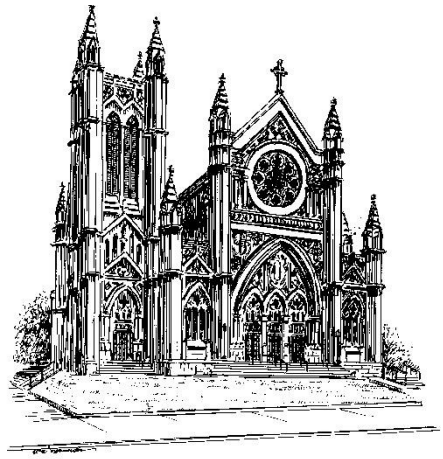

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 9, 2026 The Nineteenth 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 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

MONDAY, August 10th
12:00PM Thomas Dennis Ruane, Sr.
Sebastian Costa

TUESDAY, August 11th
12:00PM John Clemente
Caroline & Salvatore Caiazzo

WEDNESDAY, August 12th
12:00PM Elizabeth Valanzola
Cornelius, Catherine & Timothy Cadogan

THURSDAY, August 13th
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
Amanda & Simeon Vea

FRIDAY, August 14th
12:00PM Maria Corasaniti (14th ann.)
Lottie & Wladyslaw Jarmosz

SATURDAY, August 15th
8:30AM Rodolfo Capulong
5:30PM Frances LaPelusa

SUNDAY, August 16th
8:00AM Nolasco Sarabia & Mary Shelly P. Cortez
10:00AM Mary Sheridan
12:00PM Jennie, John & Sebastian Costa

MEMORIALS
SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Carmine Borzelli
From Mike & Nancy Policastro
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Marie & Ralph Raiola
From Daughter & Grandchildren

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

If time travel were possible, I would enjoy a relaxed conversation with St. Peter about his past fears, especially his fear of drowning. My own fear of the same happened many years ago when I was a boy on a lakeside summer vacation with my family. I was wading carefree in the cool water when suddenly the soft ground beneath me disappeared, and I started to sink. My arms flailing about happily caught the lifeguard's attention, and I soon felt the power of his strong arms around me as he carried me to shore. My fear of deep water born that day has been with me ever since. This despite several failed efforts to learn how to swim.

In our gospel scene today, we see wonderfully impetuous St. Peter leap from the storm-tossed boat when he heard his Lord invite him to join him by simply saying "Come!" But it wasn't an easy ocean walk. The big fisherman felt small as he started to sink. His one prayer became: "Lord, save me!" Afterward, Jesus had to ask our first pope: "Why did you begin to have doubts, O man of little faith?"

Jesus had always insisted that people should look at a situation in its entirety before they acted (Matthew 16:24-25). He was always completely honest with people, as He still is with us. He urged any who would follow Him to see the difficulties of doing so before they joined Him on "the Way." A thread runs through Christian history of people's failure to count the cost of a decision and not act on impulse or emotion. Dare I cite Judas as an example? So, it is well to have our own emotions in check when we are considering doing something "for Jesus' sake." Prudence is a virtue. It is not so much a harness on our generosity as it is a cautionary blinking yellow light on our internal switchboard. The rent money, after all, has a built-in purpose.

Like all of us, St. Peter and the chosen Eleven had to learn the truths of the Lord the hard way. Experience is a hard teacher because first you get the test and then the lesson. So, it is wise to pay attention to life lessons from Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

At the Milan Cathedral in Italy there are three inscriptions over the respective doorways. Over the right-hand door there is this motto: "All that pleases is but for a moment." Over the left-hand door the words are: "All that troubles is but for a moment." But over the central door there is a simple sentence: "Nothing is important save that which is eternal."

Readings for the Week: **Monday** 2 Cor 9:6-10 Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 Jn 12:24-26
Tuesday Ez 2:8—3:4 Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14
Wednesday Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22 Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 18:15-20
Thursday Ez 12:1-12 Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63 Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 Mt 19:3-12
Saturday Vigil 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2 Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 1 Cor 15:54b-57 Lk 11:27-28
Saturday Day Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 1 Cor 15:20-27 Lk 1:39-56
Sunday Is 56:1, 6-7 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Rom 11:13-15, 29-32 Mt 15:21-28

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 08/02/2026: $7,411

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,270

Parish Giving: $1,141

Parish Assessment Collection: $1,981

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 Caterina Gerace and Michael J. Murphy, 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.

Please Note: As per the Archdiocese of Newark :

Saturday, August 15, 2026 – The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **NOT** a Holy Day of Obligation in 2026*

**Whenever August 15 falls on a Saturday or on a Monday, the precept to attend Mass is abrogated. (This decree of the Conference of Bishops was approved and confirmed by the Apostolic See by a decree of the Congregation for Bishops (Prot. N. 296/84), signed by Bernardin Cardinal Gantin, Prefect of the Congregation, and dated July 4, 1992. The effective date of this decree for all the Latin Rite dioceses of the United States of America was January 1, 1993*.)

St. Henry CYO Track: Children of St. Henry Parish are invited to join the Parish Track Team and participate in the Olympic Spirit/Newark Archdiocese CYO Cross-Country League this fall. All our races will be held at Bayonne Park on Saturday mornings beginning September 26th and continuing until the season's finale, November 7th. Consider having your child join the fun and run! We will begin training on Saturday, August 22nd at 9:30AM at the blue track in Bayonne Park. All children of registered parishioners and participants in St. Henry Faith Formation Program ages 4-14 are invited. We will train one afternoon per week and race on Saturdays. The weekly race distances are appropriate for your child's age group. Please write to Al Long if you are interested. Email: alexlong685@gmail.com (write "track" in the subject line) or if you prefer, call 631-767-5938 if you have questions.

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

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

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Please register no later than
September 1,2026

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 ____

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.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
7:00PM

AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH

MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW