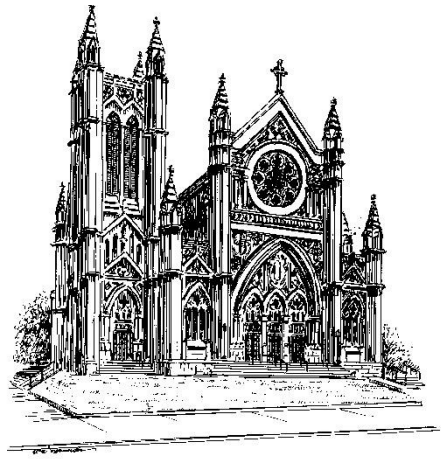


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 21, 2026 The Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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, June 20th
8:30AM Anthony Brucato
5:30PM Ruvee Yao

SUNDAY, June 21st
8:00AM All Fathers
10:00AM Living &
12:00PM Deceased

MONDAY, June 22nd
12:00PM Carmine Borzelli
Sebastian Costa

TUESDAY, June 23rd
12:00PM Miriam Krapp
Marie Sestito

WEDNESDAY, June 24th
12:00PM Anna Zuffanti
Florence Ryan

THURSDAY, June 25th
12:00PM Irene Krupinski
Joseph Wojcik

FRIDAY, June 26th
12:00PM James Burke
Cornelius, Catherine &
Timothy Cadogan

SATURDAY, June 27th
8:30AM Special Intention: Julia Cleary
5:30PM Richard Millller

SUNDAY, June 28th
8:00AM William Kiniery
10:00AM Rose Barbero
12:00PM Emmanuel Reyes

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Frank Cerbone
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of All Deceased Fathers of the Parish

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Fifty-nine years ago, exactly, I realized my fear of heights. I was at the time a newly ordained curate (old title of an assistant priest, today a "parochial vicar") assigned to train the altar boys of the parish. (No girls allowed in the Eisenhower era.) Some of the boys' parents came up with the idea of a reward trip for the group to New York City. So, I joined in and rode the noise-filled yellow bus up to Gotham.

Of course, all the youngsters wanted to visit the top floor of the Empire State Building. So up we all went. When we all dashed out the enclosure there and walked to the fence to look down, one of us, yours truly, was caught to be suddenly stiff and scared to death. I slowly made my way back to the enclosed area. At least right away. Too long ago to recall exactly the reaction of the adults, but I am sure I told them (unless I had lost facial color!)

The point is that this fear of mine is a natural occurrence among a sizable portion of the population. But today Our Lord talks about a very different kind of fear. He boldly tells us not to fear those who can do us bodily harm, but rather those who can harm our souls. We know who they are.

Satan as their leader. But oh, does he have his proxies. Consider the porn website creator, for example. They master the controls of the popular culture. We even make them celebrities. But note how they always make a mockery of Our Lord Jesus' ways even if they do so with a subtlety that often catches us unaware.

At times, they seem to have the upper hand. They zero in on Christianity, particularly our Catholic Church. So, we obviously need heroes of faith. Who are they? We can start by noting that in the long march of Church history we find people we call "saints." Once they were martyrs in the Roman arena. But we can name a teenager named Carlo with a laptop in hand to teach faith to his peers. But never undervalue the power of your good lives. Today we can hopefully honor your good father who made that choice for Christ and deserves a "Father's Day."

Allow me to honor the martyrdom of one St. Polycarp, who was burned at the stake for his faith in its early days, The aged Polycarp had been arrested by the Roman authorities and brought to the arena for execution in front of the cheering crowd. The pro-consul pressed him hard and said, "Swear and I will release you. Just revile Christ." Polycarp replied, "Eighty and six years have I served Him and He never did me wrong. How can I now blaspheme my King that has saved me?" Talk about being fearless!

God love you and give you His peace.

Readings for the Week:
Monday 2 Kgs 17:5-8, 13-15a, 18 Ps 60:3, 4-5, 12-13 Mt 7:1-5
Tuesday 2 Kgs 19:9b-11, 14-21, 31-35a, 36 Ps 48:2-3Ab, 3cd-4, 10-11 Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday Vigil Jer 1:4-10 Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab, 17 1 Pt 1:8-12 Lk 1:5-17
Wednesday Day Is 49:1-6 Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 Acts 13:22-26 Lk 1:57-66, 80
Thursday 2 Kgs 24:8-17 Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 Mt 7:21-29
Friday 2 Kgs 25:1-12 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Mt 8:1-4
Saturday Lam 2:2, 10-14, 18-19 Ps 74:1b-2, 3-5, 6-7, 20-21 Mt 8:5-17
Sunday 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 6:3-4, 8-11 Mt 10:37-42

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 06/14/2026: $8,158

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,862

Parish Giving: $1,296

Maintenance & Repair Collection: $3,568

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, especially **Paul Hanley**, 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

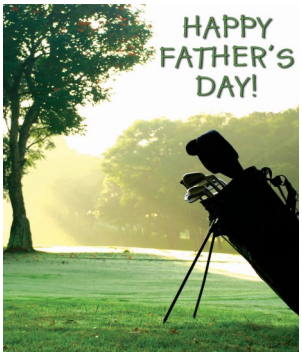
The 2026 Annual Appeal has begun! Each year we are invited to participate in the Annual Appeal, which is an opportunity to support essential ministries and programs in our Archdiocese. Your sacrificial support makes it possible for us to carry out the important work that we are called to do as missionary disciples of Jesus.

Our Parish Goal is $45,308.30. To date $24,290.00 has been pledged and $20,382.50 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 .

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.



We celebrate the men who have meant so much to our lives as we reflect on Father's Day. We thank God for our dads and their love for us. We offer our thanks to those dads who are still with us here on earth, and we offer our prayer of thanks for those who now live with God.

May our fathers, grandfathers and all who have been father figures, all enjoy a very happy day and receive the blessings they so richly deserve.

Religious Education: Registration for the 2026-2027 Religious Education year is open. New registration forms have been emailed to all families who were registered last year. For information or questions regarding registration please email the Religious Education Office at: religioused.sthenrybayonne@gmail.com. Please do not call the Religious Education Office.

Our sixth *Calendar Raffle* drawing was held on June 1st and the winners were Rhemie and Rhoben Patiak. Congratulations to the winners and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NOTICE:

Any Capital Campaign Payments submitted after May 19th, whether by mail or brought to the office, have not yet been processed. They will be processed within the next week. As a result, the June statements may be short a payment.

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

Knights of Columbus

July 4th BBQ

Saturday 1-4PM

$10 Per Person

669 Avenue C

Grilled Burgers, Hotdogs and Salads

Proceeds Supporting Veterans

ASCA NEWS:

Happy Father's Day to our school fathers and father figures. We pray through the intercession of Saint Joseph that you care for your own children with the same grace, love, and compassion that Saint Joseph did for Jesus.

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.