

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 15, 2026 Sixth 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, 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

MONDAY, February 16th

9:00AM Mary Daly
Special Intention: Dharshini Sivakumaran

TUESDAY, February 17th

12:00PM Elsie Doria
Marie Pope

WEDNESDAY, February 18th

12:00PM William Foran, Sr.
Adrianna Ortiz
4:00PM Prayer Service with Ashes
7:00PM Deceased Priests & Religious
of St. Henry Parish

THURSDAY, February 19th

12:00PM Gabriel Doria
Jerry & Josephine Raiola

FRIDAY, February 20th

12:00PM Loretta Brady
Armando Aquino

SATURDAY, February 21st

8:30AM Laura Odra Garces deLeon
5:30PM Nancy Grzyb

SUNDAY, February 22nd

8:00AM Betty Valanzola
10:00AM Adrianna Ortiz
12:00PM Luis G. Alvarez & Alexandra Alvarez

MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of the Deceased Members
of the Kane and Sheren Families.**

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The pleasant lady parishioner checking out my supermarket order decides to share her nervous entry into "New Car World." She admits being baffled by the new car she just bought. After all she had kept the "old buggy" for 14 years! Another example is my priest friend, now gone to God. He admitted that he had arranged for two Saturday morning "dashboard lessons" from the very salesman who touted the car's virtues.

I detect a certain parallel here with how one is to handle a whole new outlook both on life and on one's relationship with God. Of course, God's ways are not as well-known as they once were.

Gone are the days when whole generations automatically attended a Catholic elementary school, followed by Catholic high school and even college. So, the whole Catholic way of life, including Christ's particular teaching on specifics, is as strange and alien as the tech in a new car.

This is not to forget the tremendous effort put forth by many dedicated soul's work to educate and inspire the minds of young people and searchers for the truth of any age.

The "Sermon on the Mount" is at the heart of Matthew's gospel. Its length means that it must not have been preached by Jesus at one time. Both He and His audience would have long since either fainted or walked away. Fortunately, we are blessed to have it easily accessible in book form or online. A good Catholic bible has many helpful footnotes to help us appreciate the text.

We are now only a few days out from the great penitential season of Lent. But that dominant characteristic does not preclude us from going back to basics about the faith or expanding our knowledge as a Lenten project. And with no worries about strange blinking dashboard lights and odd icons on your car's touch screen! Just get started. Why? Because "Procrastination is the assassination of motivation."

Please Note: On Monday, February 16th, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM. There will be no noon Mass. The Parish Office will also be closed that day if observance of the Presidents' Day holiday.

Reading for the Week:

Monday Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13

Tuesday Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21

Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25

Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15

Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32

Sunday Gen 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 Mt 4:1-11

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 02/08/2026: \$6,308

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,042

Parish Giving: \$1,266

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 Hugh McNulty, 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

2026 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1.) The days of both Fast and Abstinence during Lent are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.

On a day of Fast, only one (1) full meal is permitted, **and two (2) smaller meals, which if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**

Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.

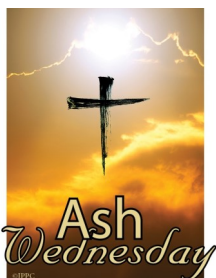
On a day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence.

2.) The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence “substantially”, or as a whole, is a serious obligation.

3.) The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self-denial as penance.

4.) The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the **First Sunday of Lent, February 22 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.**

* Canon 920,§1. *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*



Ash Wednesday is February 18th. Our services and distribution of ashes are below:

<u>12:00PM:</u>	Mass with distribution of ashes
<u>4:00PM:</u>	Prayer Service with distribution of ashes
<u>7:00PM:</u>	Mass with distribution of ashes

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.

NOW HIRING: St. Henry Parish is looking to hire, with benefits, a full-time maintenance person, preferably with a Black Seal Certification. Please call the Parish Office if interested.

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

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 School will be closed on Monday in commemoration of Presidents' Day. • We will come together as a school community Wednesday at 10:00AM as the season of Lent begins. Please join us in prayer and to receive ashes. • Remember to buy your tickets for the Home and School Association's annual *Tricky Tray!* Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and who are giving of their time for the success of this anticipated event. We hope to see you there on March 7th at 11:00AM at The Chandelier. • All Saints Catholic Academy will be hosting our first post-Covid Open House the evening of Wednesday, March 25th from 6:00PM to 7:30PM. We invite prospective families/registrants to tour the school and speak with our Principal, Mr. Rios. Teachers will be in attendance to speak about curriculum and answer grade-specific questions. Our nurses will also be there. Please save the date!

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.