



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 8, 2026 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, 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

MONDAY, February 9th

12:00PM Betty Bilotta
Catherine Celmer

TUESDAY, February 10th

12:00PM Rosalina Doria
Hafiza Carmin Subacz

WEDNESDAY, February 11th

12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
Olga D. Kalynovych

THURSDAY, February 12th

12:00PM Gaetano Alessi
Dorothy Cody

FRIDAY, February 13th

12:00PM Luisa & Marcos Veá
Terry Cleary

SATURDAY, February 14th

8:30AM Poksinski & Kozma & Families
5:30PM Joanne Gebhardt

SUNDAY, February 15th

8:00AM Francesco Polera
10:00AM Gaetano Alessi
12:00PM Juana Pineiro

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of the Francione & Ambrozia Families
From the Terriogo Family

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One sure proof that the "now" is so different from the "then" is the presence of so many blue screens in our world and what you see on them. While they are small on smart phones, they grow a bit larger on various "pads." But they reach the ultimate on those like the billboard-size screens available in stadiums and even in St. Peter's Square at the Vatican. Technology is so much with us that we must scratch our heads to remember when it was not. Watching a toddler imitate his elders fingering the keys of a phone can make you laugh at first, and then perhaps later make you ponder what technology lies ahead for that tiny human being. "AI" may be antique by then. It becomes a necessity to think about the place of religion in all of this, and of our place in the world as believers. The changes that will inevitably come our way might scare us into thinking faith and religion will become obsolete. No worries! Once you come back to reality you will quickly notice that an awful lot of our fellow travelers are in dire need. That not limited to luxuries. The plain truth is that, as humans, we all need more than the basics of food, clothing, and shelter. Science cannot provide love. That is precisely where God and true religion enter the scene.

Nowadays we realize that there is a type of human pain that stretches beyond the obvious. Well past material needs. Sometimes that need is no more mysterious than having a fellow human being nearby who will listen to us. That is one way that we become salt and light in the world as the Lord Jesus would have us be. What is our energy source? The "battery," if you will? It is the love and grace of God, coming to us through the Holy Spirit that never gets outdated. We cannot neglect being "charged by Love." We need to "think large."

When James Garfield, later to become for a short time the President of the United States, was the principal of Hiram College in Ohio, one father asked him if the course of his son's studies could not be shortened, so that his son might be able to complete his studies in less time. "Certainly," Garfield replied. "But it all depends on what you want to make of your boy. When God wants to make an oak, He takes one hundred years. When He wants to make a squash, He requires only two months."

Reading for the Week:

Monday 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56
Tuesday 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13
Wednesday 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23
Thursday 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24-30
Friday 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37
Saturday 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10
Sunday Sir 15:15-20 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34 1 Cor 2:6-10 Mt 5:17-37 or 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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 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 02/01/2026: \$6,711

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,670

Parish Giving: \$1,041

Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,185

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

2025 DONATION STATEMENTS

The donation statements for 2025 have been mailed. If you did not receive yours, please call the office at (201) 436-0857 X111. If you made contributions through *Parish Giving*, your statement is available on the *Parish Giving* website.

PLEASE NOTE: anyone who donated to the Capital Campaign using *Parish Giving* can find that statement on the *Parish Giving* Website. Capital Campaign payments made by check to the Parish Office will appear on your mailed statement. Only Capital Campaign payments made in 2025 will appear on the statement, not the total pledged.

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.

The 42nd Annual Rosary Societies of Bayonne City-Wide Communion Breakfast will be Sunday, April 12th beginning with 10 o'clock Mass at St. Vincent Church followed by brunch at The Chandelier at 12 noon. Tickets are \$55 per person. Checks made out to "St. Henry Rosary Society" can be dropped off or mailed to the rectory, placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Rosary Society", or purchased at the March 1st meeting. Deadline is March 26th. Call Jackie Garrander at 201-708-5567 for tickets. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.

2026 Calendar Raffle

Our second drawing was held on February 1st and the winner was Linda Gozon. Congratulations to our winner and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket.

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 January "Coffee for St. Henry" collection totaled \$1,216. As always, thank you for your generosity and support.

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.

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

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

ASCA NEWS Thank you to our Home and School Association for hosting *Kids' Bingo* this past Saturday and to the parents who volunteered their time and other resources to make it such a success. Everyone who attended enjoyed it! • We will gather as a school community Wednesday for Mass. We hope you will join us. • We will be having a red tag day Thursday. All monies collected will be donated to the American Heart Association. Please be as generous as you can. • 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 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 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 for the hotline and reporting link.