

# 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.*

## March 8, 2026 Third Sunday of Lent

### RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

Phone: 201-436-0857 Fax: 201-823-4611  
Email: [sthenryrc@optonline.net](mailto:sthenryrc@optonline.net)  
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*

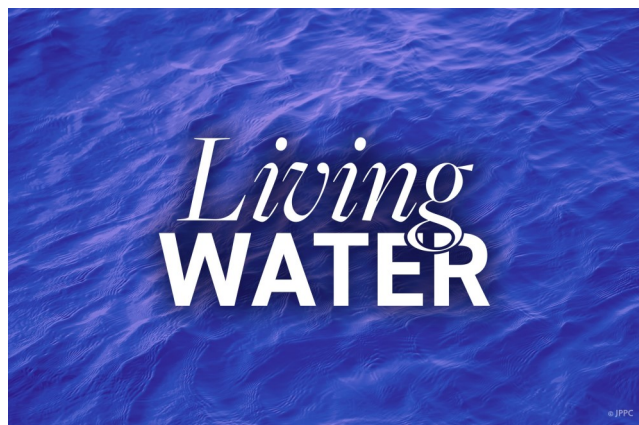
The Religious Education Program is open to all families who desire formal Catholic religious education for their children. Our Religious Education Program is a continuous faith formation process by which the Catholic Faith is taught. Sacrament of Reconciliation, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation is part 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, March 7th

8:30AM Ana Alvarez (8th ann.)  
5:30PM Michael S. Ramella (5th ann.)

### SUNDAY, March 8th

8:00AM Catherine Farley  
10:00AM Francis J. Regala  
12:00PM Cristina Inigo

### MONDAY, March 9th

12:00PM Faustino Santos, Jr.  
Christian Cedric Santos

### TUESDAY, March 10th

12:00PM Michael Bolowski  
Frank & Ella Wong

### WEDNESDAY, March 11th

12:00PM Judy Blom  
Joan Hajduscek Rosen

### THURSDAY, March 12th

12:00PM Michele Gamatko  
Joseph Policastro

### FRIDAY, March 13th

12:00PM Deanna Steiger (1st ann.)  
Marcos & Luisa Vea

### SATURDAY, March 14th

8:30AM LuAnn Caamano  
5:30PM Jose Otero

### SUNDAY, March 15th

8:00AM Hafiza Carmin Subacz &  
Dolores Tolentino  
10:00AM Michael Bolowski  
12:00PM Joseph DiCesare

## MEMORIALS

**SANCTURY LAMP**  
**In Memory of Patricia Baran**  
**Fr. Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family**  
**ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE**  
**In Memory of the Deceased Members of**  
**St. Henry Parish**

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

The phrase "Mirror, Mirror on the Wall" is arguably one of the most recognizable lines in the English language, instantly conjuring images of the classic fairy tale, Snow White, but beyond its fairy tale origins, the phrase has permeated our culture, becoming a symbolic representation of vanity, self-perception, and the elusive search for objective truth. We remember how the evil Queen asks the mirror who is the fairest in the kingdom. She reveals both her vanity and insecurity. The mirror's response dictates her emotional state, highlighting the dangerous dependence on external validation that many people experience. There is something of the queen in the main character Jesus met that day at Jacob's well when He stopped there for a rest. The unnamed Samaritan woman. She meets more than a mirror, but the very embodiment of all Truth in Jesus.

The dialogue between them makes for good drama. She plays little games with Jesus in her responses, but He will not allow it to go on before He confronts her with the whole truth of her present existence. But He does so with loving purpose. He wants to offer her a whole new way of being free from shame and half-truth about herself. She ultimately responds with the comfort and joy of knowing that Jesus is indeed a special Person, and one who loves her into being more of a person herself.

Allow me to choose just one conclusion from this story, namely that our Loving Lord always sees the possibilities in us, and never "writes us off" unless we choose to walk away. In that way, He is like water in the desert to slake our thirst for truth and a sense of purpose in our lives. We do ourselves no favor if we insist on griping about the trials of our lives, or blame God for their occurrence instead of either on sin in the world or our own failure to call on the grace of God readily available through prayer and the sacraments, especially in the Holy Mass.

