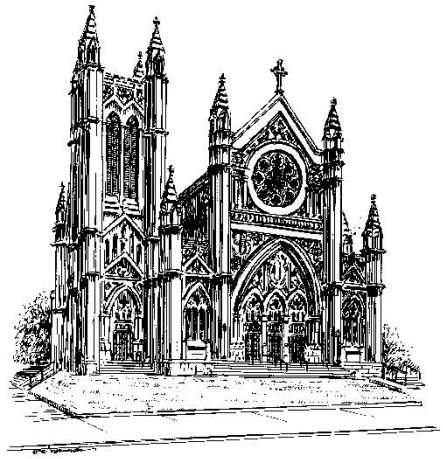

# ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

## 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 26, 2026 The Seventeenth 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**

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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 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 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 Anne & Robert Wall, Thomas Wall & Ellenmarie Wall

**MONDAY, July 27th**
12:00PM Anne & Robert Wall Thomas Wall & Ellenmarie Wall

**TUESDAY, July 28th**
12:00PM Rose M. Hogan Helen Venner

**WEDNESDAY, July 29th**
12:00PM Jennie, John & Sebastian Costa Irene Fego

**THURSDAY, July 30th**
12:00PM Loretta Brady John Breen

**FRIDAY, July 31st**
12:00PM Josephine Rickvalsky Edward Piekarz

**SATURDAY, August 1st**
8:30AM Nicanor Esmilio
5:30PM Steven Wexler

**SUNDAY, August 2nd**
8:00AM James Morecraft
10:00AM Maria & Frank Perrucci
12:00PM Maria & Vincent Darrigo & Sebastian Costa

**MEMORIALS**
**SANCTUARY LAMP**
**In Memory of Vivian Furina**
**From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family**
**ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE**
**In Memory of Betty & Henry Kowalski**
**From Grandchildren**

***Thoughts and Reflections***: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If you say that someone is a wise guy, you dislike the fact that they think they are very clever and always have an answer for everything. Or that they are cocksure, conceited, and often insolent. Nothing to be proud of as a reputation. Surely not the type of person the Lord urges us to be when He urges us to be wise.

In the context of His speaking of the kingdom of God, He means for us to be the opposite of arrogant but rather to be both docile and desirous of one thing in life: to be part of God's kingdom. That's our one real "job" in this life. Wise people know it and live for it. The question the gospel asks is "Are you one of the wise?"

Asking that of ourselves on a Sunday morning after Mass and we are practically bound to answer "For sure." But it's not the same ready answer a few days or nights later in the week. Or perhaps when we are faced with a personal or family health challenge. Or financial stress. Or parental difficulty with one's teenager. The list seems to change and lengthen as time moves along.

Yet there comes a point in life, acknowledged in the Bible and in our unwritten biographies where we attain a real but elusive "senior wisdom." We've "been there and done that" to the point where we can offer sage advice to the young among us who have the sense to ask us. Of course, in this case the young have to take the initiative. Unsolicited advice is never accepted no matter how wise.

Our Lord Jesus only asks that we get our priorities straight, no matter our age. Yet, it is essential that we have signs and markers along the way. Otherwise, we fall victim to a defective human only wisdom that entices us away from the genuine straight and narrow path. We can get lost. The Bible, Church teaching, and the example of some good older people are those markers,

Once upon a time the young new president of a bank made an appointment with his predecessor to seek some advice. "Sir," he began, " I wonder if you would kindly share with me some of the insights you have gained from your years here that have been the keys to your success."

The older man looked at him with a stare and replied: "Young man, two words: good decisions." The young man responded. "Thank you very much, sir, but how does one come to know which is the good decision?" "One word young man: experience." "Buy how does one get experience?" "Two words, young man: bad decisions."

**Readings for the Week:**
**Monday** Jer 13:1-11 Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 13:31-35
**Tuesday** Jer 14:17-22 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Mt 13:36-43
**Wednesday** Jer 15:10, 16-21 Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11, 17, 18 Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
**Thursday** Jer 18:1-6 Ps 146:1B-2, 3-4, 5-6ab Mt 13:47-53
**Friday** Jer 26:1-9 Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 Mt 13:54-58
**Saturday** Jer 26:11-16, 24 Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 Mt 14:1-12
**Sunday** Is 55:1-3 Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 Rom 8:35, 37-39 Mt 14:13-21

# 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 07/19/2026: $7,818**

**Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,887**

**Parish Giving: $931**

***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 Domenico Aiello and Raffaelina Filippone,* 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.

***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.

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.

***Archbishop's Annual Appeal***:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $25,550.00 Received: $22,795.00

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

## 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.

LINCOLN PARK WEST
SKYWAY
GOLF COURSE

COST

Registration per Golfer=$150
Lunch Only without Golf=$35

EVENT SCHEDULE

8:00M Breakfast & Registration
9:00AM Shotgun Start
Noon Lunch & Awards

SPONSORSHIPS

Event Sponsor =$1,000 ____
Lunch Sponsor=$500 ____
Breakfast Sponsor=$500 ____
Award Sponsor=$200 ____
Tee Sign=$100 ____

**St. Henry R.C. Church**
**Golf Outing**
**9 Hole Event**

**Thursday, October 1, 2026**

**Please register no later than September 1,2026**

Registration

Questions: Call (201) 745-1172
Email: jmb5551@aol.com
Payment Methods:
1. Zelle: Joseph Barbero (201) 745-1172
2. Venmo: @Giovanna-Joann-Barbero
3. Mail Checks to:
Attn: Golf Outing
St. Henry RC Church
82 West 29th Street
Bayonne, NJ 07002

Foursome Names:
1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Note: Individually Registered Golfers may be placed with any foursome.

Registrant Email: _____
Registrant Cell Phone #: _____

## *FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: Safe Environment Corner*

**Keeping Children Safe Away from Home**

As children grow, parents may begin dropping them off for activities and returning later to pick them up. Before taking this step, families are encouraged to ask a few important safety questions:

Are there at least two adults present to supervise children at all times?
Does the organization conduct background checks for adults who work with children?
Does the organization provide appropriate training for adults who supervise children?
Are there separate restroom facilities or clear restroom policies for adults and minors?
Are isolated areas locked, restricted, or monitored?

Together, guided by our faith and our shared responsibility, we can help create safe and welcoming environments where every child is protected and cherished.

*Anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct is asked to inform us so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and to 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.*