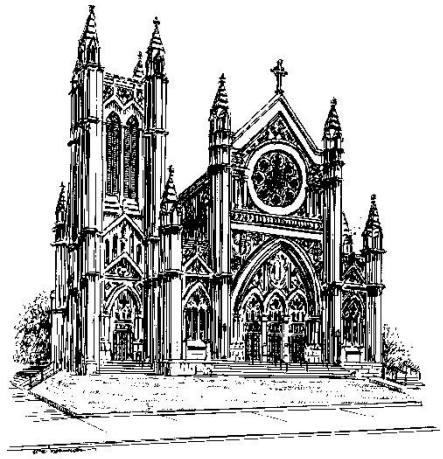

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

September 13, 2026 The Twenty-Fourth 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, September 12th
8:30AM James Sanchez
5:30PM Cornelius, Catherine & Timothy Cadogan

SUNDAY, September 13th
8:00AM Denis Abel Perez
10:00AM Felipe Senande
12:00PM Manny Reyes

MONDAY, September 14th
12:00PM David Trinidad
Asuncion Reyes

TUESDAY, September 15th
12:00PM Veronica and William Overholser
Rev. Peter E. Reilly (107th ann.)

WEDNESDAY, September 16th
12:00PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin
Simeon & Amanda Vea

THURSDAY, September 17th
12:00PM Hugh Crosson
Ellen Korba

FRIDAY, September 18th
12:00PM Michael S. Ramella
Anna Esposito

SATURDAY, September 19th
8:30AM Gloria Ann McLaughlin Gomez
5:30PM Maria Corasaniti

SUNDAY, September 20th
8:00AM Sebastian Costa
10:00AM Jean & Frank Palka
12:00PM Michael Delbert

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Hugh Crosson
From Arlene & Nicholas Crosson

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

When it happened to me, it felt like what I imagine a heart attack might feel like. Sudden, surprising, painful. The pain came from information relayed by a person who was, at the time, one of our diocesan officials in the clergy office. He told me what another priest had said in a negative critique of me. The assessment came from someone I happened to admire. Hearing his judgment of me hurt doubly for that very reason.

While this took place many years ago, the incident springs to mind immediately whenever I think of our good Lord's admonition found in today's Gospel: "So will my heavenly Father do to you unless each of you forgives your brother from your heart." Boy, is that hard to do sometimes! There have been similar examples in my life, but the one I cited stands out the most because of the hurt. After that wears off with time, a certain justifiable anger can still well up within us. We start creating a line of defense witnesses as we put the offending one on an imaginary trial in the courtroom of our minds.

In His human nature, Our Lord knew all about such hurt and anger. After all, He was like us in all things but sin. But listen again to those words of His as He hung, the victim of hate, on that Roman cross of pain and punishment: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." So, despite any and all efforts we might make to get out from under this teaching of His—and some of us are quite clever about that—we must either obey Him or walk away. It's the biggest mistake any of us can make, once we know and believe Him to be the Son of God: the One who really practiced what He preached, the One who loves us despite ourselves.

Once upon a time, a friend of Clara Barton, the founder of the American Red Cross, reminded her of an especially cruel thing that had been done to her years before. But Miss Barton seemed not to recall it.

"Don't you remember it?" her friend asked.

"No," came the reply. "I distinctly remember forgetting it."

You can't be free and happy if you harbor grudges, so put them away. Get rid of them. Collect postage stamps or collect coins, or model trains, if you wish—but don't collect grudges.

Readings for the Week:
Monday Numbers 21:4b-9 / Psalms 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 / Philippians 2:6-11 / John 3:13-17
Tuesday 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27-31a / Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 / John 19:25-27 or Luke 2:33-35
Wednesday 1 Corinthians 12:31-13:13 / Psalms 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 / Luke 7:31-35
Thursday 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 / Psalms 118:1B-2, 16ab-17, 28 / Luke 7:36-50
Friday 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 / Psalms 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 / Luke 8:1-3
Saturday 1 Corinthians 15:35-37, 42-49 / Psalms 56:10c-12, 13-14 / Luke 8:4-15
Sunday Isaiah 55:6-9 / Psalms 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 / Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a / Matthew 20:1-16a

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 09/06/2026: $7,837

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,376

Parish Giving: $1,461

Parish Assessment Collection: $2,231

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 Bernadette Gaughan,* 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.

