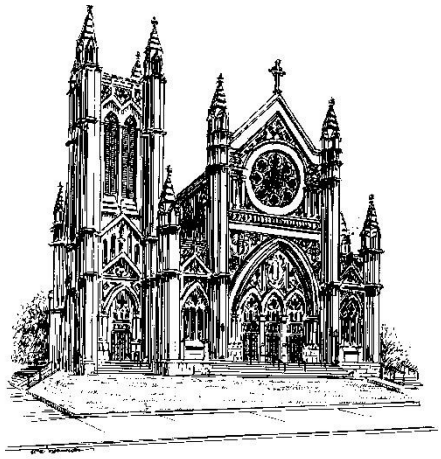

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

July 5, 2026 The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE
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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, July 4th
9:00AM Maureen Doolan
5:30PM Laura Odra Garces de Leon

SUNDAY, July 5th
8:00AM Kathleen Machurek
10:00AM Patrick Brandon
12:00PM Inocencio Inigo

MONDAY, July 6th
12:00PM Special Intention
James Cunningham

TUESDAY, July 7th
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
Joseph Levine

WEDNESDAY, July 8th
12:00PM Minnie Covella
Florence Ryan

THURSDAY, July 9th
12:00PM Edward Ferrier
Marilyn Howland

FRIDAY, July 10th
12:00PM John Sal Marino
Francesco & Rachela Sgambellone

SATURDAY, July 11th
8:30AM Ofelia DeGenarro
5:30PM James Sanchez

SUNDAY, July 12th
8:00AM Michele Cotter
10:00AM Miguel Quintela
12:00PM Carlo Barbero

MEMORIALS

SANCTURY LAMP
In Memory of Vincent Serafino
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Rose & Matthew Hogan
From A Friend

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I suppose it's a natural choice on this occasion of our 250th anniversary as a nation to focus on the famous people linked with our founding particularly in terms of their special qualities. These make not only for good observation but also for worthy imitation. So, we have, for example, George Washington's courage. Or Thomas Jefferson's eloquence. John Adam's persistence and Ben Franklin's inventiveness. You may have a different list of qualities for the same roster. But all of it would be seen as a tribute to their foresight and vision for what became the United States of America.

Yet on any Sunday morning we must pay decisive attention to God's holy word in the Bible as the first half of every Mass. We call it "the Liturgy of the Word" and so it is. From it we learn various lessons on how best to imitate Christ Jesus Our Lord by focusing on qualities of His seen in their perfection. This ensemble of Readings today puts the accent on His less heralded virtue called "gentleness." "Gentleness in the Bible is described as a vital characteristic that embodies humility, kindness, and patience, reflecting inner strength rather than weakness. It is often associated with Our Lord's teachings, and it is encouraged as a fundamental aspect of Christian conduct in relationships with others." In the gospel for today we have a beautiful aspect of Our Lord's teaching on gentleness: His invitation for all those who are feeling burdened, tired, or overwhelmed, to come to Him for rest and comfort. In today's fast paced world, where stress and burnout are common, we need to hear Him. He wants us to adopt that gentleness in dealing not only with others, but also with ourselves. That's the formula for true peace. Even if we are never as famous as George, Thomas, John and Benjamin.

In the first grade, Miss Grant said that my purple tepee wasn't realistic enough, that purple was no color at all for a tent, that purple was the color of people when they died, and that my drawing wasn't good enough to hang with the others. I walked back to my seat, head bowed. With a black crayon, I brought nightfall to my purple tent in the middle of the afternoon. In the second grade, Mrs. Henson said, "Draw anything." She didn't care what. I left my paper blank and when she came around to my desk, my heart beat like a tom-tom. She touched my head with her small hand and in a soft voice said, "The snowfall. How clean and white and beautiful!"

Readings for the Week:
Monday Hos 2:16, 17c-18, 21-22 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday Hos 8:4-7, 11-13 Ps 115:3-4, 5-6, 7ab-8, 9-10 Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12 Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 10:1-7
Thursday Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16 Mt 10:7-15
Friday Hos 14:2-10 Ps 51:3-4, 8-9, 12-13, 14 and 17 Mt 10:16-23
Saturday Is 6:1-8 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Mt 10:24-33
Sunday Is 55:10-11 Ps 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14 Rom 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23 or 13:1-9

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).**

Due to the Independence Day holiday, the offering totals for the week of June 28, 2026 were not known before the early bulletin submission deadline. They will appear in next week's bulletin.

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: **Kevin Adamson, 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 Jeanny Gonzales-Torres, 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.

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

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.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $24,890.00 Received: $21,187.50

Please Note: If you make payments to the *Capital Campaign* using the electronic payment method, statements were sent to you in error. Please disregard.

St. Henry R.C. Church Golf Outing SPONSORSHIPS

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Sponsorships Available!

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Thank you to the St. Henry CYO Track Team, parents and coaches for the very generous donation to our food pantry. This will surely help the families in need in our parish and community in a big way.

Pictured: Fr. Raul with the St. Henry CYO Track Team and Coaches Al Long and Mike Elam at the Track Team Recognition Mass on Sunday, June 21, 2026.

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

ASCA NEWS: Our school office began observing summer hours—our secretaries are available Monday through Friday,9am to 1pm. • We are sad to announce the departure of two of our teachers, Ms. Nicole Wilson and Mrs. CaraJeanne Stuckey. We thank you for your years of service to All Saints Catholic Academy and will pray for your success in your respective new endeavors. • Summer assignments and supply lists are posted to our school's website. • Parents, if you have uniforms that your children have outgrown, you may donate them to our uniform closet. Please arrange with Mrs. Mattiello (201) 443-8384 or jmattiello@allsaintcatholicacademy.com .