



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 9, 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Phone: 201-339-0319

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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

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.

Teaching the Good News

2024-2025 Program Year

Sundays: 8:45AM - 9:45AM: Kindergarten-Grade 5

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

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

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

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

St. Henry Parish Office Hours

MONDAY - THURSDAY

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, February 8th

8:30AM Theresa Meyer
5:30PM Joseph Roddy

SUNDAY, February 9th

8:00AM Josefa Sestayo
10:00AM Joseph Giannullo, Jr.
12:00PM Teodulfo "Ted" Concepcion &
Elsa Concepcion

MONDAY, February 10th

12:00PM Maria Giannaci & Frances Vagan
Special Intention

TUESDAY, February 11th

12:00PM Louis & Mary Piser
Adele & Frank McLaughlin

WEDNESDAY, February 12th

12:00PM Bridget & William Cleary
Luis Alvarez

THURSDAY, February 13th

12:00PM Marie Fernandez
Special Intention – Wilmina Mercado
& Welinda Tan

FRIDAY, February 14th

12:00PM Louisa & Marcos Vea
Poksinski & Kozma Families

SATURDAY, February 15th

8:30AM William Foran
5:30PM Joseph DiCesare

SUNDAY, February 16th

8:00AM Dominador Pingol, Jr.
10:00AM Adriana Ortiz
12:00PM Mary Daly

MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Peter M. Rocheny, Sr.
From Dianne and Sons
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Joseph Giannullo, Jr.
From Karen Makowski

Thoughts and Reflections:

If you were to research the notion of "The Peter Principle" you would find it is ultimately just a theory first recognized by a Canadian educator named Dr. Laurence J. Peter. Admittedly light in his proposal, he wrote that in any corporate structure a person tends to be promoted until he or she gets to one rung above his or her level of competence. You can be the judge of whether or not this has happened where you work. I know it happens in the Church.

What I propose is "the St. Peter Principle." It was initiated by the lovable man who became our first pope. Christ's choice of him put Peter where he was most competent, as leader and bulwark against heresy. Yes, he was imperfect, but he always kept intact his beautiful humility. Evidence of this we have in today's Gospel.

With transparent frustration, Peter resists Jesus' command to lower the nets in deep water. "We've been at this all night, Lord!" he says. But out of respect for the carpenter's son, he lowers the nets. When the miracle happens, Peter immediately kneels before Jesus and urges Him to leave sinful company.

Now just freeze the moment and savor it. Note both the power and the beauty. Here a rough and ready fisherman, tired from a hard night's work, still manages to convert to a ready penitent. Please allow me to stretch this tidy conclusion with a more elusive one. Do you recognize the fact that Peter, can be surprised by God? He frequently supplies something positive and wonderful in our lives, and we routinely forget those when we complain to Him about the inevitable negatives. I leave it to you to name them from your life experience so far.

I prefer it if you were to list the items you acknowledge on Thanksgiving morning. Things like meeting the person you eventually fall in love with enough to bind your life with theirs. Or the happy diagnosis given one by the cancer specialist. Or the unexpected raise given you by the boss. Or the return to the faith by a non-practicing family member, to name a few. But note how the "St. Peter Principle" kicks in. It is your humility showing when you compose such a list. It urges you kneel and be grateful that God does not run away from you. Listen to Pope Gregory the Great: "God first gathered the unlearned, afterwards philosophers, nor has he taught fishermen by orators, but has subdued orators by fishermen."

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Readings for the week

Monday Gen 1:1-19 Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday Gen 1:20—2:4a Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17 Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 Mk 7:14-23

Thursday Gen 2:18-25 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 Mk 7:24-30

Friday Gen 3:1-8 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 Mk 7:31-37

Saturday Gen 3:9-24 Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 Mk 8:1-10

Sunday Jer 17:5-8 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 & 6 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20 Lk 6:17, 20-26

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: **Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki, Philip Mango and Indy Littlefield.**

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.

Thank You!

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 02/02/2025: \$8,027

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,977

Electronic Giving: \$1,050

Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,562

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.

PARISH CENTER RENTAL

If you are interested in renting our Parish Center (28th St. behind the Church) for religious related celebrations **ONLY** as per new Archdiocesan guidelines, 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.

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.

SAVE the DATE

On Sunday, May 4th at the noon Mass, Fr. Raul will be celebrating the 30th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood.

