeting held this past Sunday. Aida and her family are a blessing to our parish and Religious Education program. Thank you Aida and family from the bottom of our hearts.

Love and Peace, Marie Pope

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:** A big, heartfelt thank you to all rosarians, parishioners and Fr. Park for their support of our Spring Bake and Religious Items Sale with helping to sell, clean up, donating baked goods, monetary donations and purchases of baked goods, religious items and raffles. Thanks to your support, we had another successful sale. Congratulations to our raffle winners: Patricia Johnson for the basket of Annie’s bunny shaped goodies, Herby Benedict for the bunny pull-apart cupcake cake, and Rory Mack for the bunny shaped tray of candy deviled eggs.

Our next meeting is Sunday, May 5th following the 10am mass and recitation of the rosary. It will be our “Crowning of the Blessed Mother” meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting and all parishioners are welcome to join us in reciting the rosary after mass. Reminder: Please bring one non-perishable item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

St. Henry CYO Spring Track 2024 We will race at the track in Hudson County Park in Bayonne on the following dates:

Saturday, April 20th	10am -12pm
Saturday, April 27th	10am -12pm
Saturday, May 4th	10am-12pm
Saturday, May 11th	10am-12pm
Saturday, May 18th	9am-3pm Archdiocesan Championship (optional)
Wednesday, May 22nd	6pm-8pm
Wednesday, May 29th	6pm-8pm (rain date)
Saturday, June 1st	10am-12pm
Saturday, June 8th	10am-12pm (rain date)

**OTHER HAPPENINGS – In and Around Bayonne & the Archdiocese of Newark**

**Marriage Anniversary Liturgies - 2024**

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 2024 at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark. Mass will be Sunday, May 5, 2024 for 5 and 25 anniversary years and Sunday, June 2, 2024 for 50 anniversary years. Masses will be celebrated by Cardinal Joseph Tobin. Any couple who would have celebrated their Silver or Gold Anniversary in those years stunted by covid restrictions may still join as well. 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.

The Knights of Columbus, Council 371 – “A Knight of Honors” Shield Awards

Will be honoring the following:

**Sir Knight of the Year:** Rick Olander

**Police Officer of the Year:** Officer Rafael Ocasio

**Firefighter of the Year:**

Battalion Chief 6: Robert Seeburger

Battalion Chief 7: Vinny Parlavechio

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Captain Kevin Cotter, Jr. Rescue 1

Firefighter Scott McKeivitt Rescue 1

Firefighter Lou Pacyna Rescue 1

Firefighter Brandon Kuhl Rescue 1

Firefighter Thomas Weber Rescue 1

Firefighter Jeff Spengler Battalion Aide

**EMT of the Year:** Ronnie Gonzalez

Asia Lopez

**Teacher of the Year:** Susan Sweeney

**Religious Education Teacher of the Year: MARIE POPE**

**Date: April 27, 2024 ♦6PM to 10PM ♦Tickets \$80 Per Person ♦ Knights of Columbus ♦669 Ave. C ♦ Bayonne**

**ASCA NEWS:** Thank you to everyone who volunteered for this past Friday’s Spring Family Dance. A fun and memorable time was enjoyed by all in attendance. ♦ Please join us for Mass Monday morning at 10:00am. ♦Students will have a \$1 tag day Wednesday. Please wear spring colors. ♦ Our spring sports are underway. Track and volleyball practices began before Easter. Our first pickle ball Olympics (for students in grades 4-8) is scheduled for May 10th and May 17th. Practices run Fridays through May 3, 5:30pm-7:30pm. ♦ Performing arts is also an active part of our community. The ASCA Theatre Group will be presenting *Annie, Jr.* Friday, April 19th and Saturday, April 20th. Our Senior Choir, The Angelics, will have their annual Spring Showcase the evening of Tuesday, May 21st at 6:30pm.

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