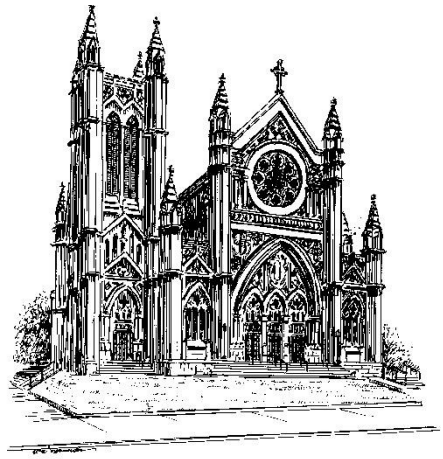


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 23, 2026 The Twenty-First 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

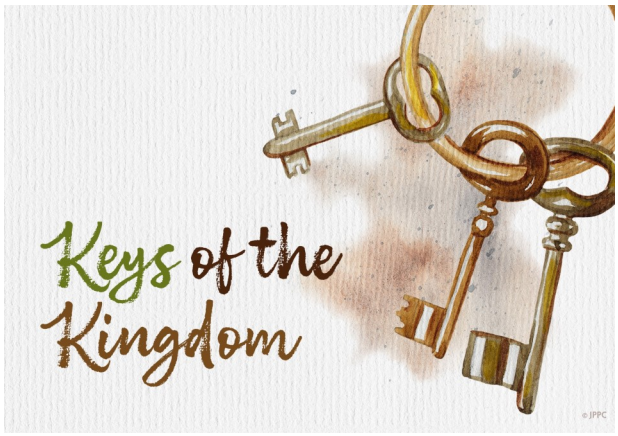
(formerly Religious Education/Catechism Program)

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 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

MONDAY, August 24th
12:00PM Betty Valanzola
Kathryn Biasini

TUESDAY, August 25th
12:00PM Gabriel Doria
Most Rev. Thomas A. Donato (11th ann.)

WEDNESDAY, August 26th
12:00PM Nicholas, Yolanda, Maria & Antoniette Mugrace & Sebastian Costa
Mariana & Ayang Vea

THURSDAY, August 27th
12:00PM Juan Diaz & Esabel Fabre
Gloria Javellana

FRIDAY, August 28th
12:00PM James Weaver (1st ann.)
Maria & Vincent Darrigo & Sebastian Costa

SATURDAY, August 29th
8:30AM Virginia Rodriguez
5:30PM William Garda

SUNDAY, August 30th
8:00AM Alexandra Weckesser
10:00AM Marina Martinez
12:00PM Paul Carl Sildatke

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Betty Valanzola
From Barbara Peters

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Surveys are to some web sites like ants to picnics. Part of life and hard to avoid. But if Jesus gets involved in anything, even a survey, we have to pay attention. We just heard (or read about) Our Lord conducting a survey of His chosen men.

First, the locale. Usually significant in the gospels. We're in Caesarea Philippi, a predominantly Gentile city north of Palestine. Originally known as Panias because of a shrine built there to honor the god, Pan. When Herod the Great's son Philip became tetrarch, he rebuilt the city and named it Caesarea to honor Tiberius the emperor…He cleaned and dressed it up (not with a ballroom) and added his name so the emperor would know it.

So here, among impressive Roman marble and plentiful statues of pagan gods, Jesus asks the Apostles two important questions:

"Who do men say that I am?" and then "Who do you say that I am?"

We can assume a stunned silence from the group and then a list of possibilities before Peter pipes up, as he is wont to do, with the correct answer: "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God!" "Wow!" we think. "Peter sure got it right!" And Jesus wholeheartedly agrees. (Try to remember this scene next Holy Thursday night, when Peter vehemently denies Jesus to the servant girl in the high priest's garden when she confronts him hovering by the fire.)

Jesus rightly pinpoints the source of Peter's insight as the Holy Spirit within him. Then He gives Peter the keys to the kingdom, with power and authority of office that begins here and brings us right to Leo XIV from Chicago!

Rather than defend the papacy to all sorts of critics out there in cyberspace, I'd rather reflect on what St. Peter's answer to Christ means for you and me. But what does it mean? Certainly, the endurance of the Church for more than twenty centuries comes to mind. That plus the comfort of knowing with certainty the Church's purpose. The realization that its central truths about Jesus are forever. That no other plan on how to live is as responsive to God's will as that of Christianity. Certainly, I must add that we are part of the only Church with a pope as successor to Peter.

But now comes the question right at you and me this summer Sunday. Who do you say Christ is? Your answer and mine determine everything. We shouldn't need a survey to tell us. Allow me to close with a quote that fits the situation: "The true Christian is a person who is right-side-up in a world that is upside down."

Readings for the Week:
Monday Rev 21:9b-14 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 Jn 1:45-51
Tuesday 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17 Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 Mt 23:23-26
Wednesday 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18 Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 Mt 23:27-32
Thursday 1 Cor 1:1-9 Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 Mt 24:42-51
Friday 1 Cor 1:17-25 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 Mt 25:1-13
Saturday 1 Cor 1:26-31 Ps 33:12-13, 18-19, 20-21 Mk 6:17-29
Sunday Jer 20:7-9 Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Rom 12:1-2 Mt 16:21-27

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 08/16/2026: $6,665

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,544

Parish Giving: $1,121

Assumption Collection: $2,512

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 Maria Mundell and Barbara Elder,* 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.

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.

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.

Rosary Society News:

Our 1st breakfast meeting of the new season will be Sunday, September 13th in the Parish Center after the 10:00 o'clock Mass and recitation of the rosary in church. All women of the parish are invited to attend the meeting and all parishioners are invited to pray the rosary with us. Rosarians, please sit in the reserved pews. Reminder: please bring one non-perishable food item to the meeting for our food pantry donation.

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.

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: Barbara Dolan, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Newark, has announced that Marie Stringile, Ph.D, has been appointed as principal of All Saints Catholic Academy. Dr. Stringile began her career in education as a teacher in a Catholic elementary school. From there she moved to the public sector. In addition to teaching, Dr. Stringile was an assistant principal and principal for the Jersey City Board of Education. Dr. Stringile believes in the value of Catholic education. We ask that you join us in welcoming Dr. Stringile to our ASCA family.

SAVE THE (NEW) DATE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD 7:00PM
AT ST. JOHN PAUL II PARISH
MORE INFORMATION TO FOLLOW