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.

St. Henry Music Ministry

St. Henry Music Ministry invites parishioners of all ages to become more involved in the musical life of our parish. Whether through singing with our parish choir, introducing children to sacred music, or supporting our musical offerings, there are many ways to participate and help enrich our liturgies.

Parish Choir: The parish is currently preparing for the upcoming Christmas season and welcomes new members of all experience levels. No previous musical experience is required. Rehearsals are held Tuesdays from 7:00-8:30PM in the church.

Children's Choir: The newly formed Children's Choir welcomes all children, with no previous musical experience required. The choir will sing at monthly Family Masses and special celebrations throughout the year, including feast days such as All Saints, as well as Christmas carols before the 4:30PM Children's Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are held Sundays at 11:00AM after the 10:00AM Mass, beginning September 20th.

St. Cecilia Fund: The St. Cecilia Fund supports St. Henry's sacred music ministry by helping to bring professional musicians to special liturgical celebrations, such as a violinist on Good Friday or a brass quartet for Christmas. Contributions of any amount may be designated "For St. Cecilia Fund" on a check or envelope made payable to "St. Henry Church."

For more information about the Music Ministry or either choir, please contact our Music Director, Mr. Chad Perry, at (201) 249-1167.

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.

Our ninth *Calendar Raffle* drawing was held on September 1st and the winner was Irene Orrego. Congratulations to the winner and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket.

Coming Soon

The St. Henry R.C. Church 2027
Monthly Calendar Raffle is on its way.
We appreciate your patience.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $27,241.00 Received: $24,758.50

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 TO 4:00PM

CHECK OR EXACT CASH PAYMENT

MUSIC · FOOD · BYOB

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

Wednesday, November 11th, St. Vincent de Paul Church will have a bus trip to the Sights & Sounds Theatre to see *Joshua*. Bus leaves from the front of the church at 9:00AM. Cost of the ticket is $165.00, which includes the bus, ticket to show, buffet at Shady Maples and a snack on the bus. Deadline to sign up is September 30th. Please call the rectory, 201-436-2222, if you would like to go.

ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC ACADEMY GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL (Fall 2026) & BOYS' and GIRLS' BASKETBALL (Winter 2026-2027)

ASCA has openings on their girls' volleyball teams, 5-6 (JV) and 7-8 (Varsity) and have invited grammar school age girls of St. Henry Parish to join the All Saints school team this fall and participate in the Newark Archdiocese CYO Leagues this fall season beginning September 17th.

In addition, boys and girls are also being invited to participate on the All Saints girls' and boys' basketball teams (this fall and winter) and participate in the Newark Archdiocese CYO Leagues.

Children of registered parishioners and who are registered in the St. Henry Faith Formation Program are eligible according to CYO rules.

Please write or call Al Long if interested. Email: alexlong685@gmail.com (write "volleyball" or "basketball" in the subject line), or call 631-767-5938 if you have questions.

ASCA NEWS:

Our annual *Scholastic Book Fair* runs this week. Students will attend their assigned times with their homeroom teachers; the schedule has been posted. • This year's *Back to School Night* will be held Wednesday evening for parents from 6:30 to 7:30. Our new principal, Dr. Stringile, will be there as will all the teachers and nurses. The book fair will be opened during that time if any parents would like to make a purchase. • Our first *Tag Day* of the year will be Friday. All monies raised will be donated to the *Valerie Fund* for comprehensive and individualized care for childhood cancer patients. The minimum donation is $1; we ask that you please be as generous as possible. Students are to wear gold (or yellow).