God never holds up a magic mirror calculating how best to salve our occasional insecurity. Rather does He let us see the scars left behind on His loving Face from thorns that once dug into His skin. Or those left by nails and sword on His hands, feet, and side. Then we can note our part in His pain at the same time we experience His loving forgiveness.

Meanwhile, so live that when the priest has ended his remarks over your grave, those present will not think they have attended the wrong funeral.

### **Reading for the Week:**

**Monday** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30  
**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35  
**Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19  
**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23  
**Friday** Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34  
**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14  
**Sunday** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

## 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 Afable, Juan Diaz, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki, Philip Mango, Tristan Bowen and Romeo Ponce.*

*Names of the sick will remain for 4 weeks after which they will be deleted if not renewed by the requestor.*

### 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.

**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 02/22/2026: \$7,307**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,411**

**Parish Giving: \$896**

**Church in Central & Eastern Europe Collection: \$3,337**

**Total Regular Offering – weekend of 03/01/2026: \$7,321**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,305**

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

**Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,694**

*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

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, 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.*

**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.

**Please Note:** BCB Bank informed us they will no longer be accepting any checks that have crossed out and/or altered information (ex. corrected date) even if the changes are initialed by the check signer. Please see that all information on submitted checks is correct (ex. amounts match, check is signed) before placing in the collection basket. We appreciate your cooperation.

**ST. HENRY 2027 MASS BOOK**

Once again this year, we ask those who would like Mass Intentions or Memorial Intentions for 2027 to mail in a list of your requests, written CLEARLY—indicating the date and time, and for whom you wish the intention (Please include an alternate date and time for each request), along with your payment, a telephone number and an email address. We will accept two names per intention.

You may mail your request beginning this week to:

St. Henry Parish Office • 82 West 29th Street • Bayonne, NJ 07002 • Attention: Nancy

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

Intentions will be entered into the Mass book in the order of receipt of your list and payment. We are not limiting the number of Masses you may request, but ask that you be considerate of others who will be making requests. If your requests cannot be filled as you indicate or with the alternate you provide, you will be called or emailed to arrange another date. Once Mass/Memorials are booked, a confirmation of your 2027 intentions will be emailed to you. If you do not have an email, please include your address with your list so the confirmation can be mailed to you.

Beginning Tuesday, March 24th, you may stop by the office for in person 2027 Mass or Memorial Intentions.

**Archbishop's Annual Appeal:**

Parish Goal: \$45,308.30

Pledged: \$12,100.00    Received: \$9,345.00

**2026 Calendar Raffle**

Our third drawing was held on March 1st and the winners were Mr. & Mrs. Richard Courtney.

**St. Henry Church Track Team**

All boys and girls of St. Henry Parish, ages 5 and older, along with Religious Education students, are invited to join the St. Henry Church Track Team for the Spring 2026 Track Season. Running is a healthy and social activity for children and is also complementary for other youth sports and all children in our parish are welcome to participate. We will race at the 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 at 12:30pm on Saturday, March 14th at the track above the ice rink at Bayonne High School. Please email [alexlong685@gmail.com](mailto:alexlong685@gmail.com) (referencing track in the subject line) for more information.

**ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS:**

A sincere thank you to all parishioners who donated to our baby items drive for Good Counsel Homes.

Our Lenten Retreat will be on Saturday, March 21st at St. Andrew's Parish in Westwood, NJ beginning with 9am Mass followed by breakfast, music, guest speaker, lunch, fellowship and prayers for healing. Cost is \$25. Deadline is March 16th. Call Roseann Hogan at (201) 565-5638 for reservations.

Our Spring Bake/Religious Items Sale is Sunday, March 29th after all Masses. Donations of baked goods are needed as well as volunteers to help at the sale. Please call Roseann at (201) 565-5638 if you plan to donate baked goods which should be dropped off by 8am on the 29th or to volunteer.

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 or placed in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Rosary Society". Deadline is March 26th.

Call Jackie Garrander at 201-708-5567 for tickets. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend.