



# 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 25, 2026 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 201-436-0857 Fax: 201-823-4611  
Email: [sthenryrc@optonline.net](mailto:sthenryrc@optonline.net)  
Website: [www.sthenryrc.org](http://www.sthenryrc.org)  
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](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

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](mailto:ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com)**  
**Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education**



### Mass Intentions for the Week

#### 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

#### MONDAY, January 26th

12:00PM Alfredo Sanchez  
Sergio DeCesare

#### TUESDAY, January 27th

12:00PM Hafiza Carmin Subacz  
Anita Convalecer

#### WEDNESDAY, January 28th

12:00PM Francesca & Joseph Polera  
Lee & Paul Policastro

#### THURSDAY, January 29th

12:00PM Deacon Lawrence F. Dee (45th ann.)  
William Regan

#### FRIDAY, January 30th

12:00PM Celestino Pallarca deLeon, Sr.  
Gioachino Marino

#### SATURDAY, January 31st

8:30AM James Foran  
5:30PM Betty Valanzola

#### SUNDAY, February 1st

8:00AM Vincent Setaro  
10:00AM Mary Sheridan  
12:00PM Kathryn Beth DeLaPaz

#### MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,  
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE  
In Memory of Betty Valanzola  
From Doreen Stabile

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

As a "late to the table" lover of history, I realize that I must choose a topic so I can join the tots who can rattle off the names of prehistoric lizards like Tyrannosaurus Rex and Triceratops. Or I can join the ranks of those who rate Ken Burns' treatment of the Civil War as a masterpiece. Or I can take an interest in the record of NASA. But with my calling as a priest factored in, I know I will always revert to the story of God's involvement in human history as the best historical topic of all. Today's Gospel passage reminds me of that wonderful, recorded walk along the shore of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

St. Matthew chronicles the event in somewhat stark terms in today's Gospel passage. We yearn for some details, like facial expressions or voiced responses. But Matthew's interest is how quick and unreserved the two sets of brothers give Our Lord in response. Little do they know what is ahead. Surely the Holy Spirit has a message here for all of us who hear or read about this incident. What response would you or I have given Jesus that day? What response do we give Him this day? How would we write our personal history?

I came across a respected scholar who calls what Matthew is describing this way: "Covenant grace builds upon, perfects and elevates our human nature." The bond we have with God sets the stage. Sadly, it is a bond largely forgotten by our secular culture. So, events get recorded with not even a nod to God's part. Take God out of the human story and it is a dull one all around.

So, we can perk up with Isaiah's timeless announcement of a new day. We can join St. Paul's unity campaign. Why? Because despite the downward pull the world around us seems to exert, goodness and light always break through. You will notice it in every good person you know. Especially if they are authentic Christians. What a good feeling it is to know that Our Lord Jesus Christ notices us; He loves us and wants our personal history to be bound up with His. That is what happens every time we go to Mass. Never let any obstacle get in your way and remember that He calls us by name to join Him. He guarantees that: "The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us."

God love you and give you His peace.

#### Reading for the Week:

**Monday** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

**Wednesday** 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14 Mk 4:21-25

**Friday** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11 Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

**Sunday** Zep 2:3; 3:12-13 Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 1 Cor 1:26-31 Mt 5:1-12a

## 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: **Alex Diaz, Susan Ficalora, Kenneth Jablonski, Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afbale, 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.

**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 01/18/2026: \$5,405**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$4,439**

**Parish Giving: \$966**

**Fuel & Heat Collection: \$2,892**

*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 Sandra Taylor and Lilia Potenciano,* 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.

**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.

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**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.)

2025 DONATION STATEMENTS

The donation statements for 2025 will be mailed the first week of February. If you make contributions through *Parish Giving*, your statement is available on the *Parish Giving* website.

**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 \$36,921. 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** Catholic Schools’ Week is here! This year’s theme, *Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community*, is already woven into the fabric of All Saints Catholic Academy. Schoolwide events this week include a talent show and spelling bee. We will gather as a school community for Mass Wednesday morning at 9:00am; please join us. Thursday will be our parade of saints – students will dress as their homeroom’s patron saint. Friday brings us the students’ favorite event – intramural games between the teachers and 8th graders. Who will win this year? • Save the date! Our Home and School Association will be hosting their annual Tricky Tray Saturday, March 7 at the Chandelier from 11am to 3pm.

**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](http://www.rcan.org) for the hotline and reporting link.