A lunch reception will follow at St. John Paull II gym/parish center.

More information to come.

2024 DONATION STATEMENTS

The donation statements for 2024 have been mailed. If you did not receive yours in the mail, please call the office at (201) 436-0857 X111

Please Note:: There are still Masses and Memorials available for intentions in 2025. There are several 8:00am Sunday masses, as well as noon weekday masses available. Once the intentions are taken, we will open the 2026 Mass Book (date to be determined).

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

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 **\$1,690**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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 are establishing 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 or envelope "FOR ST. CECILIA FUND" and making the check payable to ST. HENRY 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.

St. Henry Church Track Team

All boys and girls of St. Henry Church Parish, ages 5 and older along with Religious Education students are invited to join the St. Henry Church Track Team for the Spring 2025 Track Season. Running is a healthy and social activity for children and is also complimentary for other youth sports and all children in our Parish are welcome to participate.

We will race at the newly resurfaced track in Bayonne Park on Saturday mornings in April and May competing against Catholic schools within the Newark Archdiocese. We will also compete in the Archdiocesan championships, which include relay events.

Preseason training will begin in March on Saturday afternoons at the indoor track above the ice rink at Bayonne High School.

Please contact the Rectory for additional information or write directly to me: alexlong685@gmail.com, referencing track in the subject line.

Religious Education: Congratulations and Blessings to the children of St. Henry Religious Education program who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time in our church on Monday, January 27, 2025.

Rylee Abuzo	Matthew Degnan	Ella Morin	Emmanuel Reynoso
Emma Arrigo	McKayla Fedrow	Anastasia Moss	Lucia Sgotto
Jacob Becker	Joan Gergis	Gianna Nardini	Lucas Torres-Arcos
Anthony Cassandro	Ruby Haber	Tatiana Newman	Isla Treonze
Stella Colon	Nathan Hennessy	Ella Nichols	Raven Vasquez
Domenico Cortese	Arianna Kapnisis	Henry Nogalski	Christopher Ventrone
Robert Creamer	Quinn Kelemen	Khephren Ntwali	
Ryan Creamer	Elena Khalil	Mya Oliveras	
Lucas Cuartas	Olivia Lucci	Maeve Pasuco	
Lucas D’Anna	Rory Mack	Emma Patino	
Olivia D’Anna	Emma Manley	Julia Poalucci	

Thank you Fr. Raul, Fr. Park, and the visiting priests, Fr. Alfie Pangilinan, Fr. Phil Sanders and Fr. Andrzej Wasko who administered the sacrament. Also thank you to the catechists who prepared the children for the sacrament: Jes Becker, Aida Lopez, Anna Schreiber, Isabella DeMoya, Maria Kapnisis, Shena DeMoya and Allison Elder.

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



We Are His Witnesses: A Pastoral Letter from Cardinal Tobin

Cardinal Tobin invites all Catholics in the Archdiocese of Newark to read **We Are His Witnesses**, his pastoral letter outlining new pathways for the future of the Archdiocese. Rooted in Pope Francis’ call for pastoral conversion, missionary discipleship, and synodality, the letter reflects on our shared journey of faith and calls us to embrace renewal, collaboration and missionary outreach. This multi-year initiative will guide us in shaping a vibrant, hopeful future of our Church community.

Read **We Are His Witnesses** (at rcan.org) and join this journey of faith as we respond to Christ’s call to be His witnesses in the world.

ASCA NEWS: Please join as we gather as a school community for Mass Monday morning at 9am. ♦ Mark your calendars to refrain from cooking February 12th. Instead, join our *Dine to Donate* at McDonald’s between 5pm and 8pm. You might see a familiar face behind the counter. A percentage of sales will benefit our school. ♦ In honor of Valentine’s Day, students and faculty will have a tag day Friday. Minimum donation of \$1 is required; all monies collected will be donated to the American Heart Association. Please wear red. ♦ Students will be dismissed at noon on Friday so that Mr.Rios may have his monthly faculty meeting with his teachers. We will not be offering After Care Friday. ♦ Registration for the 2025-2026 school year is underway. Re-registration packets have been sent home to the school families. For more information about All Saints Catholic Academy, please visit our website (allsaintsbayonne.org) or call the school office (201) 443-8384 to schedule a tour.