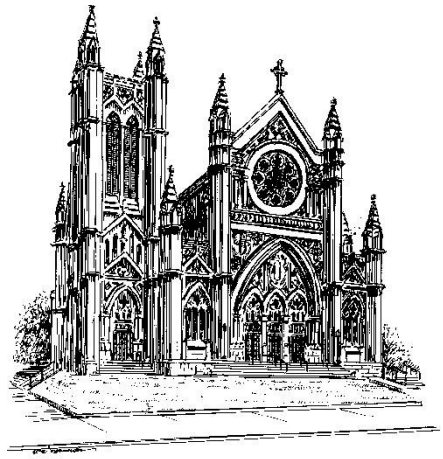


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 16, 2026 The Twentieth 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

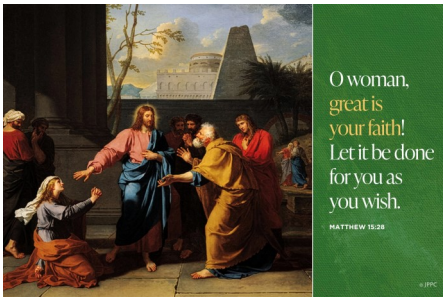
(formerly Religious Education/Catechism Program)

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 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

MONDAY, August 17th
12:00PM Helen S. Boyd & Zachary Boyd
John & Theresa Latwis

TUESDAY, August 18th
12:00PM Elizabeth Valanzola
Nicole Palmer

WEDNESDAY, August 19th
12:00PM John Breen
Ronald J. Tszuska

THURSDAY, August 20th
12:00PM Sebastian Costa
Elizabeth Valanzola

FRIDAY, August 21st
12:00PM Michael S. Ramella
Judy Blom

SATURDAY, August 22nd
8:30AM LaVon Maria Abis
5:30PM Judy Koprowski

SUNDAY, August 23rd
8:00AM Joseph Levine (100th Birthday)
10:00AM Manuel Senande
12:00PM Josefina Astudillo & Victor Cardenas

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Judy Koprowski
From Mary Lou Kowalski
ALTAR BREAD
In Memory of Deborah Grysko
From Lolita Sanzo
ALTAR WINE
In Memory of the Deceased Members
of St. Henry Parish

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The type of person I want to focus on is one you already know. He or she may have gone to elementary school with you. Or was your college roommate? It may be a professional colleague or a fellow parishioner. Or an admired sports hero or a well-known religious leader. Or one who lives in a foreign country. Or who lives next door. I refer to a person whom you believe to be ever humble.

Consistent with our assessment, this person never seeks the spotlight. They know themselves. Their true colors show especially when they take a courageous public stance. Consider, if you will, the unnamed Canaanite woman who has wound up in today's excerpt from St. Matthew's gospel.

She has a daughter with a serious health problem. As a pagan she has undoubtedly heard the stories of the traveling young Hebrew rabbi named Jesus, and the marvelous curing miracles He has worked. She may have thought to herself: "He might turn me away since I'm a Gentile. But I must try something to help my child." So, she cries out when Jesus drew near her "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!" Giving Jesus those twin titles is itself a tribute to Him.

Jesus' first reaction is silence. The Apostles' first reaction is to chase a pest. Then Jesus speaks and tells the woman that His mission is "limited to Israel. I cannot throw food meant for children to dogs." Then in a response replete with humility she tells Him "Even dogs eat the scraps fallen from the table" Jesus admires her pluck, her very faith in Him and above all her humility. He heals the woman's daughter immediately.

We learn two truths from this episode. First, the unlimited scope of Christ's earthly mission. It is not for one group, but for all who will listen and accept the truth about God's kingdom. Secondly, we learn the power of humble faith.

A common practice for lots of people is to take "the path of least resistance." Rivers do that. They always travel around a mountain because it is easier than going through one. Frequently we are like that river. It is easier to sit scrolling through our smartphone getting angry rather than putting the phone down to care for a neighbor's needs. It is easier to get angry at one's mate and let that anger diminish with time rather than to sit down and work out the problem.

But there is one difference between ourselves and that river. It will never have to render an account of what it has done. But we will. Obviously, the better choice in life is to be humble and take the path of persistence. Just ask a certain Canaanite woman.

Readings for the Week:
Monday Ez 24:15-23 Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday Ez 28:1-10 Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday Ez 34:1-11 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 20:1-16
Thursday Ez 36:23-28 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 Mt 22:1-14
Friday Ez 37:1-14 Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 22:34-40
Saturday Ez 43:1-7ab Ps 85:9ab, 10, 11-12, 13-14 Mt 23:1-12
Sunday Is 22:19-23 Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 Rom 11:33-36 Mt 16:13-20

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).

Thank You.

Total Regular Offering—weekend of 08/09/2026: $7,463

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,382

Parish Giving: $1,081

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Collection: $1,091

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!

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.

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 Giordano* 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 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.

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.

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.

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.

Our eighth *Calendar Raffle* drawing was held on August 1st and the winners were Joe Barbero and Steve D'Alessio. Congratulations to the winners and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket.

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.

A Message from the Fathers and Brothers of Maryknoll Catholic Foreign Mission Society of America, Inc.:

Dear Father Gaviola, Sincere thanks from here and Maryknollers around the world for your kindness. Fr. Thomas Tiscornia enjoyed the weekend visit and the people of St. Henry were very receptive. Needles to say, this is a great help towards our efforts to bring the "Good News" to all nations. May the kindness rebound to you and your people.
Your parishioners will be remembered in our Masses and prayers.

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

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.

ASCA NEWS:Save the date! Our Home and School Association will be hosting their annual *Pocketbook Bingo* October 17th at 6pm. • 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. • 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.

SAVE THE DATE

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH
7:00PM
AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW