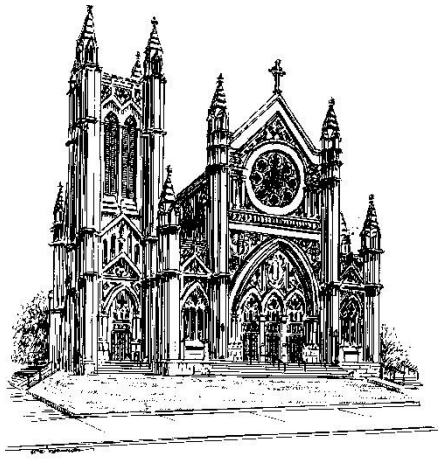

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

June 7, 2026 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

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, 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

MONDAY, June 8th
12:00PM John Breen
Health & Blessings: Anna & Katarzyna

TUESDAY, June 9th
12:00PM Frank Polera
Florence Ryan

WEDNESDAY, June 10th
12:00PM James Iorio
Matthew Chiaverini

THURSDAY, June 11th
12:00PM Pat & Rocky & Tommy
Doria & Alfano Families

FRIDAY, June 12th
12:00PM Paul Pope
Antoniette Mugrace & Sebastian Costa

SATURDAY, June 13th
8:30AM William Foran, Sr.
5:30PM Frank LaTorre

SUNDAY, June 14th
8:00AM Ally Weckesser
10:00AM Peter M. Rocheny, Sr.
12:00PM Tajmool Ghany, Ellen Adjuder & Rita & Balkaran Adjuder

MEMORIALS

**SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Joseph & Josephine Rickvalsky
From Arlene & Nicholas Crosson**

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of the great experiences of my life was my one and only trip to the Holy Land with 4 of my Philly priest brothers. Our natural leader was the Scripture professor at the seminary at that time, and a fine guide he turned out to be as we toured where Jesus walked. He helped energize my imagination to picture the various scenes as they would have been in Jesus' time, because many of the sacred places have over time had huge and beautiful churches built over them. Some of the locations he told us really developed from pious speculation because the gospel descriptions are difficult to pinpoint.

But I will never forget his measured voice when we came to the site of Pilate's headquarters and he said: "There is no doubt that Jesus passed under that arch." For some reason those words said then and there compelled me to intone a Latin hymn we all knew and the guys joined in.

Yet for all the "specializes" of that moment, it is still less than the most recent Mass I celebrated, because the real Jesus came to me and the congregation along with me in the Holy Eucharist,

Today we take time out to stop, look, and listen to the words of Jesus at that Supper we call "the Last." That name makes sense as the Lord's final meal before His death, but it was hardly the last time He would be with all those, like us, who believe in Him.

It is a cliché I know, to speak of repetition as a dulling agent for even this most sublime of realities. Most of us must struggle with that from time to time as the weekend rolls around and we come to worship the Lord and fulfill our Catholic duty. We speak so casually about going to "the 8:00 Mass" or "the 12:15" as the local schedule may be.

This feast, in the rhythmic Latin name of "Corpus Christi," compels us to think about what we do at Mass and whom we receive as our Food and Drink for strength to handle whatever the upcoming week will present us.

Even if we never make a pilgrimage to the actual land of Galilee and Judea; we meet in sacramental form the very Lord who assumed a flesh like ours and was like us "in all things but sin." He comes into our very flesh to "mingle with our mucous" as one Italian poet phrased it. He loves us so much that He comes to dwell within us, to "pitch His tent" with ours. As a result, we are never alone. Never without His presence. Unless by sin or neglect we invite Him to leave us.

Readings for the Week:
Monday 1 Kgs 17:1-6 Ps 121:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday 1 Kgs 17:7-16 Ps 4:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday 1 Kgs 18:20-39 Ps 16:1b-2ab, 4, 5ab and 8, 11 Mt 5:17-19
Thursday Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 Mt 5:20-26
Friday Dt 7:6-11 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 1 Jn 4:7-16 Mt 11:25-30
Saturday 1 Kgs 19:19-21 Ps 16:1b-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10 Mt 5:33-37
Sunday Ex 19:2-6a Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5 Rom 5:6-11 Mt 9:36—10:8

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 05/31/2026: $7,138

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,067

Parish Giving: $1,071

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 and Chad Perry.**

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, 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.

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, **$23,640.00** has been pledged and **$19,575.00** 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.

Prayer for Graduates

Heavenly Father,

Surround those who are graduating with your grace. Bless them with hopes so that they can move into the future with eager and open hearts. Help them to put the knowledge, skills and insights gained through their education to use for good of all humankind. Inspire them to believe in the goodness of life even when faced with challenges and difficulties. As they commence with their lives, may they grow ever more grateful and wise.

All of this we ask in the name of Jesus, your beloved Son.

Amen

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.

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

ASCA NEWS: Congratulations to our *Class of 2026*, All Saints Catholic Academy's 18th graduating class! You have made a lasting impression. We will not forget you. • Students in grades one through seven will have half days this week. We will not be offering After Care. • We ask that you continue to keep the Calvo family in your prayers as they grapple with the loss of Joseph Calvo, husband to Mimi and father of Joseph and Justin (ASCA Class of 2026). If you feel moved to do so, donations may be made to the Saint Peter's Prep Scholarship Fund in memory of Joseph Anthony Calvo, Jr.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: Safe Environment Corner

Report Sexual Misconduct Confidentially: The Archdiocese of Newark takes all allegations of sexual misconduct by clergy, religious, and lay staff seriously. We encourage anyone with knowledge of such acts to contact us so we can take appropriate steps to protect others and support victim of sexual abuse. Please call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at **201-407-3256** or visit **www.rcan.org/protection-of-the-faithful** for more information.

The **Catholic Bishop Abuse Reporting Service** receives reports of sexual abuse or misconduct by bishops and forwards them for investigation. To report abuse, visit **www.reportbishopabuse.org** or call **800-276-1562**.