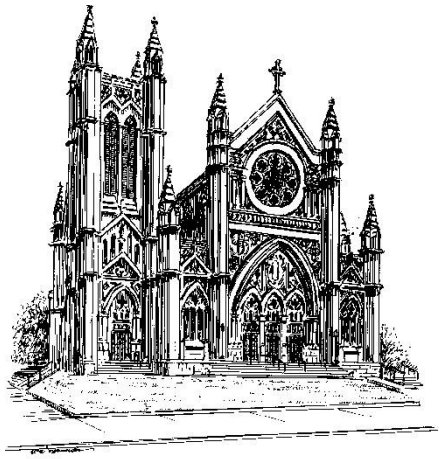

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 19, 2026 The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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.

St. Henry Office of Faith Formation

(formerly Religious Education/Catechism Program)

Catechism classes for families desiring formal Catholic education for children ages 6 to 15 (usually around 9th grade) since sequential participation is required. Sacramental preparation (Penance/Holy Eucharist/Confirmation) is included in the faith formation process. Catch-up classes are available for those who may have started later or not have been able to attend classes sequentially.

Adult Faith Formation (age 18 and over)

The OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults), formerly RCIA, is for individuals who wish to become Catholic and receive the sacraments of initiation (Baptism/Holy Eucharist/ Confirmation). Baptized Catholic adults who would like to receive their remaining sacraments of initiation are also welcomed. Engaged Catholic couples (preparing for the sacrament of marriage), as well as Catholics married civilly or in another religious tradition may also pursue their sacraments of initiation concurrently.

For more information, contact the Director of Faith Formation:
Email: ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com
Text/Mobile: 201-232-0124
Facebook: St. Henry Religious Education

Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, July 18th
8:30AM Special Intention: Ruth Yao
5:30PM Julie Kapec

SUNDAY, July 19th
8:00AM John J. & Jack Fargano
10:00AM Ralph Corasaniti (8th ann.)
12:00PM Tom & Ted Dolan

MONDAY, July 20th
12:00PM Brian McCurnin
Maria Carmen Castor

TUESDAY, July 21st
12:00PM Judy Blom
Pedrito Flores

WEDNESDAY, July 22nd
12:00PM John A. Vida, Sr.
Charles E. Donaghue

THURSDAY, July 23rd
12:00PM Salvatore Marino
Paul Sivakumaran Thambiaiyah

FRIDAY, July 24th
12:00PM Caridad Capulong
Bella Vea & Benjamin Vea

SATURDAY, July 25th
8:30AM Vinnie Bottino
5:30PM Joseph LaPelusa

SUNDAY, July 26th
8:00AM In Honor of the Living & Deceased Members of the St. Ann Society
10:00AM Joseph Giannullo, Jr.
12:00PM Ann & Robert Wall,
Thomas Wall & Ellenmarie Wall

MEMORIALS

ALTAR BREAD
In Memory of Maria Fernandez
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family

ALTAR WINE & SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Leo & Caroline Francione
From Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

For being such a highly qualified carpenter, Jesus displays a lot of farming know how as well. I state that as today we hear a series of His parables based on truths about working the land. By the Holy Spirit's mute record of those thirty-three years of the so-called "hidden life," we are left with lots of room for conjecture about them. Did He tend a little garden behind His home in Nazareth? Did His Mother add in some vegetable plants for practicality? Or did He have a relative who had a farm? Or did the town itself sponsor a common garden for everyone's use? At any rate, Jesus taught the basics using the device of "parables." Remember that He lived long before the invention of photography, much less video.

These stories of Jesus are and remain unique. No superfluous words. No detours from the main point. Colorful and appealing even 2,000 years later. True masterpieces from the One they called "The Master."

St. Matthew provides several examples. For the sake of brevity, allow me to focus on that first one about the weeds and the wheat. His original audience would recognize the evil involved when some twisted soul would mix in weeds with a newly planted wheat field. Not only was it an unjust act, but it also was a selfish one, destined to harm the basic food of everyone who depended on a successful harvest. Tares were one of the curses against which a farmer had to labor. They were called "darnel." In their early stages the tares so closely resembled the wheat that it was impossible to distinguish the one from the other. When both had produced seed heads it was easy to distinguish them; but by that time their roots were so intertwined that the tares could not be weeded out without tearing the wheat out with them. The tares and the wheat are so much alike that the Jews called the tares "bastard wheat."

One of several lessons for us here. There is always a hostile force in our world, ever ready to destroy any good seed, or better "any good deed" we do. We have to be on our guard all the time so that we won't be caught unaware. One thing that's ever ready to do harm is hypocrisy. We can see it in others easily enough but not in ourselves.

Once upon a time, a father complained about the amount of time his family spent in front of the television. His children watched cartoons and neglected schoolwork. His wife preferred soap operas to housework. His solution: "As soon as the baseball season's over, I'm going to pull the plug."

Readings for the Week:
Monday Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday Sgs 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 Mt 13:10-17
Friday Jer 3:14-17 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Mt 13:18-23
Saturday 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28
Sunday 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

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 Faith Formation (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).

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.

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.

Thank You.

Total Regular Offering—weekend of 07/12/2026: $6,815

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,434

Parish Giving: $1,381

Retired Priests Collection: $1,829

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, *especially Joseph LoRe and MaryEllen O'Donnell*, 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.

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.

FAITH FORMATION Registration: Registration for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year is open and will continue until **Friday, September 18, 2026**. New registration forms have been emailed to all families who were registered last year. Please refer to the registration form for more details. Early registration is recommended to facilitate efficient administrative preparation for the incoming year and discounts are available for registrations received early. Class schedules will be finalized after registration closes.
For information or questions regarding registration please email the Faith Formation Office at: ReligiousEd.StHenryBayonne@gmail.com. Please do not call the Faith Formation Office.

This weekend Father Thomas Toscornia will be at the parish for the annual missionary cooperative appeal and collection for the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers. Fr. Tiscornia will speak at all the Masses. Maryknoll is the popular name of the Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, which was founded in 1911 to follow Christ's command to preach the Gospel to all the nations. They serve principally among the poor in places where the Church is unknown and in great need.

For more information please visit www.maryknollsociety.org.

Parishioners may experience delays in receiving their regular offertory envelopes due to an issue affecting our envelope supplier. If you have not received your envelopes, please know temporary offertory envelopes are available at all church entrances and in the parish office. We encourage those who are able, to consider using our online giving platform. Instructions for setting up "Parish Giving" are listed at the top of page three of this bulletin. Thank you for your continued generosity and support of our parish.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin has asked the parishes of the Archdiocese of Newark to prayerfully and generously support those affected by the recent earthquake in Venezuela. A second collection will be taken up the weekend of July 25-26th.

Parishioners also may make donations directly to *Catholic Relief Services* at www.crs.org.

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.

St. Henry R.C. Church Golf Outing SPONSORSHIPS

Thursday, October 1, 2026

LINCOLN PARK WEST SKYWAY GOLF COURSE

Sponsorships Features

Event Sponsor = $1,000 __
- Sponsor Signage Featured at event
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- Tee Sign & Outing Commemorative Tee Shirts
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- Sponsor Acknowledgement During Awards

Tee Sign = $100 __
- Sponsor Name on Tee Sign

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   Bayonne, NJ 07002

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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

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**.

Report Financial Misconduct Confidentially

If you suspect financial misconduct, use **EthicsPoint**, an independent and confidential reporting tool that helps the Archdiocesan community address issues while promoting positive parish, school and workplace environments. Visit www.rcan.org for the hotline and reporting link.