



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 22, 2026 First Sunday of Lent

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

Pastor: Rev. Raul Gaviola
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201-249-1167

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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 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

MONDAY, February 23rd

12:00PM Mary & Joseph Levine
Ciro Calderone

TUESDAY, February 24th

12:00PM Vincent D'Adonna
Ah Way & Lily Tsong

WEDNESDAY, February 25th

12:00PM Gracie Riccardi
William Regan

THURSDAY, February 26th

12:00PM Judy Blom
Stan & Lynn Raith

FRIDAY, February 27th

12:00PM Alice Elizabeth Vollender
Vito Aiello

SATURDAY, February 28th

8:30AM Rev. Msgr. Edward J. Hajduk (11th ann.)
5:30PM Kathleen Roddy

SUNDAY, March 1st

8:00AM Gabriel & Elsie Doria
10:00AM Jack Sheridan
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Pamela Castaldo
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo and Family

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Stan & Lynn Raith
From Jeff, Juliana & Justine

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The battle here described by Matthew did not have the scope of the D Day invasion of France. Nor was it as well known as the duel between Hamilton and Burr, mostly because there were no outside observers. St. Matthew, I presume, had the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to record the truly significant battle between the "father of lies" and the total truth, as the devil set about tempting Jesus our Lord. It was unique and consequential for all human history. Along the way, we can derive encouragement for our personal battles and struggles.

As we reread the well-known gospel, there is a certain tension we can almost feel. Satan displays his complete knowledge of what "makes us tick." He knows precisely where our weaknesses lie as he confronts Our Lord with the top three temptations we all face: fame, power, and wealth. That is a helpful reminder to us of what we have to tackle so often in life, at different seasons, and wearing different disguises. If we are honest with ourselves, we must admit our helplessness without the help of our powerful and loving Lord to be victorious.

Who among us potential saints have not been profoundly grateful for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance, as it was formerly known?

Genesis is blunt about our origin. Corinthians posits our backup in describing Christ's obedience. We know Jesus was and is "like us in all things...but sin." That guarantees comfort. That is the sendoff for the next 6 weeks. It is a challenge sent our way to be as perfect as we can be in our courage and effort.

During World War II, when the Nazi were in almost every country of Europe, King Christian of Denmark stubbornly resisted the Nazis. His country was quite insignificant compared to powerful Germany, and the king knew he could not win on the battlefield, but he put up a valiant moral struggle.

One day he observed a Nazi flag flying above one of his public buildings. He reminded the German commander that this was contrary to the treaty between the two nations, and said, "The flag must be removed before twelve o'clock. Otherwise, I will send a soldier to remove it." At five minutes before noon, the flag was still flying, and the king announced that he was sending a soldier to take it down. "The soldier will be shot," the Nazi officer said. Then King Charles calmly said, "I think I should tell you that I will be that soldier."

Reading for the Week:

Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Mt 7:7-12

Friday Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday Gen 12:1-4a Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 Tm 1:8b-10 Mt 17:1-9

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 Afable, 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.

Offering Totals for the weekend of February 15, 2026 will appear in next week's bulletin.



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.

LENT 2026—St. Henry Church

WEEKDAY MASSES: continue to be celebrated at 12 noon. Confessions heard from 9:00am-9:30am and 4:30pm-5:15pm on Saturdays.

The Seven Pillars of Catholic Spirituality books for Lent are available at the doors of the church. Kindly take only one copy per family as our supply is limited.

STATIONS of the CROSS: Friday, February 27th, March 6th, March 13th, March 20th and March 27th at 7:00pm. Reflections and prayer in the church led by the Gatekeepers.

GOOD FRIDAY: April 3rd, 3:00pm—*Liturgy of the Passion and Death of Christ* in the Church;
6:00pm— Citywide live Stations of the Cross/Procession beginning at St. Henry Church and concluding at St. Mary Star of the Sea Church

ALMSGIVING: Operation Rice Bowl: This Lenten discipline asks us to give up one meal a week and contribute the cost of that meal to the Rice Bowl program. Rice Bowl provides food to the hungry throughout the world. Rice Bowls are available at the doors of the church. The deadline to return your Rice Bowl is two weeks after Easter.

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.*

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:

Our next breakfast and meeting is Sunday, March 1st after the 10 o'clock 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 one non-perishable item to the meeting for our food pantry.

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. Bishop Michael Saporito will be celebrant and guest speaker. 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.

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



If Interested, Call Rick at
(201) 892-3815.



ASCA NEWS We will be gathering as a community for Mass Wednesday morning at 9:00. We invite you to join us. • ASCA's Home and School Association will be hosting their annual Tricky Tray the morning of Saturday, March 7 at 11:00. Very few tickets are available. Please call the school office (201) 443-8384 if you would like to obtain a ticket and/or purchase 50/50 tickets. We extend our thanks to everyone who has so far donated gifts and time to make this event possible. • All Saints Catholic Academy will be hosting our first post-Covid Open House the evening of Wednesday, March 25 from 6:00 to 7:30. 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.