

# 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.*

## February 1, 2026 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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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 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

### MONDAY, February 2nd

12:00PM Vincent D'Adonna  
Vito Aiello

### TUESDAY, February 3rd

12:00PM Anna Marino & Lottie Jarmosz  
Alexandra Lee "Ally" Weckesser

### WEDNESDAY, February 4th

12:00PM Ruvee Yao  
William T. Boyd, Sr. &  
William T. Boyd, Jr.

### THURSDAY, February 5th

12:00PM Genevieve & John Barnable  
Melissa Campanella

### FRIDAY, Friday, February 6th

12:00PM Sivakumaran Thambaiyah  
Special Intention: Julia Cleary

### SATURDAY, February 7th

8:30AM Theresa & John Latwis  
5:30PM Joseph Roddy

### SUNDAY, February 8th

8:00AM Cornelius, Catherine &  
Timothy Cadogan  
10:00AM Mary Downey  
12:00PM Emmanuel Reyes

### MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,  
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE  
In Memory of Melissa Campanella  
From Cousins

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

Those among us who have had medical issues involving demanding exams and/or surgeries know about "remote and proximate preparation." The remote kind might mean bringing to a temporary halt the intake of certain medications or foods. The proximate kind might involve fasting from food and drink. Neither regimen is fun, but we accept it. Doctor knows best, right?

You could summarize our Scripture selections this weekend as examples of both kinds of preparation needed for our next life. You know the one I refer to; the one we do not think about enough. Life eternal with God. Remotely it involves the decision to be humble and take a long hard look at ourselves before God. He created us out of nothing and that is what we return to after death. That is the point that Ash Wednesday drives home every year. Proximate preparation invites humility, which acts as a checkup on how well we apply this sense of what is "real" to our daily decisions. A daily honest appraisal of our conscience just before sleep.

We note the humble people being honored by the prophet Zephaniah in our First Reading. The "Anaheim" or devout poor among the Hebrews who stayed faithful to the Lord despite the pressure of the pagan atmosphere around them. Then St. Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians boldly tells us that "God chooses the foolish (or humble) to shame the wise (or proud)." Finally, we hear the opening of the great Sermon on the Mount, when Jesus immediately praises the "poor in spirit." Here He implies the humility of such persons. He thus brings to perfection the Old Covenant, which more often emphasized the external rather than the eternal. We receive a triple dose of medicine, as today we need to be spiritually healthy. Humility is a key feature of the preparation we need for the Lenten season now just a few weeks away. Some people need a lot of help getting this, as a certain true story illustrates:

The "LA Times" newspaper published a story about a flight cancellation which resulted in travelers trying to get booked on another flight. One man grew increasingly impatient with the slow-moving line. Suddenly he pushed his way to the front and demanded a first-class ticket on the next flight. "I'm sorry," said the ticket agent, "but I'll have to take care of the people who were ahead of you in the line." The irate man then pounded his fist on the ticket counter, saying, "Do you have any idea of who I am?" Whereupon the ticket agent picked up the public address microphone and said, "Attention please! There is a gentleman at the ticket counter who does not know who he is. If there is anyone in the airport who can identify him, please come to the counter." Hearing this, the man retreated, and the people burst into applause.

### Reading for the Week:

**Monday** Mal 3:1-4 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Heb 2:14-18 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22-32  
**Tuesday** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12 1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd Mk 6:7-13  
**Friday** Sir 47:2-11 Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51 Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday** 1 Kgs 3:4-13 Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday** Is 58:7-10 Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

## 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 01/25/2026: \$3,937**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$2,921**

**Parish Giving: \$1,016**

**Communicating God's Word Collection: \$817**

*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, 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.

## **St. Henry Parish NEWS – continued**

**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

### **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 \$37,041. 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.

### **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.

**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.

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

**ASCA NEWS** We enjoyed a wonderfully fun Catholic School's Week! Thank you, Mr. Rios, for offering and encouraging a celebratory atmosphere. • We have a quiet week ahead of us. Students will have a half-day of school Friday. During their faculty meeting, teachers, staff, and Mr. Rios will have training to renew their CPR certification. • Save the Date! Our Home and School Association will be hosting their annual *Tricky Tray* Saturday, March 7th at the Chandelier from 11am to 3pm. • All Saints Catholic Academy will be hosting an *Open House* the evening of Wednesday, March 25th for prospective families /registrations.

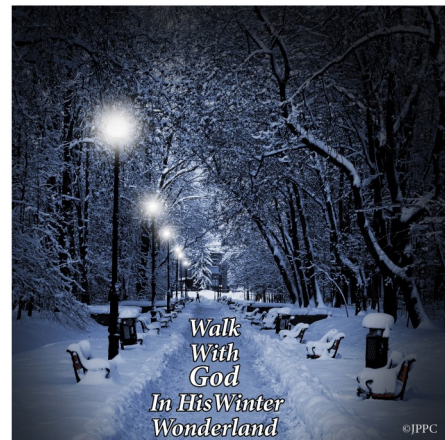
### ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY SPRING OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, March 25th • 6:00PM • 19 West 13th Street • Bayonne, NJ

Register Today at: <https://allsaintsbayonne.org/open-house-registration>

Catholic education is at the heart of our parish. It strengthens our community by forming children in faith, knowledge, and love of Christ. All Saints Catholic Academy serves students in grades PK3 through 8 and provides a supportive faith-filled learning environment where children develop both academically and spiritually. We are committed to growing our school and warmly welcome families seeking a strong Catholic foundation for their children.

Golden Ages senior club has a bus trip to the Staaten in Staten Island on March 13th for the Saint Patrick's Festival. The traditional show stars Irish Tenor Mike Byrne with the famous Green Derby Show Band or the Willie Lynch Band. All shows have a comedian and Bagpipes. Menu includes two adult beverages, salad, pasta or soup, and choice of entrée. If interested, call Colleen at 201-390-6401.



## FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK:

**Report Sexual Misconduct Confidentially:** The Archdiocese of Newark takes all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy, religious, and lay staff seriously. We encourage anyone with knowledge of such acts to contact us so we can take appropriate steps to protect others and support victim of sexual abuse. Please call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **201-407-3256** or visit [www.rcan.org/protection-of-the-faithful](http://www.rcan.org/protection-of-the-faithful) for more information.

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** receives reports of sexual abuse or misconduct by bishops and forwards them for investigation. To report abuse, visit [www.reportbishopabuse.org](http://www.reportbishopabuse.org) or call **800-276-1562**.

### **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.