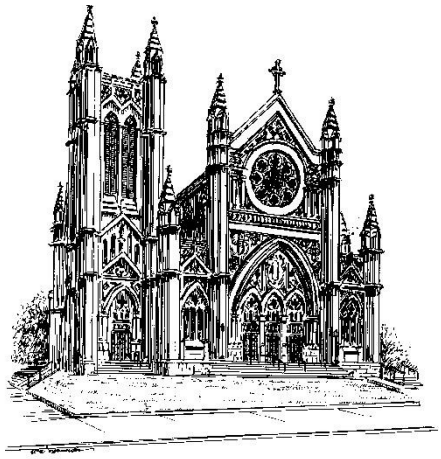

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

August 2, 2026 The Eighteenth 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**

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, 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

MONDAY, August 3rd
12:00PM Loretta Brady
Jay Jablonski (5th ann.)

TUESDAY, August 4th
12:00PM Florence Vida
Claire Latwis

WEDNESDAY, August 5th
12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Mary Weaver

THURSDAY, August 6th
12:00PM Vito & Chiara Aiello
Erlinda Puzon Vitug

FRIDAY, August 7th
12:00PM Patricia Corn
Isabel C. Reyes

SATURDAY, August 8th
8:30AM Frances Dugan (1st ann.)
5:30PM Judy Koprowski

SUNDAY, August 9th
8:00AM David Brown
10:00AM Jose Senande
12:00PM Carmine Borzelli

MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Judy Koprowski
From Amanda Kline
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Maria & Frank Perrucci
From Jean Perrucci

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

August could be called "the month for daydreamers." I say that guardedly because not all of us are on vacation. But a lot of people are. Those lucky souls have the chance to stare up into the sky from wherever they go to relax and daydream as they note the shape of the clouds. Or they could lie back on the beach sand or their backyard hammock and think deep thoughts along with their dreams. May I suggest one such thought that would not arise immediately, but it is encompassed by the famous story we read in the gospel for today? It is "the priesthood of the laity."

Obviously, there is what the Church calls "the ministerial priesthood." This is the one instituted by Christ at the Last Supper table when He told his baffled Apostles to "Do this in memory of Me." That's the priesthood of the ordained gentlemen who graduated from a seminary.

But we can turn to St. Paul's writings to tell us what the Church has steadfastly taught, and still does, about another priesthood more common and fundamental namely the "priesthood of the faithful." Paul writes: "Through Baptism all the members of the Church share in the priesthood of Christ."

Now this doesn't mean that you should start shopping for Mass vestments. Or look for the nearest seminary. Rather, does this teaching give a formal name to what you have hopefully been living your whole life. That is, living as Christ would if He were in your place. It also encourages you "to share their ordained priests' anxieties and help them as far as possible by prayer and active work so that they may be better able to overcome difficulties and carry out their duties with greater success." (Vatican II, no.9)

So, you and I are in a certain partnership with Christ to continue His work here below. In that way, we are assured of a spot in the "place above." Just by your example of being here at Mass to worship God on an August Sunday when so many "so-called Catholics" who should be here are not. This priesthood we share makes us both like the boy in this closing story who is flying his kite.

The boy's kite was so high that it had disappeared into the clouds. A man came by and asked, "Why are you holding on to that string?" The boy said, "I've got a kite up there." The man looked up and said, "I don't see it." The boy replied, "Well, I know it's there because I can feel the tug." That's like the tug we all feel from time to time in our hearts, which lets us know that God is for real and He cares for you. That's a fact, and not a summer daydream.

Readings for the Week:
Monday Jer 28:1-17 Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102 Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22 Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14
Wednesday Jer 31:1-7 Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 Mt 15:21-28
Thursday Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 2 Pt 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9
Friday Nah 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7 Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41 Mt 16:24-28
Saturday Hab 1:12—2:4 Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 Mt 17:14-20
Sunday 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a Ps 85:9, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Rom 9:1-5 Mt 14:22-33

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 07/26/2026: $6,222

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,356

Parish Giving: $866

Venezuela Earthquake Relief Collection: $2,258

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.

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: $22,895.00

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. Our July "***Coffee for St. Henry***" Collection totaled **$1,287**. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity.

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 #: _____

During the month of August we will once again be collecting school supplies for needy children who are attending Catholic schools in inner-city areas. Some suggestions are: pencils, glue, rulers, crayons, notebooks, children's backpacks etc. Collection boxes will be set up throughout the church. Your help is very much appreciated.

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

ASCA NEWS:

Our school office is observing summer office hours - the secretaries are available Monday through Friday, 9AM to 1PM. • The school uniform closet is open. If you would like to look through the uniforms we have on hand or drop off uniforms your child has outgrown, please email Jane Mattiello (jmattiello@allsaintcatholicacademy.com) to set up an appointment. Special thanks to Jamie Spiridonakos and Stephanie Walker for organizing the closet. • Students' summer assignments and supply lists are posted to the ASCA website (allsaintsbayonne.org). Students, if you have any questions about summer work, reach out to your teachers.