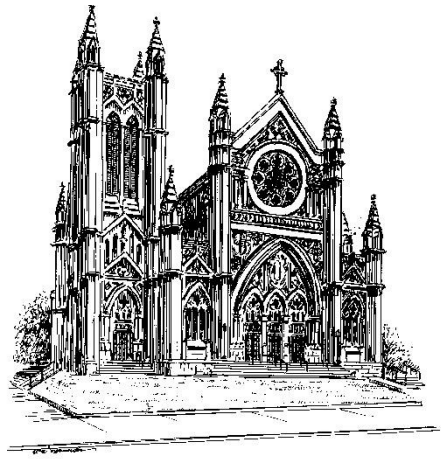

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

April 12, 2026 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE
Phone: 201-436-0857 ***Fax: 201-823-4611***
Email: sthenryrc@optonline.net
Website: 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*

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, April 11th
8:30AM William Foran, Jr.
5:30PM Anthony Protocollo

SUNDAY, April 12th
8:00AM Patricia Abrams
10:00AM Paul Carl Sildatke, Sr.
12:00PM Michael Waldron

MONDAY, April 13th
12:00PM Judy Blom
Special Intention & Healing:
Fernando Pinto & Family

TUESDAY, April 14th
12:00PM Doria & Alfano Families
Joan McDevitt

WEDNESDAY, April 15th
12:00PM Rev. Anthony Azzarto
Aunt Marie & Aunt Betty

THURSDAY, April 16th
12:00PM Roger Dio
Cornelius, Catherine &
Timothy Cadogan

FRIDAY, April 17th
12:00PM Richard Traba
Sandra Taylor

SATURDAY, April 18th
8:30AM Monica Hartnett
5:30PM Jan Carlo Arias

SUNDAY, April 19th
8:00AM Manzi Family, Theresa, Gustave & Anthony
10:00AM Gina Fontanilla Tajonera
12:00PM Rosalina Doria

MEMORIALS
SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Joan McDevitt
From Judy Sanchez
ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Betty & Henry Kowalski
From Daughters and Grandchildren

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Most of us have a favorite movie or TV show. Often enough there's a line or two that stands out and instantly connects us with it that can range from the sublime to the silly. Case in point: St. Thomas More's retort to a cynical Cardinal Wolsey in the Robert Bolt play A Man for All Seasons: "When statesmen forget their own private conscience for the sake of their public duties, they lead their country by a short route to chaos." How often do I think of that line when I hear elected officials avoid a thorough condemnation of abortion! As for the silly, there's a famous nonsense question asked by Igor in the Mel Brooks farce about Frankenstein "What hump?" As if to deny his deformity.

All of this is prelude for me to suggest that in today's Gospel selection from John's gospel, wherein the beautiful story of St. Thomas and his reactions to the Resurrection is told to us. Thomas ultimately meets the living Jesus face to face. I can imagine him very embarrassed, having touched the Lord's bodily scars, and then slowly kneeling before Jesus. Then come his immortal words: "My Lord and my God!" Scripture scholars rightly claim that one sentence is the climactic moment of John's whole gospel. Capturing the essential point. Inviting us to draw the same conclusion about the identity of Jesus.

St. Thomas' phrase lingers in my everyday prayer at Mass, because I learned that those are the words we should say as the Sacred Host is raised by the priest at the Consecration of the Mass. The risen Christ is with us then, under the unlikely appearance of a plain piece of unleavened bread!

Pope St. John Paul II designated this Second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." It was to underscore the basis of Christian optimism. Only by and through God's merciful love do we have any hope of heaven. As we strive to live our lives as His faithful disciples, we need to remember this truth and never turn to prideful thinking that we cause our own salvation. Everything ultimately depends on this divine mercy.

Considering the matter of memorable lines from well-loved sources, allow me to add one more given to us by St. Augustine in his classical "Confessions." It too makes for a great prayer: "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in You."

God love you and give you His Easter peace.

Reading for the Week:
Monday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 3:16-21
Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36
Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15
Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21
Sunday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 1 Pt 1:17-21 Lk 24:13-35

St. Henry Parish NEWS

Parish Giving
—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

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).**

Thank You.

