

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 18, 2026 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Facebook: St. Henry RC Church

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

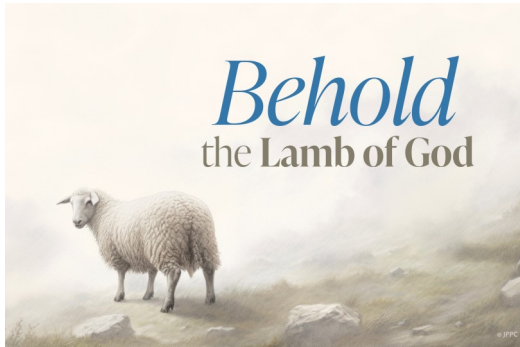
Wednesdays: 4:00PM-5:00PM: Grades 1-5

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 17th

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

SUNDAY, January 18th

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

MONDAY, January 19th

9:00AM Vincenzo Chiricolo
Lordes Tabanag & Flora Bartucci

TUESDAY, January 20th

12:00PM Bill Cleary
Special Intention: Benita Sivakumaran

WEDNESDAY, January 21st

12:00PM Frank Moloney (66th ann.)
Mario Barbei

THURSDAY, January 22nd

12:00PM Donna Lynn Bubnis
Loretta Brady

FRIDAY, January 23rd

12:00PM James Downey
Luis Alvarez (1st ann.)

SATURDAY, January 24th

8:30AM Gail Marie Santola
5:30PM Theresa Ferrier

SUNDAY, January 25th

8:00AM Felicisima deLeon Ortiz &
Alberto Ortiz
10:00AM Draganchuck Family
12:00PM Salvador Inigo

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Joan McDevitt
From Joanne Lynch

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Paul Policastro
From Grandchildren Catherine & Paul

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Shortly after the first Allied victory in 1942, coming after several defeats, the great Sir Winston Churchill, Prime Minister of England, analyzed the victory this way: "Now this is not the end. It is not even the beginning of the end. But it is perhaps the end of the beginning."

I have long been an admirer of the great man's clever use of the English language. This one came to mind in the light of today's Scripture choices. They are each about beginnings. That means they can provide a game plan for our spiritual lives. Here we are, very soon from the beginning of the new calendar year. A fitting time to take a turn for the better is it not?

The First Reading speaks of the God's choice of Isaiah as the leader of the twelve tribes. This came while the prophet was still in his mother's womb.

The Second Reading finds us hearing St. Paul's belief that he will inaugurate the mission to bring the gospel to the non-Jewish world.

Finally, we have in the Gospel passage what we could call Our Lord's mission inauguration, when John the Baptist publicly acknowledges Jesus as "the Lamb of God." This title clearly points to Our Lord's mission as a suffering Servant.

All this talk of beginnings acts as an incentive for starting over my attempt to live as Christ would have us do.

Let us face facts. For the majority of us, this choice for Christ involves a struggle. Checking out the stories of our great saints proves that none of them had it easy. Both John the Baptist and St. Paul offer the proof. How often they may have asked themselves: "Is this the beginning of the end, or the end of the beginning?"

We must remember that every time we decide for Christ, perhaps to eliminate a bad habit of sin, the devil will "up his game." He hates our efforts to grow close to Christ. But each time we succeed, we can make a victory claim. The end of the beginning.

An anonymous someone identified our struggle with a quotation of his own: "One half of our problems come from wanting our own way. The other half come from getting it."

God love you and give you His peace.

Readings for the week:

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 Mk 3:1-6

Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7 Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 Mk 3:7-12

Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21 Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 Mk 3:13-19

Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 Ps 80:2-3, 5-7 Mk 3:20-21

Sunday Is 8:23-9:3 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 1 Cor 1:10-13, 17 Mt 4:12-23 or Mt 4:12-17

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 01/11/2026: \$9,470

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$8,239

Parish Giving: \$1,231

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 Barry Macalush* 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, January 19th, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM only. There will be no noon Mass that day. The Parish Office will also be closed in recognition of the Martin Luther King, Jr. holiday.

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.

Your Attention, Please: There are still Masses and Memorials available for intentions in 2026. All available Masses are either weekday or Saturday morning. There are no Saturday evening or Sunday Masses available. Once the Masses are taken, we will open the 2027 Mass Book (date to be determined).

Mass Intentions remain at \$10 each • Memorials are: \$10 Sanctuary Lamp, \$10 Altar Bread; \$15 Altar Wine

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 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.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS: Our annual baby items drive for Good Counsel Homes for single mothers who chose life will be from Saturday, January 24th to Sunday, February 15th. All parishioners are invited to support this worthy cause. A playpen for donations will be set up in the vestibule of the church. Suggested items include diapers, wipes, baby shampoo and lotion.

Our next meeting is Sunday, February 1st in the Parish Center after the 10:00AM Mass and recitation of the rosary in church. All ladies of the parish are invited to the meeting and all parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary with us.

Reminder: Please bring 1 non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

Christmas Gift for Your Parish

As of this bulletin, our Christmas collection totals \$36,151. 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.

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 “FOR ST. CECILIA FUND” and making the check payable to ST. HENRY CHURCH. Envelopes are available throughout the 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.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK:

ASCA NEWS: School will be closed Monday in commemoration of Martin Luther King, Jr. We pray that the peace Dr. King strived to cultivate in his community will become more prevalent in our world today. • Winter MAP testing begins this week. Teachers have their testing schedules posted to their respective Google Classrooms. • All Saints Catholic Academy has begun the reaccreditation process to retain our Middle States Association accredited 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.