

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 13, 2025 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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Served by:

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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 <u>www.ascabayonne.org</u>

Mass Schedule

The Lord's Day
Saturday Eve: 5:30 PM
Sunday: 8 AM, 10 AM, 12 PMSaturdays:8:30 AMSaturdays:12:00PMHoly Days:(see inside bulletin for Mass times)National Holidays:9:00 AMParish Access Center:(Hudson County) 201-798-9958

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays <u>9:00AM – 9:30 AM & 4:30PM - 5:15 PM</u>

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.

Teaching the Good News

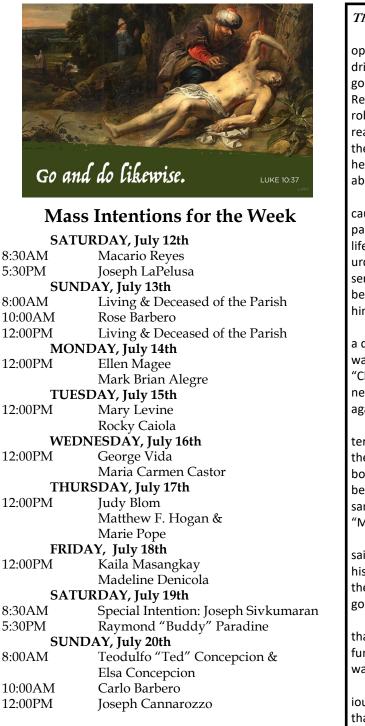
2025-2026 Program Year Sundays: 8:45AM – 9:45AM: Grades 1-5 Sundays: 8:45AM-9:45AM: RCIC & Catch Up Sundays: 8:30AM-9:30AM: Grade 9 Sundays: 7:00PM-8:00PM: Grade 9 Wednesdays: 4:00PM-5:00PM: Grades 1-5 Wednesdays: 7:00PM-8:00PM: Grades 6-8

Sacrament of the Sick/Homebound

Anointing: Anytime upon request in the home of the sick. Please call the rectory.

St. Henry Parish Office Hours MONDAY – THURSDAY 9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

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MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP, ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE In Memory of Marie Pope From Regina Terriogo & Nancy Policastro

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

It can happen, so they tell me, that the familiar opening words of a play, song or story can invite a certain drift to daydream. So, for example, a Sunday morning Mass goer, particularly one who hasn't prepared the Scripture Readings beforehand, hears the words "A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho" and a realization clicks in his/her mind: "Oh, this is the one about the Good Samaritan." Almost immediately, images of a hearty Sunday breakfast after Mass start to form, or thoughts about a trip to the beach come to the fore.

Such is a real shame when it happens. That is because each new reading of Scripture, particularly of familiar passages, brings a new insight, or a new application to one's life. That pesky neighbor who mows the grass early on a Saturday, the one day you can sleep in, is suddenly involved in a serious car accident. How do you react? "Am I supposed to be 'the good Samaritan' here?" we ask ourselves, and pay him a hospital visit?

And if I cling tightly to my prejudices about people of a different origin or skin color, am I giving in to a pre-Christian way of viewing other people? If only this thing called "Christian living" weren't so demanding! If only Jesus had never told this parable of the Good Samaritan, that we hear again today!

This short story is called "Two at the Counter." Three minutes had elapsed since I had taken my seat at the counter. Waitresses passed me by; two cooks and a busboy took on notice of my presence. My ego was soothed only because the truck driver seated next to me was ignored the same way. "Maybe this counter is off limits," I said to him. "Maybe they are short of help," he responded.

"Maybe they don't want our business," I said. "Maybe they're taking care of those at the tables," was his reply. The hands on the clock continued to move. Maybe they don't like us," I insisted. "The air conditioning feels so good I don't mind waiting," he said.

At this point a harried waitress stopped to tell us that the water had been cut off, and the dish washer was not functioning. My nameless compatriot smiled; thanked the waitress; and left. I did not like him!

Three times I had sought his support for my obnoxious attitude, but he had let me down. Only later did I realize that he had chosen to practice what I preach. God love you and give you His peace.

