



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.*

January 11, 2026 The Baptism of the Lord

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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

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*

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

St. Henry Parish Office Hours
MONDAY – THURSDAY
9:00 AM – 4:00 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.

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. Please call the rectory.

Religious Education/Catechism Program

The Religious Education Program is open to all families who desire formal Catholic religious education for their children. Our Religious Education Program is a continuous faith formation process by which the Catholic Faith is taught. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation is part of the Religious Education program. **Sequential participation in Grades 1-9 is required.**

2025-2026 Program Year

Sundays: 8:45AM – 9:45AM: Grades 1-5

Sundays: 8:45AM-9:45AM: RCIC & Catch Up

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

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), also known as RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) program is designed for individuals who wish to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation, including Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist. For more information contact the Religious Education office: **Phone: 201-339-0319**

Email: ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com

Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, January 10th

8:30AM Mary Butler
5:30PM Cornelius, Catherine &
Timothy Cadogan

SUNDAY, January 11th

8:00AM Vincenzo Chiricolo
10:00AM Nicaretta Family
12:00PM Jesus Vila

MONDAY, January 12th

12:00PM Judy Blom
Vincenzo Chiricolo

TUESDAY, January 13th

12:00PM Vincenzo Chiricolo
Sebastian Costa

WEDNESDAY, January 14th

12:00M Ana Lamela
Vincenzo Chiricolo

THURSDAY, January 15th

12:00PM Vincenzo Chiricolo
Janan Joseph Rajaratnam

FRIDAY, January 16th

12:00PM Stella Bogden
Vincenzo Chiricolo

SATURDAY, January 17th

8:30AM Vincenzo Chiricolo
5:30PM Steve Wexler

SUNDAY, January 18th

8:00AM Vincenzo Chiricolo
10:00AM Juana Pineiro
12:00PM Alexander Reid

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP

In Memory of Maureen & Thomas Murphy
From Their Daughter Kelly

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Federico & Cristina Inigo
From The Inigo Family

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of the Deceased Members
of the Murphy & Moloughney Families
From Kelly Murphy

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

They start forming while we are still toddlers. They continue through our teens. They grow more serious in our college years (if we go there) and they actually never completely go away. I refer to "Why?" questions.

Today's great Feast provides the background for a serious example. Why was Jesus baptized? After all, if a major reason for our own baptism is to free us from original sin and its effects, whatever has it to do with a sinless Jesus, the only Son of God?

Jesus Himself gives us the answer when John the Baptist balks at the idea of baptizing Him. He tells John to do it "to fulfill all righteousness." But what does that mean?

We must deal with the word for two reasons. First, there is the fact that Jesus uses it. Second, the word appears many times in the Bible. Righteousness is all about God's plan for mankind and the various helps he uses to stay the course. That course is *God's plan and purpose*. One can see its application in the phrase that "all things are right with the world" to mean that justice and peace prevail and are both aligned with the divine will.

Of course, such discussion leads to the very personal "why?" or "why not?" questions we must ask ourselves concerning this whole project we have been given as Christians. We must live according to our baptismal promises. If you are not sure of what they are, just search the internet sometime today or in the coming week. They make for a good basis for any Christian New Year's resolutions.

A secondary answer to the question of why Jesus was baptized, is the fact of His identification with us, in all things but sin that is. One of the beautiful comments I have read about the Baptism event is this: At our baptism, the water makes us holy. In the Lord's case, He makes the water holy.

Once upon a time a renowned Southern Baptist preacher came upon an old man fishing. He watched and waited until the old gentleman pulled in an unusually ugly looking fish.

"What kind of fish is that?" asked the preacher. "Dey calls it a Baptist fish." the old man answered. "What's a Baptist fish?" asked the preacher. The old man explained: "Dey calls dem dat 'cause dey spoils so fast after dey is taken out of de water."

