



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 20, 2025 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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



Mass Intentions for the Week

SATURDAY, July 19th

8:30AM Special Intention: Joseph Sivakumaran
5:30PM Raymond "Buddy" Paradine

SUNDAY, July 20th

8:00AM Teodulfo "Ted" Concepcion &
Elsa Concepcion
10:00AM Carlo Barbero
12:00PM Joseph Cannarozzo

MONDAY, July 21st

12:00PM Maria Giannaci
Alfred Ponterdolph

TUESDAY, July 22nd

12:00PM Noelia Isabel Gomez
Special Intention: Victoria Tan

WEDNESDAY, July 23rd

12:00PM Salvatore Marino
John Vida

THURSDAY, July 24th

12:00PM Louis & Mary Piser
Dorothy Gordon

FRIDAY, July 25th

12:00PM Bella Vea
Joseph Giannullo, Jr. (1st ann.)

SATURDAY, July 26th

8:30AM Rev. Thomas Foye & Family
5:30PM In Honor of the Living & Deceased
Members of the St. Ann Society

SUNDAY, July 27th

8:00AM Elizabeth J. DiAntonio
10:00AM Marina Martinez
12:00PM Marie Pope

MEMORIALS SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Leo & Caroline Francione
From Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren

ALTAR BREAD

In Memory of Betty & Henry Kowalski
From Grandchildren

ALTAR WINE

In Memory of Lee & Paul Policastro
From Grandchildren

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

I researched the modern definition of hospitality because that concept is featured in two of our Readings today. Here is what I found online: "Hospitality means more than just service or accommodations. At its core good hospitality focuses on making others feel welcome, comfortable and valued. It involves extending warmth, kindness and generosity towards guests, visitors or even strangers, creating an environment that fosters genuine human connection and a sense of belonging. True hospitality extends beyond the confines of professional settings like hotels and restaurants."

In our First Reading from Genesis, we find Abraham, "our father in faith" as he is described in the Roman Canon, practicing good hospitality. He fulfills our definition above, although Sarah does most of the work involved!

The famous gospel story in Luke chapter 10 highlights for us the difference between the active approach and the contemplative one in the matter of hospitality. Martha had certainly made sure Jesus' feet were washed, had a comfortable chair, and good food and drink. But it is Mary who is focused on Jesus their guest. Jesus their friend. So, she doesn't run around, but instead sits down, in the attitude of a disciple. She is poised to listen. The Holy Spirit, through Luke, here provides a lesson for us on "hosting" Jesus as the guest of our souls. That means how we pray.

Our prayer is best when we put aside our agenda and try our best to focus on Jesus. This will take patience and effort, because everything else will clamor for attention. Or try to persuade us that they are more practical, better for us to be "productive" with our time.

Jesus really wants to speak to your heart and what He thinks of you. He smiles and signals us just "be still and know that He is God." (Psalm 46:10) Did you notice the calm on Pope Leo's face during those first moments on the balcony of St. Peter's right after he was announced? I did. Here is a man of prayer despite the fuss all around him.

It is important also that we pick the best time of our day to host Our Lord's visit. Michael DeBakey, a heart surgeon, once observed: "For me, the solitude of early morning is the most precious time of day. There is a quiet serenity that disappears a few hours later with the hustle and bustle of the multitude. Early morning hours symbolize for me a rebirth, the anxieties, frustration and woes of the preceding day seem to have been washed away during the night. God has granted another day of life, another chance to do something worthwhile for humanity." Permit me to add; that grant marks God's hospitality to us.

Readings for the week:

Monday Ex 14:5-18 Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday 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

Wednesday Ex 16:1-5, 9-15 Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28 Mt 13:1-9

Thursday Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Mt 13:10-17

Friday 2 Cor 4:7-15 Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 Mt 20:20-28

Saturday Ex 24:3-8 Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15 Mt 13:24-30

Sunday Gen 18:20-32 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 Col 2:12-14 Lk 11:1-13

St. Henry Parish NEWS



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).**

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 07/13/2025: \$7,906

Consisting of Offering at Masses: \$6,620

Parish Giving: \$1,286

Archbishop's Annual Appeal: \$1,031

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 Melissa Campanella and Quirico Pallarca 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—Thursday, 9AM—4PM. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and willingness to help those in need.

St. Henry Parish NEWS – continued

St. Henry Church is in the process of purchasing new Chasubles/Vestments for our Mass celebrations. If you are interested in sponsoring the purchase of a set in memory or honor of a loved one, the cost is as follows:



Advent Set: 1 Celebrant and 2 Concelebrant Vestments—\$400

Mother Mary Set: 1 Celebrant and 2 Concelebrant Vestments—\$400

Lenten Set: 1 Celebrant and 2 Concelebrant Vestments—\$400

Please contact Nancy in the Parish Office (201-436-0857 X110).

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.

SAVE the DATES

St. Henry Parish Picnic

16th Street Park

Sunday, September 14, 2025

St. Henry Parish Golf Outing

9 Hole Event

Thursday, October 2, 2025

More Information to Follow

SUMMER PSALM

We will use a Seasonal Psalm (Ps.27) after the First Reading at weekend 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?”

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 rcan.org/sharing. **Our Parish Goal is \$44,380.60. To date, \$20,300.00 has been pledged and \$17,935.00 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. ☐ 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 (allsaintsbayonne.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. ☐ **Save the Date!** Our Home and School Association will be hosting their annual *Pocketbook Bingo* October 4th. More details to follow.