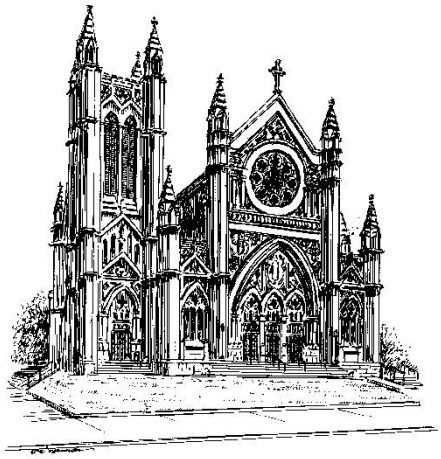


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 24, 2026 Pentecost Sunday

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

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

MONDAY, May 25th
9:00AM Joseph DiCesare
Frances Cassidy (5th ann.)

TUESDAY, May 26th
12:00PM Joan Marino
Dave Finn

WEDNESDAY, May 27th
12:00PM Loretta Brady
Mary Sawicki & Jean Hajduk

THURSDAY, May 28th
12:00PM Rev. Anthony Bentivoglio
Juan Flores

FRIDAY, May 29th
12:00PM Alla Pierce
John & Dorothy Hoffman

SATURDAY, May 30th
8:30AM Priscilla Collazo
5:30PM Alexandra Lee Weckesser

SUNDAY, May 31st
8:00AM Jose Formoso
10:00AM Maria Balayo
12:00PM Eric Nelson

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Peter M. Rocheny, Sr.
From Dianne Rocheny & Sons
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Ally Weckesser
From Betty

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Every now and then my TV remote takes me to one of those many cooking shows. Given the chef with the right personality working on a dish that intrigues me, I won't hastily move on to another program. I note how these professionals like to highlight the ingredients they are using so that we amateurs will have our taste buds tempted and our minds uplifted with new facts. We might even consider making the dish if not ordering it on our next restaurant outing.

The Holy Spirit is the inspiration for the "meal" which is the Scriptures that feed our appetite for the truth which is the Gospel. Often enough He conjures up a delightful reading for us, rich in detail. Today's gospel selection is one of the best. It presents that eternally memorable day when the Holy Spirit comes into the special Upper Room with full sound and fury not to frighten the Apostles, our Blessed Mother and the other women gathered but to fill any emptiness in their faith with the delights of truth and beauty, courage and the power to be witnesses for Christ Jesus, risen and with us always.

This Pentecost fulfilled Our Lord's promise that He would send the Spirit to them to enlighten them with the fullness of truth. This in turn will make them the first missionaries of the Church, empowered by new insights and stronger conviction than ever before. The Church, so to speak, will truly "be born" in a setting where all the languages on earth will speak the one great Truth of the Gospel. Praising God with a harmony never heard before.

The even greater joy of this feast is its reminder to us that we are meant to not only possess the Gospel, but also to preach it. To spread its essential truth to the world of 2026, which is so hungry for it, even if it does not know it. Or that it looks everywhere but the right place for it.

Are you ready for the task? Convinced of its truth and its power to liberate? If not, come to this Eucharist today to be fed and energized with the Bread of Heaven and realize it is the best recipe and the greatest meal ever prepared. Be newly aware of your place in God's plan. A place only you have and nobody else. You have been chosen by a God who truly loves you and never gives up on you.

Every Christian occupies some kind of a pulpit and preaches some kind of homily every day. But remember that you can preach a better homily with your life than with your lips.

Reading for the Week:
Monday Gen 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7 Jn 19:25-34
Tuesday 1 Pt 1:10-16 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday 1 Pt 1:18-25 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 10:32-45
Thursday 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5 Mk 10:46-52
Friday 1 Pt 4:7-13 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mk 11:11-26
Saturday Jud 17, 20b-25 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6 Mk 11:27-33
Sunday Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 2 Cor 13:11-13 Jn 3:16-18

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 05/17/2026: $7,118

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,137

Parish Giving: $981

Ascension Collection: $1,981

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 Santa Mangano 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.

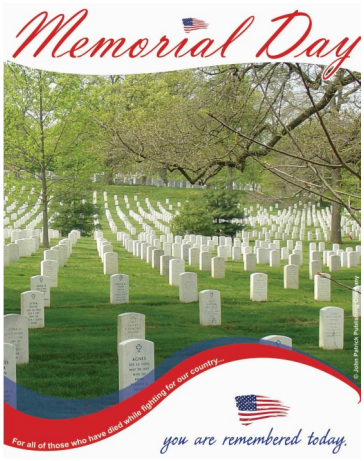
PARISH CENTER RENTAL

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.



Monday, May 25, 2026

We honor and remember those who so bravely served in our Armed Forces and who worked so hard, including sacrificing their lives, to make our country the free nation that it is. God bless our military, past and present!

On Monday, May 25th, Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM. There will be no noon Mass. The Parish Office will also be closed in observance of the Memorial Day holiday.

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

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.

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.

The following received the Sacrament of Confirmation administered by Bishop Pedro Bismark Chau on May 5, 2026.

Trinity Aberin	Jonathan D'Amario	Adrielle Lopez	Mikenna Raftery	Brandon Sgotto
*Destiny Bangura	Sophia Feeney	Ryan McCollum	Jaylin Ramirez	Samantha Smith
Samuel Becker	Gianna Ferrari	Chloe McCrossen	*Sean Ravelo	Christian Stazak
Savannah Brancatella	Olivia Jurgensen	Kayleigh McCullough	Adrien Rivera	Jada Taveras
Madison Calianese	Kourtney Kenask	Allessandra Moss	Richard Ryan	Bianca Zasowski
Joshua Chiaravalloti	Matthew Largmann	Christian Newman	Anna Servignon	Leonardo Zinna
Lora Cortez	Katelyn Link	*Kimberly Nchuo	Joseph Servignon	

* Also received the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist on May, 5, 2026.

Liam Cook received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Eucharist and Confirmation at our Easter Vigil on April 4, 2026.

Congratulations to all!

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

ASCA NEWS:

School will be closed Monday in observance of Memorial Day. Our prayers are with the families of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice for the protection of our country and its citizens. Thank you for your service. • We will join together for Mass Wednesday for the last time as a complete student body. We hope to see you at 9:00. • All students will participate in our annual *Field Day* Thursday at school. Games and activities will be set up both inside school 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.