Readings for the week:

Monday 1 Sm 1:1-8 Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday 1 Sm 1:9-20 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20 Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Mk 1:29-39

Thursday 1 Sm 4:1-11 Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 Mk 1:40-45

Friday 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Mk 2:1-12

Saturday 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1 Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mk 2:13-17

Sunday Is 49:3, 5-6 Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 1 Cor 1:1-3 Jn 1:29-34

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: **Alex Diaz, Susan Ficalora, Kenneth Jablonski, Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki, Philip Mango, Tristan Bowen and Romeo Ponce.**

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.

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.

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 12/28/2025: \$6,693

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,907

Parish Giving: \$786

Total Regular Offering—weekend of 01/04/2026: \$6,679

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,453

Parish Giving: \$1,226

Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,347

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 Jean Macalush, Josephine Valentino, Patricia Baran and Rafael Albano*

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.

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.

We will continue selling our 2026 Calendar Raffle Tickets through the month of January.

Don't Wait. Time is Running Out. Get Your Ticket Now!

**St. Henry Parish
2026 MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE
PRIZE: \$1,000 PER MONTH**

Drawn on the 1st of each month, January 2026 through December 2026

TICKET COST: \$120 EACH

ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

You have 12 chances to win, and the winning ticket is re-entered so you may win multiple times!

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office, Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM. For your convenience, a ticket request form is printed below. Complete the form and mail it to the office along with your payment. Upon receipt of your form and payment, a ticket will be entered into the drawing and your ticket stub will be mailed to you.

NOTE: There is no need to complete a request form if you come into the Parish Office to purchase your ticket.

The Monthly Calendar Raffle has been a very successful fundraiser for our parish in the past few years. Your participation is important to the financial health of the parish. Let's sell all 300 tickets this year!

As always, we are grateful for all you do to support our Parish of St. Henry.

**ST. HENRY CHURCH 2026 Calendar Raffle
TICKET REQUEST FORM**

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE NO.: _____ EMAIL: _____

NO. of TICKETS: _____ X \$120/Ticket = _____

Checks to be made payable to St. Henry Church

SEPARATE REQUEST FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PURCHASER (Form may be duplicated.)

Our first *Calendar Raffle* Drawing of 2026 was held on January 1st and the winner was Ernesto Roldan. Congratulations to the winner and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket.

Christmas Gift for Your Parish

As of this bulletin, our Christmas collection totals \$34,826. Hopefully in the coming weeks we will meet or exceed our goal of \$40,000. We are grateful for all who so generously contributed. If you have not already done so, please consider your Christmas gift to your parish of St. Henry. Your gift enables us to keep up with our expenses, both planned and unexpected. May God bless each of you.

Our Celebration of Sinulog (Feast of the Child, Jesus) will take place on Sunday, January 18th at 3:00PM. Bishop Michael Saporito will preside. All are invited. We hope to see you then.

Simbang Gabi 2025

Our Christmas Novena celebration of evening Masses, December 15th through December 23rd, including fellowship in the Parish Center, again provided St. Henry Parish with a very prayerful and festive preparation for Christmas. Our sincere thanks to the Filipino community of our parish and to the many organizers and participants of Simbang Gabi this year. A donation was made to St. Henry Parish in the amount of \$29,285.00

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. Our December “*Coffee for St. Henry*” Collection totaled **\$2,495**. Our **2025 total** collection (January through December) was **\$24,274**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK:

ASCA NEWS: Our 8th graders will have their graduation photos taken Tuesday! Such an exciting milestone for our Class of 2026. • Our first school liturgy of 2026 will be Wednesday morning at 9:00am. Please join us! • Friday marks the midway point of not only the second trimester but also of the school year. Progress reports will be sent to the families of students who are struggling or in danger of failing. Friday is a half day for students; we will not be offering After Care Friday. • All Saints Catholic Academy has begun the reaccreditation process to retain our *Middle States* status. The Middle States Association requires accredited schools to undergo this recertification undertaking every seven years. This will mark our third! We will keep you updated as markers are met. • We are looking forward to our annual celebration of Catholic Schools’ Week! This year’s theme is **Catholic School: United in Faith and Community**. For us at ASCA, being a united faith community is what we engender daily as it is based on our foundation—our mission of being a school of faith, respect, academics, and service. Details of events being planned are emerging.

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.