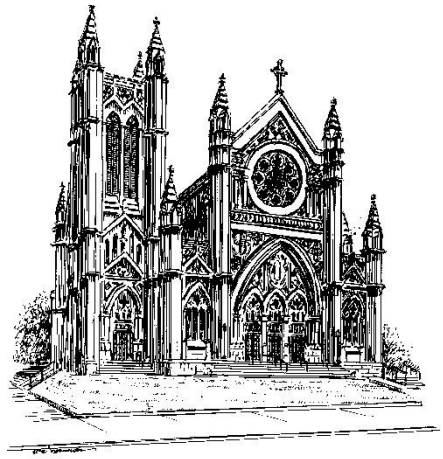

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 31, 2026 The Most Holy Trinity

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 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

MONDAY, June 1st
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
George Heleno

TUESDAY, June 2nd
12:00PM Rosina D. Sildatke
Vincent J. Serafino

WEDNESDAY, June 3rd
12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Jaime Gerena

THURSDAY, June 4th
12:00PM William Cleary
Jeanette Zarcone

FRIDAY, June 5th
12:00PM Brian McCurnin
Special Intention: Julia Cleary

SATURDAY, June 6th
8:30AM James Richardson
5:30PM Felix & Venancia Vea

SUNDAY, June 7th
8:00AM Brian McCurnin
10:00AM Maria Senande
12:00PM Loretta Brady

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Donald Baran
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Catherine Celmer
From Policastro & Kowalski Families

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It does not take much time viewing Facebook to see the truth that people are fascinated by other people. Whether it is cute toddlers scolding a puppy that is looking right at them, two senior ladies giving advice on living longer, or a middle-aged man revealing details of his model train hobby, we look or laugh or maybe even cry over what has been revealed—but "we're there." Maybe for hours on end, or until someone lets us know it is time for supper.

The same holds true for the less electronic fans of biography and autobiographical books. We just want to know as much as we can about as many people as we can. For many, it is an itch that needs scratching. And Facebook editors, booksellers, and movie makers know all about it and do their best to make the stories interesting and even profitable. So it is no surprise that we humans who believe in a "Higher Power" wish to know as much as we can about the subject—especially if we're convinced that such a being is a person with intellect and will, and not just a special ape or calf or some force of nature.

When we come to this particular Sunday on the Church calendar that invites us to focus on the Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity, we know automatically that we have entered into "the realm of the unusual," to say the least.

The fact that we can even conjecture or discuss anything about so holy a matter as the inner nature of God is a tribute to God's loving nature in the first place. He knows we can never truly understand it. Our minds are too small. Even when we claim to speak authoritatively about the Holy Trinity, using the names of "Father, Son, and Holy Spirit," we know we are only using the language given to us by God Himself in the Person of His Son, Jesus Christ.

But just as the gift of human friendship grows richer and deeper the more we know and share experiences with our friend, so it is with this friendship and love we share with God. Yet there is a marvelous difference. As St. John so wonderfully phrased it: "It is not that we have loved God as much as that God has first loved us." He has told us the truth about Himself in order to be loved in return as far as we are able.

There are no secrets between real human friends. So, it should be in our friendship with God. If any secrets do exist, they are ours. That is what God's "omniscience" reminds us of: He already knows us completely and still loves us.

Reading for the Week:
Monday 2 Pt 1:2-7 Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16 Mk 12:1-12
Tuesday 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18 Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 Mk 12:13-17
Wednesday 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12 Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef Mk 12:18-27
Thursday 2 Tm 2:8-15 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Mk 12:28-34
Friday 2 Tm 3:10-17 Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 Mk 12:35-37
Saturday 2 Tm 4:1-8 Ps 71:8-9, 14-15AB, 16-17, 22 Mk 12:38-44
Sunday Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 1 Cor 10:16-17 Jn 6:51-58

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 05/24/2026: $6,516

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,735

Parish Giving: $781

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 Dominica Fallarme and Marciana Ocaba 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.

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

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, **$23,115.00** has been pledged and **$18,840.00** 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 .

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 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.

Congratulations to the children who received First Holy Communion at St. Henry Church on May 3, 2026.

Chase Abuzo
Je'Lexah Baret
Sienna Cupo
Benjamin Dailey
Jack D'Alessio
Lydia Gieszczynski
Joseph Kernodle
Ella Littlefield
Zoey Littlefield
Joseph Matelesko
Amelia McGeechan
Rose McKenna
Steven Mirabelli
Zoie Morillo
Jay Nejad
Keegan O'Flaherty
Andrew Olanowski
Catherine Pecoraro
Pasquale Pecoraro
Eric Schaefer
Gian Carlo Selim
Colin Smith
Mateo Sornozo
Siena Treonze
Alexander Vinc

Congratulations to the children who received First Holy Communion at St. Henry Church on May 10, 2026.

Vincent Bottino
Emma Cabrera
Layla Cabrera
Lucas Castillo
Benjamin Cubberly
Alaina DeLaney
Caroline Finn
Ines Gauna
Mia Greico
Patrick Grogan
Julia Klumpp
Michael Krops
Natasha Lugo
Sadie Makos
Ciara McCullough
Aubree Munoz
Ethan Perez
Richard Roszkowski
Siena Saks
Frankie Walker
Charles Yu
Milania Zinna

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

ASCA NEWS: Field Day was a success! Thank you to our principal, Mr. Rios, for planning a fun and active day for everyone! Thank you to our 8th graders for running the games and helping the younger students navigate the day. Many teachers commented on how helpful and kind you were. • ASCA has been celebrating all week! On Monday, our 7th graders received their class rings. Tuesday was our Clap-out ceremony for the 8th graders. Thursday was a banner day with two moving-up ceremonies—Kindergarten and Pre-K. Wow! Monday will bring us our ultimate milestone, 8th grade graduation!

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.