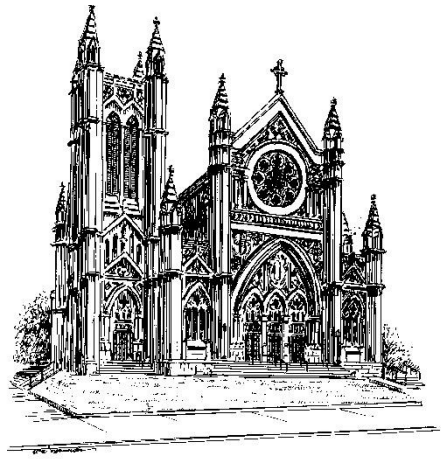

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 30, 2026 The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE
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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 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

MONDAY, August 31st
12:00PM Elizabeth Valanzola
Diana Wood

TUESDAY, September 1st
12:00PM Charles Fleck
Alexandra Lee Weckesser (1st ann.)

WEDNESDAY, September 2nd
12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Irene Fego

THURSDAY, September 3rd
12:00PM Gabriel & Elsie Doria
Betty Valanzola

FRIDAY, September 4th
12:00PM Rosario Marino
Helen Hunt

SATURDAY, September 5th
8:30AM Cecilia & Saverimutthu Anthonypillai
5:30PM Tony Canto

SUNDAY, September 6th
8:00AM Claire Latwis
10:00AM Catherine Furey
12:00PM Federico Inigo

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP
In Memory of Betty Valanzola
From Arlene Crosson

ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Tom & Maureen Murphy
From Kelly & Kevin

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

We have for our late summer reflection today a section of Matthew's gospel that could well be subtitled "Truth or Consequences." How so? Jesus first predicts His future suffering, death, and resurrection. Then Peter, in his usual brash way, rushes in to persuade the Master to change His plan. Jesus then promptly puts him in his place by calling Peter "Satan" for his brash idea.

By now, the rest of the Apostles who had watched all this must have been a bit "gobsmacked," as we might say, by what Jesus said next. He declared that the only way of life for His followers would necessarily be one of self-denial and suffering. That was a lot to take in. After all, had they not been eyewitnesses to signs and wonders Jesus had produced to help so many needy people? What is this talk of opting for pain? Our Lord clearly wanted His young volunteers to know exactly what they were in for when they "signed up" to join their lives to His. They would not be offered the luxury of ignorance! We can suppose that the Apostles may have bought into the popular idea that the Messiah was to be a bold warrior who would lead Israel in a revolt against Rome and triumph over tyranny for bright days of glory. Jesus gave them some "shock and awe" they needed.

It is the same for anyone who is introduced into Christianity with all its positives. Or even we long-time believers can substitute daydreams for reality here below. We can be lulled into the belief that Christian living is not so difficult after all. Just go to Mass on Sunday (unless it's inconvenient). Keep the basic rules of behavior in between. Oh, and say your prayers. Other than that, don't make waves and do what everybody else does. Not so! We're talking here about a serious commitment to the person Jesus Christ, and everything He stood for. Everything! And unless you've been vacationing on Venus for a while, you know that puts you and me at odds with a nearly pagan culture, with its own gods and false ideas it says are "good."

Allow me to close by using an image from ski season about how to best live as a Christian that I came across: "There are three ways in which a skier can get to the top of the ski slope. He or she can try to walk up on their own or be pulled up as he or she holds on to a strap, or they can ride up in the chair lift. This illustration depicts the various ways Christians try to live the Christian life. Some try completely using their own strength; others try to combine their own effort with some degree of dependence on God. But the only true way to ultimate victory and peace in every situation is total dependence on the Holy Spirit.

Readings for the Week:
Monday 1 Cor 2:1-5 Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday 1 Cor 2:10b-16 Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday 1 Cor 3:1-9 Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 Lk 4:38-44
Thursday 1 Cor 3:18-23 Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 5:1-11
Friday 1 Cor 4:1-5 Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 Lk 5:33-39
Saturday 1 Cor 4:6b-15 Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 Lk 6:1-5
Sunday Ez 33:7-9 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Rom 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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).

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 08/23/2026: $6,443

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,417

Parish Giving: $1,026

Pastoral Solidarity Fund for the Church in Africa Collection: $2,236

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 Maryann Panepinto,* 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.

St. Henry Parish NEWS - continued

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. 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.

An Invitation to Join the Choir

The St. Henry Parish Choir is starting to practice music for the Fall, Advent, and Christmas seasons. We invite new members to join at this time. Previous musical training is not required, only a love of music. The choir is opened to persons high school age and above. It is a very friendly and lively group.

Rehearsals are held in the church every Tuesday from 7:00PM to 8:30PM beginning Tuesday, September 8th. The choir sings at each 10:00AM Sunday Mass.

By joining the choir, you will be serving your parish in a very important ministry. Call director, Chad Perry, with any questions at (201) 249-1167. St. Augustine has told us, "Those who sing, pray twice." We hope to see you on Tuesday evening.

St. Henry Parish

Congratulates the Bayonne Little League
on their
2026 New Jersey State Championship
and the
Metro Regional Championship!

We are so proud of you and your performance in the Little League World Series.

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.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $25,650.00 Received: $23,267.50

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.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23RD · 7:00PM TO 11:00PM

AT ST. JOHN PAUL II CHURCH HALL

(FORMERLY MT. CARMEL)

39 EAST 22ND STREET · BAYONNE, NJ

$35 PER PERSON · CHILDREN UNDER 10 FREE

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE PARISH OFFICE
MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY 9:00AM 04:00PM

CHECK OR EXACT CASH PAYMENT

MUSIC · FOOD · BYOB

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! 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.

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

ASCA NEWS: We would like to announce that Mr. Patrick McGrath is our new Athletic Director. We thank Patrick for taking on this important role! • Teachers will begin the 2026-2027 school year this Thursday. They will have their first faculty meeting with ASCA's new principal, Marie Stringile, Ph.D. Dr. Stringile and her staff are looking forward to an energized and productive new year, ASCA's 19th! • Parents, please be aware that this year's *Back to School* night has been rescheduled for Wednesday, September 16th. Mark your calendars.

FROM the ARCHDIOCESE of NEWARK: Safe Environment Corner

Gaming Safety Tips for Families

Video games are a popular activity for many children. Since most games connect to the internet, it is important to help children use them safely.

- Check a game's rating before allowing your child to play.
- Use parental controls to manage content and online features.
- Keep gaming systems in a common area of the home.
- Remind children never to share personal information online.

By staying involved, parents can help children enjoy gaming in a safe and responsible way.

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 provide support of sexual abuse. Call the Coordinator for the Office of Accompaniment in the Archdiocesan Department for the Protection of the Faithful at (201) 407-3256.