Readings for the week:

Monday Ex 1:8-14, 22 Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 Mt 10:34—11:1 Tuesday Ex 2:1-15a Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 11:20-24 Wednesday Ex 3:1-6, 9-12 Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7 Mt 11:25-27 Thursday Ex 3:13-20 Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27 Mt 11:28-30 Friday Ex 11:10—12:14 Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18 Mt 12:1-8 Saturday Ex 12:37-42 Ps 136:1 and 23-24, 10-12, 13-15 Mt 12:14-21 Sunday Gen 18:1-10a Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 5 Col 1:24-28 Lk 10:38-42

St. Henry Parish NEWS



-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, <u>www.sthenryrc.org</u>, click on the Parish Giving icon and follow the easy registration steps. <u>NOTE</u>: For those who use Parish Giving and no longer receive offering envelopes, you can access a list of second collections on our website, <u>www.sthenryrc.org</u> (click on Our Parish at the top of our cover page, then click on Parish Giving on the drop down menu).

Pray for...

Please continue to keep in your prayers the sick members, family and friends of our parish: Susan Ficalora, Kenneth Jablonski, Kevin Adamson, Martha Serrano, Liz Noto, Silvio Noto, Chad Perry, Archie Afable, Juan Diaz, Fran Dugan, Anna Marie Borzelli, Claire Poli, Jean Gallagher, Thomas Cahill, Ray Rokicki, Philip Mango, Romeo Ponce and Indy Littlefield.

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.

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.

Thank You.

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 06/29/2025: \$6,371 Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$5,410 Parish Giving: \$961 Peter's Pence Collection: \$1,897

Total Regular Offering – weekend of 07/06/2025: \$7,707 Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,471 Parish Giving: \$1,236 Parish Assessment Collection: \$2,911

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



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 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 – <u>Thursday, 9AM – 4PM.</u> Thank you, as always, for your generosity and willingness to help those in need. Today, July 13th, is the Feast Day of St. Henry. When our parish was founded, the parishioners chose to name the new parish in honor of the patron of Bavaria. Many of the first parishioners were immigrants from that part of the world. They established a parish, dedicated a beautiful church, and since then the parish has been an integral part of the community. We, the beneficiaries of their foresight and interest, should pledge ourselves to continue to work to make Saint Henry Parish a place of welcoming and sharing. We should be proud of Saint Henry Parish, past, present, and with God's help, in the future.



Lord, you filled Saint Henry with your love, and raised him from the cares of an earthly kingdom to eternal happiness in heaven in the midst of the changes of this world. May his prayer keep us free from sin and help us on our way towards You.

Religious Education: Registration for the 2025-2026 Religious Education year is open. Registration information has been EMAILED to all families who were registered last year. In person registration hours at the Religious Education office are Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3:30pm to 5:30pm. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Education office at (201) 339-0319.

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. Our June "*Coffee for St. Henry*" Collection totaled **\$1,426**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.



More Information to Follow

SUMMER PSALM

We will use a Seasonal Psalm (Ps.27) after the First Reading at week-end Masses during July and August. You are invited to sing the refrain: "The Lord is my light and my salvation, of whom should I be afraid?"

CALENDAR RAFFLE Our 7th calendar raffle drawing was held on July 1, 2025. The winner was Cathy Nicaretta-Duffy. Congratulations to the winner and good luck in future drawings to all ticket holders.

2025 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

The 2025 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 of 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. Please consider participating in this year's Appeal to help make a significant difference in many lives within our Archdiocese. You can make a gift online today by visiting <u>rcan.org/sharing</u>. **Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60**. **To date, \$20,200.00 has been pledged and \$17,750.00 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 2025 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.

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

St. Ann's Society is going to LBI on September 3, 2025 to see *The Buddy Holly Story*. Please call Joanne (201) 823-2096 or Mary (201) 823-4450 for all the details.

ASCA NEWS: Our school office will be open this summer from 9AM to 1PM, Mondays through Fridays. If you would like to peruse our recycled uniform closet, please call (201) 443-8384 to make an appointment. If We have a few openings in some of our classes for the 2025-2026 school year. If you are interested, please call the school office to make an appointment to tour the school and/or complete registration forms. For your convenience, the forms are available on our website (allsaintsbayonnne.org). If you have grade –specific questions about curriculum etc., feel free to email teachers directly; their email addresses may also be found on our website. If **Save the Date!** Our Home and School Association will be hosting their annual *Pocketbook Bingo* October 4th. More details to follow.