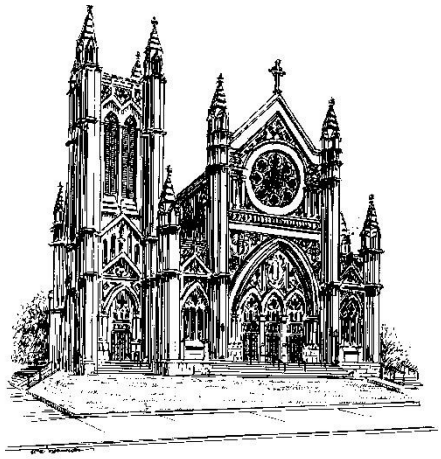


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 26, 2026 Fourth 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

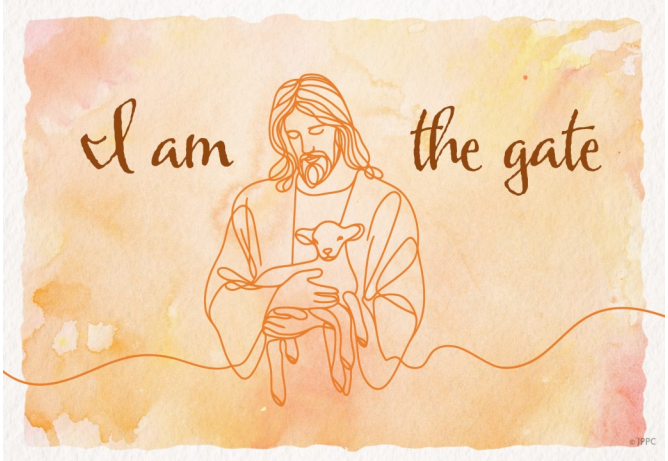
Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. Please call the rectory.

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

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

MONDAY, April 27th
12:00PM John Roda
Joseph & Maria Polera

TUESDAY, April 28th
12:00PM Ricardo Bacani
John Roda

WEDNESDAY, April 29th
12:00PM Jennie & John Costa
Maria & Eleuterio Vea

THURSDAY, April 30th
12:00PM Doris Falconer
Helen Boyd

FRIDAY, May 1st
12:00PM Judy Blom
James Cunningham (4th ann.)

SATURDAY, May 2nd
8:30AM Natividad Miranda
5:30PM Barbara Silvay

SUNDAY, May 3rd
8:00AM Rev. Eugene Hazewski (10th ann.)
10:00AM Manny Reyes
12:00PM Emmanuel Reyes

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Doris Falconer
From Barbara Peters

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I saw a touching gesture Pope Leo made back on the Feast Day of St. Agnes. He was finishing the blessing of the lambs whose wool would be used to make the pallia (band of wool worn over the vestments of metropolitan archbishops to show their connection to the pope)

The little animals were nestled in baskets festooned with colorful flowers. The Pope reached down and gently patted the heads of the little baby animals as they made their bleating noises. We urban and suburban types do not think of lambs or sheep very much. But the Bible does because it comes to us from a simpler time and place. The little we do know about sheep usually describes them as gentle creatures, not given too much display. Responsive to their shepherd in every way.

That is not a generally welcome description of one of us. We prefer to be known as wildly independent, generally sharp-eyed and keenly aware of our position. So, there is a hesitation to accept the command from the Lord to be like sheep before their Shepherd. There is a dimension to a sheep's behavior that underscores the beautiful virtue of docility. It cuts through any of our outward bravado before the challenges of life in this world that makes us think we're in charge and not God. This docility, better understood perhaps as willingness or amenability, is a quality we can all strive to develop as followers of Christ and members of His Church.

The same is true when we consider our individual calling, or vocation in life. Today the Church asks us all to pray for vocations to be given to our Church, especially those of the priesthood and the consecrated life. There certainly is a need, and we have a role in fulfilling it. We know that Jesus cares. He will not leave the Church bereft. But we must do our part to pray to Him for the vacations needed. We also need to encourage any young person who expresses an interest in priesthood or religious life. Sheep will always need a shepherd. No AI substitute please. Sometimes our best efforts fail, and we must accept that and try another.

Eight-year-old Billy often said he wanted to be a priest, but he was not very energetic in performing chores about the house. In truth, he was somewhat lazy. One day mom asked him to carry out the garbage. Billy gave his usual protest; "Mom, I'm tired." Mom gave him a little lecture: "Billy you can't be a priest if you are lazy. Priests must work hard." "I know, I know," replied Billy, "that's why I'm resting now."

Reading for the Week:
Monday Acts 11:1-18 Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 Jn 10:11-18
Tuesday Acts 11:19-26 Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday Acts 12:24—13:5a Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 Jn 12:44-50
Thursday Acts 13:13-25 Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 Jn 13:16-20
Friday Acts 13:26-33 Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab Jn 14:1-6
Saturday Acts 13:44-52 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 1 Pt 2:4-9 Jn 14:1-12

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 04/19/2026: $5,875

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,875

Parish Giving: (unknown at time of submission)

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, Kenneth Jablonski, 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

CALLED BY NAME

Honoring Faithful Young Men in the Archdiocese of Newark

Today is Called by Name Sunday!

Cardinal Tobin is asking us to identify faithful men (ages 15-35) who exhibit a love of God and neighbor, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. **To submit names, please visit newarkpriest.com**. The men whose names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Cardinal Tobin, invitations to discernment events, and support from our Vocation Team. Thank you for supporting vocations!

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.

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 $28,404.00. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

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.

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, **$20,670.00** has been pledged and **$15,505.00** 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 .

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

ASCA NEWS: Our annual *Thomas Fienan Memorial Golf Outing* is Thursday 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. • Congratulations to our 8th graders—our soon to be graduates! They have all committed to their high schools: Regis High School, Xavier High School, St. Peter's Prep, St. Dominic Academy, Hudson Catholic High School, Staten Island Academy, Notre Dame Academy of Staten Island, Union Catholic High School and Hudson County Schools of Technology. Well Done!

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.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK:

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.