Total Regular Offering—weekend of 03/29/2026: $11,015

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $10,004

Parish Giving: $1,011

Parish Giving Offering—weekend of 04/05/2026: $1,366

Holy Land Good Friday Collection: $2,810

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Kevin Adamson, Anna Marie Borzelli, Jean Gallagher, Chad Perry and Michele Soller.**

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

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 Judith Glynn and Rose Blaney*, 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

In the spirit of joy and thanksgiving, we would like to invite you to the Mass of Thanksgiving celebrating the

25th Anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood

Of

Rev. Father Don Bosco Park

Saturday, May 16th at 5:30pm St. Henry Church

Reception will follow at:
St. Vincent's Robinson Hall
979 Avenue C
Bayonne, NJ 07002

"BYOB"

Kindly RSVP through text by May 3rd
Darlene Megally: 201-618-3916
Aida Lopez: 201-844-5391
Mayette Valbuena: 551-222-5916
For Koreans, please text or email:
Young Teak Lee: 732-266-4640 / teak31@gmail.com

An Easter Gift to Your Church

The Feast of the Resurrection has a spiritual as well as a temporal dimension. We rejoice in what the Lord has won for us, and we express our thanks by lives renewed in faith. We are asked to express our faith by supporting our church. Specifically, we need to support our parish. Please resolve to make an Easter gift to your parish in keeping with the gifts that you have received, one that allows your parish to continue its ministries. This year we have budgeted $32,000 for Easter. To date, our Easter offering amounts to $ 26,569.00. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution toward our Easter flowers and decorations which amounted to $4,274.00, enabling us to prepare our church so beautifully this Easter. Your loved ones, in whose memory your donations were made, are remembered at St. Henry Parish during Easter and throughout the year.

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 March "Coffee for St. Henry" collection totaled $1,864. 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 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.

2026 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs in our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Our Parish Goal is $45,308.30. To date, **$19,810.00** has been pledged and **$15,215.00** has been received. The Archdiocese requires us to meet this goal. If we do not, we must contribute the difference between our goal and the actual amount of pledges received. We, therefore, ask that you prayerfully consider making your gift or pledge to the 2026 Annual Appeal. Pledge/Gift envelopes are located at the doors of our church. You may bring your envelopes to the Parish Office, or add a stamp and mail it directly to the Archdiocese of Newark (*do not mail cash*). As always, your generosity is appreciated.

Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. You can also make a gift online today by visiting rcan.org/sharing .

Rosary Society News: Thank you to everyone who helped to make our Spring Baked/Religious Goods Sale a success with donations of baked goods, purchases of baked goods, religious goods and raffles, monetary donations, as well as helping out at the sale. • A very special thank you to Double Batch Bakery for their very generous donation of delicious baked goods. • Our raffle winners were Chris Herby, Easter egg shaped pull apart cupcakes; Ruth Yao, platter of Annie's bunny shaped cookies and cheese snacks; Erin Aidukas, coconut rabbit shaped cake.

2026 Calendar Raffle

Our fourth drawing was held on April 1st and the winner was Maureen Wexler. Congratulations to the winner and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket.

Please Note: We are again asking for your cooperation as it pertains to submitting checks to St. Henry Parish as many checks are being returned for not being in compliance with the BCB Bank requirements. BCB Bank no longer accepts any checks that have crossed out and/or altered information (ex. corrected date) even if the changes are initialed by the check signer . Additionally, BCB Bank will return checks written in anything other than black or blue ink. In order to avoid having your check be returned, please see that all Information on submitted checks is correct (ex. amounts match, check is signed) before placing it in the collection basket. We thank you for your attention to this matter.

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

ASCA NEWS: Students and faculty return Monday after a well-deserved spring break. With just over two months left of school, they will return refreshed and ready to take on the remainder of the school year! • Please join us in congratulating the following: Michael McCabe, our Outstanding Catholic Graduate—Michael and his fellow awardees from schools throughout the Archdiocese of Newark were honored at a Mass and Communion breakfast at the Chapel of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Kearney. Congratulations to Michael! You are the epitome of faith, academic excellence, and moral character that we want for our graduates to attain. Abigail Wilson and David Zawadzki, recipients of the CYO Athletics Recognition Award—both were celebrated with their peers at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart of Newark. Kudos for your strong academic standing and sportsmanship both on and off the court.