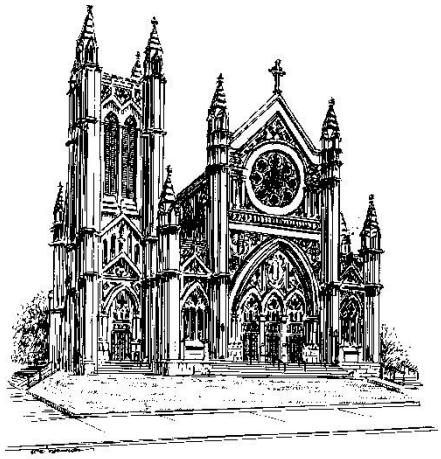

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

May 3, 2026 Fifth 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, 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

MONDAY, May 4th
12:00PM Dorothy White
Jack & Mary Sheridan

TUESDAY, May 5th
12:00PM Mary Daly
Victor Donofrio

WEDNESDAY, May 6th
12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Antoniette Mugrace & Sebastian Costa

THURSDAY, May 7th
12:00PM John & Mary Dolan
Health & Blessings
Elizabeth & Gabriella

FRIDAY, May 8th
12:00PM Alberto P. Parker & Teresita Sarabia
Jose Salomon (5th ann.)

SATURDAY, May 9th
8:30AM Gabriel & Elsie Doria
5:30PM Anna & Patsy Ambrozia

SUNDAY, May 10th
8:00AM All Mothers
10:00AM Living &
12:00PM Deceased

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Grace Oland
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family
ALTAR BREAD and ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Anna & Patsy Ambrozia
From Granddaughter, Regina

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Any holder of seaside property knows that he or she has an obligation to respect the laws of shifting tides and occasional flooding. Neglecting either would prove to be foolish. So, he or she wisely makes sure the house is built solidly on rock, or perhaps on strong piers rising from the sand high enough to escape damage.

The whole strategy can easily become a metaphor for our spiritual lives, which must have a firm foundation upon Christ as our Rock, or on the strong piers of belief and trust, enabling us to rise above any contemporary threat or cultural deviation.

Our modern Western culture follows upon two millennia's worth of threats to belief—a veritable stockpile of weapons, if you will—arising either from within or, at other times, from without the Church. From within, we can cite heresies that have plagued our community from its earliest days. God chose great saints, holy men and women, who used their prayer-driven insights and called upon heroic courage to fight these enemies of truth and lead the Church to new positions of strength. Often, they were obvious errors, like denying Christ's divinity despite the Scriptural proclamation.

Today, I believe the threats are more subtle. They cloak themselves in comfortable disguises so that they look just like good common sense. Take materialism, for example—the misguided belief that being rich is the way to true happiness. Most of the people in the advertising universe seem young and energetic and bursting with happiness as they hold a certain product in their hands. Or perhaps they are more mature and tell us about investments that have made them comfortable and worry-free. Just one false tenet of a fake joy.

So we must be vigilant. We must know Christ's teachings, which are the same as Church teachings, and hold to them when these "storms" come along. As the old hymn reminds us, time and time again: "The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ the Lord."

I don't understand electricity, but I'm no fool. I'm not going to sit around in the dark until I do. The same is true of salvation. I don't fully understand how God could become man, how He could die as the basis for my forgiveness, or how He could give you and me a new life. But only a fool would ignore such a great opportunity to build a life upon it just because he didn't understand it.

Reading for the Week:
Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26
Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21

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 04/26/2026: $7,203

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,307

Parish Giving: $896

Catholic Home Missions Appeal: $2,105

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, especially Virginia Rodriguez, Paul Cancro and Zandile Nkabinde, 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

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.

As we continue through the Easter season, St. Henry Parish invites you to join our parish choir. In the coming weeks, the choir will prepare music for the remainder of the Easter season, as well as the feast days of the Ascension, Pentecost, the Most Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi. During this six-week period, we especially welcome those who may be interested in singing with the choir to participate. No musical background is required, and no long-term commitment is necessary—only a willingness to participate and a love for music. Singing in the choir is a meaningful way to take a more active role in the Mass and to help lead our parish in prayer.

Rehearsals: Tuesdays at 7:00PM (in the church) **Mass**: Sundays at the 10:00AM Mass

For more information, please contact our Music Director, Mr. Chad Perry, at (201) 249-1167.

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 $29,286.00. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $21,520.00 Received: $16,220.00

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. Our April collection totaled $2,841. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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

ASCA NEWS: All Saints Catholic Academy has been undergoing a self-evaluation and study to retain our accreditation from the *Middle States Association Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools*. We are pleased to announce that our visiting team was at ASCA last week. They validated our self-study and are recommending that we remain an accredited school. The MSA- CESS Committee will review their report and make their final decision during their next meeting.