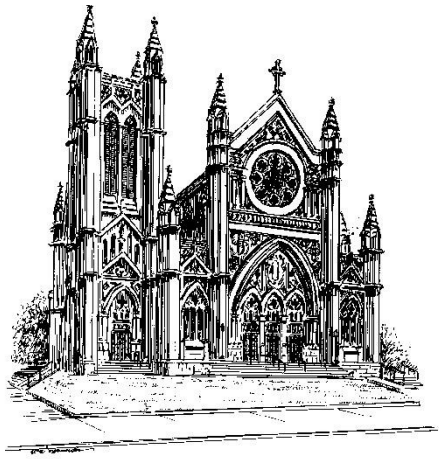


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 10, 2026 Sixth 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 9th
8:30AM Gabriel & Elsie Doria
5:30PM Anna & Patsy Ambrozia

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

MONDAY, May 11th
12:00PM Patricia Shivers
Frank Polera

TUESDAY, May 12th
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
Stephen Digon

WEDNESDAY, May 13th
12:00PM Frances Ajosa
Cornelius, Catherine &
Timothy Cadogan

THURSDAY, May 14th
12:00PM Vera Marino
Pablo & Paula Vea

FRIDAY, May 15th
12:00PM Barbara Rokicki
Mary Dellara

SATURDAY, May 16th
8:30AM Therese Foran
5:30PM Juan Formoso

SUNDAY, May 17th
8:00AM Cristeta A. Ortiz
10:00AM Leonore & James J. Wisely
12:00PM Emmanuel Reyes

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Caroline Francione & Anna Ambrozia
From Daughter and Granddaughter, Regina
ALTAR BREAD
In Memory of Christine & Joseph Fiore
From Sister, Camille
ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Mary & Harold Delaney
From Sister, Camille

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Occasionally, it is good for us to take the time to analyze why we do what we do. Inevitably we conclude that we humans often have a way of complicating things that are actually simple. At Christmas time I often think of loving parents compelled to set up some toy or game in the wee hours of Christmas morning with a maze of instructions and diagrams not easily followed even when they are wide awake. Or I remember a time when I had to assemble a piece of IKEA furniture using a set of their tedious instructions.

Religious beliefs and practices often suffer from the same circumstances. Granted, we have a digest of the faith in the Nicene Creed we recite every Sunday at Mass. This is helpful. But then we look at the Catechism given to us by the Church and see a book with hundreds of teachings filling its pages.

It is true that life itself can sometimes be complicated, especially in our computer-driven world. But the elements of true religion, especially our own, come down to simple basics easily found in the Scriptures we hear each Sunday or more. Today we have one of them clearly stated in the Readings chosen. In the Acts reading, we find Philip preaching successfully to the Samaritans, which leads to many baptisms. Then Peter and John are invited to bless and confirm this new idea of welcoming Gentiles.

St. Peter in his Letter urges us to know what we are talking about when we present the Faith to others, and to do so calmly when people raise questions.

Finally, the Gospel reminds us that the Holy Spirit dwells in the Church as our guide to the truth. Most importantly, our commitment to Christ is proven by works and not merely by words. Words are often cheap enough. Works are always precious, even if they are sometimes simple. The mission you and I inherit through Baptism requires that our words and our works match. Simple enough. It is difficult sometimes to live out.

I like the following quote about faith. “Every tomorrow has two handles: we can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety or by the handle of faith.”

God love you and give you Easter peace.

Reading for the Week:
Monday Acts 16:11-15 Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday Acts 16:22-34 Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14 Jn 16:12-15
Thursday Acts 1:1-11 Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 Eph 1:17-23 Mt 28:16-20
Friday Acts 18:9-18 Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Jn 16:20-23
Saturday Acts 18:23-28 Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10 Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday Acts 1:12-14 Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8 1 Pt 4:13-16 Jn 17:1-11a

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 05/03/2026: $8,224

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $7,068

Parish Giving: $1,156

Parish Assessment Collection: $2,295

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, Nadia Bacher, 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 Jose Maria Paloma, Monica Hartnett and Zuly Diago, 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.

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.

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.

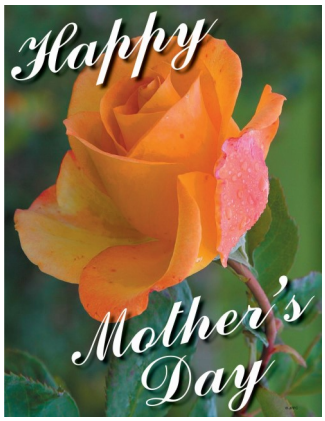
PARISH CENTER RENTAL

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.

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.



Today, on Mother's Day, we celebrate our unique love and respect for the woman who gave us life and loved us from the first moment of our existence in her womb. We know that we can never thank her enough for all that she has done for us. We also honor those special women In our lives who are just like mothers to us and who love us and care for us as a true mother does.

Let us remember, with prayerful thanksgiving, our dear mothers, whether here on earth with us or with our Lord in heaven.

"*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness*." Proverbs 31:25-28

Our fifth *Calendar Raffle* drawing was May 1st and the winners were Santiago and Concepcion Fernandez. Congratulations to the winners and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased tickets.

The company that provides the weekly offertory envelopes has informed us they are having equipment issues and have been delayed in mailing out the weekly envelopes. This delay may take several weeks to resolve. Please place your name and parish number on any envelope and place it in the collection basket. We appreciate your patience and cooperation and apologize for the inconvenience.

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 $29,621. As always, we are grateful for your generosity.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $22,345.00 Received: $17,450.00

As part of the next phase of the **We Are His Witnesses** pastoral conversion initiative, our parish has been invited to participate as a **Parish Mission Partner**, joining ten other parishes—one grouping in each county—working together to strengthen parish life across the Archdiocese. From June through December 2026, pastors and parish leaders will gather in facilitated sessions to pray, reflect, and plan, with a focus on collaboration, renewal, and mission, including practical ways to work together in evangelization, pastoral care, and mission. This process reflects a renewed commitment to our shared mission and includes ongoing discernment on how best to align resources for the future. Please keep this effort in your prayers as we seek to renew parish life and strengthen our mission together. More: www.WeAreHisWitnesses.org

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.

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

ASCA NEWS:

We will be joining as a school community Wednesday morning for Mass. Please join us.

Our Senior Choir, The *Angelics,* will perform their annual *Spring Showcase* Friday evening at 6:00. Admission is $5 per person. Everyone is welcome.

Happy Mothers' Day to our school mothers, grandmothers, and mother figures. May you be blessed through the intercession of our Blessed Mother that you may continue to love and support your families in the ways of Christ. May you all have a pleasant and peaceful day filled with love of your families—and some time to yourselves.

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.