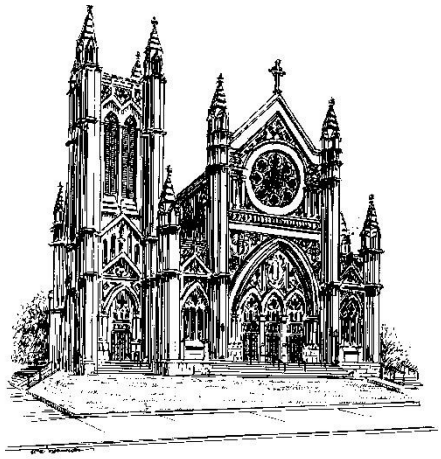

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 19, 2026 Third Sunday of Easter

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 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

MONDAY, April 20th
12:00PM Gamal Shenouda
Michael Cleary

TUESDAY, April 21st
12:00PM Frances Dugan
Frank Polera

WEDNESDAY, April 22nd
12:00PM Loretta Brady
Richard Marchitto

THURSDAY, April 23rd
12:00PM James Burke
Von Rico Robertito deLeon Ong

FRIDAY, April 24th
12:00PM John & James Dugan
John Rooth

SATURDAY, April 25th
8:30AM Anthony Caiazzo
5:30PM Jean Fogu

SUNDAY, April 26th
8:00AM James Iorio
10:00AM Salvatore Ajosa
12:00PM JoAnn Coddington

MEMORIALS

**SANCTURY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE
In Memory of John & James Dugan
From Bernadette**

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It's a given, I believe, that a trip of any kind is best experienced with a trusted and beloved friend rather than with, say, an acquaintance of a lesser "vintage." I believe that is especially true when the trip comes after a major disappointment or setback. Such was the case when we read about a trip on the road to Emmaus. Cleopas, an early member of the Church, was walking with his unnamed friend. Both deal with sadness.

They decided to leave the scene of their great let down. That came with the death of their hero. A man they trusted with their whole heart and soul. He had been tortured and executed on a Roman cross, the worst punishment that regime had devised for common criminals.

Suddenly they are joined by another traveler, who seems blissfully unaware of last week's event. But then this Stranger starts to unpack the Scriptures in a way the other two men had never heard.

As sunset approaches, the two invite the Stranger to dinner, when it came time for the breaking of the bread, they recognized Jesus immediately. Just as suddenly as He had first appeared, He was gone! What a happening! The conversion effect was wonderful. Suddenly the two travelers became evangelists!

There is much to "unpack" in this appealing story. A Bible study group has enough material for several sessions. A preacher could "wax eloquent" and at length after his research

Allow me to pull just one phrase out of St. Luke's colorful narrative. It's the one traveler's question to his companion: "Were not our hearts burning within us as He opened the Scriptures?" Of course they were. This was the greatest bible study they would ever hear! It was wonderful and consoling at the same time. An excitement about future possibilities that flooded their minds as they listened.

Such is the invitation we receive for renewal of our spirit each week at Mass. The Scriptures are always a reminder of the incomparable love of God for us as conveyed by the Spirit.

It's true that sometimes in life we feel unloved or forgotten by God. Life can pack a lot of disappointment in just seven days. So, as we fellow travelers make our way through life, we need to hear that wonderful voice giving us a guarantee. "I am with you all days, until the consummation of the world."

Reading for the Week:
Monday Acts 6:8-15 Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday Acts 7:51—8:1a Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday Acts 8:1b-8 Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a Jn 6:35-40
Thursday Acts 8:26-40 Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 Jn 6:44-51
Friday Acts 9:1-20 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Jn 6:52-59
Saturday 1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
Sunday Acts 2:14a, 36-41 Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6 1 Pt 2:20b-25 Jn 10:1-10

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 04/12/2026: $7,176

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,860

Parish Giving: $1,316

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, Alex Diaz, 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, 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 $ 28,109.00. As always, we are grateful for your 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.

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. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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, **$20,010.00** has been pledged and **$15,415.00** 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:

Our next and final meeting of the year is Sunday, May 3rd after the 10:00am mass and recitation of the rosary in Church. This is our May Crowning meeting. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the meeting and all parishioners are encouraged to pray the rosary with us.

Reminder: Please bring one non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

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: No need to worry about what you'll have for lunch Monday or cook for dinner! Support ASCA via our *Dine Around* at Hendrickson's! Mention All Saints Catholic Academy when you place your order and a percentage of that sale will be donated to our school. • Wednesday marks our first school liturgy of the Easter season. Please join us! • Our annual *Thomas Fienan Memorial Golf Outing* is next week on Thursday, April 30th at Lincoln Park West. It's not too late to add a sponsorship or purchase tickets for lunch or dinner. This year's honorary chairperson is Ed Mullins. For more information, please contact the school office (201) 443-8384.

Open House at Saint Peter's Prep

Saint Peter's Preparatory School will hold its Spring Open House on Sunday, May 3rd from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the school's campus in historic downtown Jersey City. Faculty and staff as well as coaches, students and parents, will be present to answer questions about the school, and tours of the campus will be provided. St. Peter's Prep is an independent, college preparatory school for boys and it remains New Jersey's only Jesuit high school. For more information on the Spring Open House, please call (201) 547-6465.