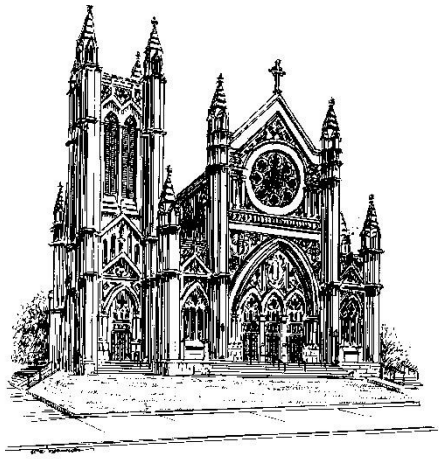

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 17, 2026 The Ascension of the Lord (7th Sunday of Easter)

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE
Phone: 201-436-0857 ***Fax: 201-823-4611***
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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 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

MONDAY, May 18th
12:00PM Paraska Scheremeta
Monica Halloran

TUESDAY, May 19th
12:00PM Emerita D. Peralta
Faustino Santos, Jr.

WEDNESDAY, May 20th
12:00PM Yolanda, Nicholas, Maria &
Antoniette Mugrace & Sebastian Costa
Joseph & Elizabeth Vocaturo & Family

THURSDAY, May 21st
12:00PM Dolores Hawk
Giuseppe & Wanda Sgambellone

FRIDAY, May 22nd
12:00PM Thomas Wall & Ellenmarie Wall
Anne & Robert Wall

SATURDAY, May 23rd
8:30AM Thomas Mullin
5:30PM Shirley Swayze

SUNDAY, May 24th
8:00AM Ally Weckesser
10:00AM Emmanuel Reyes
12:00PM Emmanuel Reyes

MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Monica Halloran
From Barbara Peters**

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Theology often reaches for the stars but sometimes cancels the trip because it gets lost in technical language that holds it back. To speak with any warmth about the great "Uncaused Cause" is not the language of poetry or song. So it is delightful for us to learn from Holy Scripture that our God is a loving family of Three Persons bound together by love. We hear about it and soon enough we not only long to be known by God but also to be loved by Him as well. Scripture tells us we are.

So it is that the original members of the Church had a certain confidence born from meeting and living with the risen Christ. When He promised them that He would send an Advocate, or Counselor, they automatically took Him at His word. So, what to do in the meantime? Pray.

Ah, there it is, the one item we frequently forget about when we're in a difficult "place" in our lives, or when we have run out of our own resources to stay patient, hopeful, or confident.

Scholars of the Bible tell us, after reflecting on a passage like the one we hear today from John's Gospel, that to possess life is to know the living Trinity in a bond of love. But how do bonds of love form? How do friendships thrive and grow? By spending time with the other person. By experiencing all the twists and turns involved in living on this great blue ball spinning on its axis day after day with God at our center. That is the essence of prayer. We do it often with words but sometimes with our respectful silence. Considering who we are with, our very Savior, listening is more of a priority than any of our talk.

In this world of talk all around us, available "24/7/365," as they say, you might think listening is not important, or maybe a non-productive exercise in futility. What does the psalmist have God say? "Be still and know that I am God." Turn off the big turntable of distraction and the smaller one of "ego" that makes us off-center. Stop what you're doing and be "in the tent" with God as Moses was in the Exodus. Set aside perhaps 15 minutes to start and decide that in your day, "this belongs to God." Let it become a habit. It will keep you focused and calm at your center over time.

"Prayer provides power, poise, peace, and purpose."

Reading for the Week:
Monday Acts 19:1-8 Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab Jn 16:29-33
Tuesday Acts 20:17-27 Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 Jn 17:1-11a
Wednesday Acts 20:28-38 Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab Jn 17:11b-19
Thursday Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Jn 17:20-26
Friday Acts 25:13b-21 Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab Jn 21:15-19
Saturday Acts 28:16-20, 30-31 Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 Jn 21:20-25
Sunday Vigil Gen 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5 Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 Rom 8:22-27 Jn 7:37-39
Sunday Day Acts 2:1-11 Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Rom 8:8-17/ Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 14:15-16, 23b-26

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 05/10/2026: $8,810

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $7,434

Parish Giving: $1,376

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 Nelson Fernandez, 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.

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.

Due to the delay in mailing the offertory envelopes, we are aware you have not received a Mother's Day flower envelope. If you would like to make a donation towards the Mother's Day flowers, in honor or memory of a loved one, there are green envelopes available throughout the church. Please put your name, parish number and the name of your loved ones on the envelope and place it in the collection basket at any time this month.

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.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $22,365.00 Received: $17,810.00

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.

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

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: Congratulations to our Senior Choir, *The Angelics*, for their annual Spring Showcase this past Friday. Your singing was wonderful and joyous. Thank you for gifting us with your enthusiasm! Special thanks to their directors, Mrs. Maria Minerley and Ms. Chris Ann Weening. • Kudos to our *Corps of Engineers*! **ALL** of our teams were selected to participate in Tuesday's statewide *Avenues in Motion Junior Solar Sprint* competition to race their solar-powered cars against teams from schools all over the state of New Jersey. To have all the teams from a single school be chosen is unprecedented! Thank you to our engineers' team leaders, Dr. Richard "Doc" Minerley and Reece Minerley, as well as moderators Mrs. Maria Minerley and Ms. Chris Ann Weening. We are SO proud of our engineers! • All students will participate in our annual *Field Day* this Thursday at school. Games and activities will be set up both inside and outdoors. Thank you to our Student Council, who under the leadership of Mr. Rios, our principal, planned and organized this much-anticipated event. Thank you to our 8th graders for supervising the games!

The Blessed Miriam Teresa Rosary Society would like to invite all parishioners to our Family Pasta Night on Saturday, June 13th at 5:30PM at All Saints Catholic Academy. Your $35 ticket will include a full Italian dinner, wine, and live entertainment. Tickets will be on sale after Mass at BMT Parish or by mail by calling Connie at (201) 339-3714. Join your friends and neighbors as we share a delicious meal and kick off the summer with a night of fun.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: Safe Environment Corner

Mental Health Awareness Month

May is Mental Health Awareness Month. The Church's Safe Environment efforts emphasize education, awareness, compassion and appropriate response to concerns involving children, youth, and vulnerable adults. Mental and emotional health play an important role in maintaining healthy relationships and boundaries. If you or someone you know is experiencing distress or has concerns about inappropriate behavior or misconduct, please seek support and report concerns promptly. Protecting God's people is a responsibility we all share.

Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to provide support to victims of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 201-407-3256.