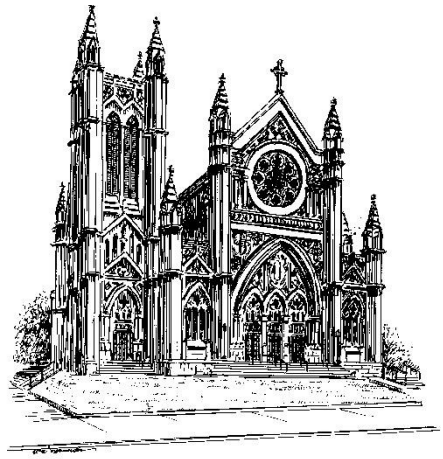

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 20, 2026 The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE
Phone: 201-436-0857 ***Fax: 201-823-4611***
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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, 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

MONDAY, September 21st
12:00PM Judy Blom
Marion Raiola

TUESDAY, September 22nd
12:00PM Sebastian Costa
Special Intention:
Joseph & Dharshini Sivakumaran

WEDNESDAY, September 23rd
12:00PM Irene Fleck
Salvador Seijas

THURSDAY, September 24th
12:00PM Ralph Corasaniti
Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Mulligan

FRIDAY, September 25th
12:00PM Bill Grapstul
Special Intention:
Joseph & Satheesh Rajaratnam

SATURDAY, September 26th
8:30AM James Foran
5:30PM Paul Osenenko

SUNDAY, September 27th
8:00AM Sergio DeCesare
10:00AM Miguel Quintela
12:00PM Carmine Borzelli

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Joseph & Frances LaPelusa
From Jerry & Linda LaPelusa

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Per usual, I prayed to the Holy Spirit on the bright June day for an introductory metaphor for today's Gospel. What He gave me will sound strange, but, of all things, He gave me to imagine "The Hope Diamond." In case you don't know it, you can actually see this large and storied gem at the Smithsonian Museum in Washington, D.C., well-lit and behind thick safety glass. This last is just in case you were tempted.

Its story includes the fact that King Louis XIV of France once wore the large blue-tinted gem on a ribbon around his neck. Much later, an American heiress once had it set in a diamond necklace. You can have the fun of learning more.

For my purpose here, I want to make a comparison of this unique gem with the dazzling generosity of God. Perhaps that's why the Holy Spirit did what He did. This quality of God is beautiful beyond any description I might use for a gemstone. The jewel, after all, is just a creature. We are to focus on a beautiful aspect of our Creator.

The Scriptures tell us of the Lord's generosity in several ways, but today we can focus on how He instructed the Hebrew people to drop their prejudice and include the Gentile peoples in the embrace of the Covenant that He first made with them. His decision must have caught most Jews by surprise. We know that many of them contested it.

In today's "Parable of the Hired Workers," the workers represent such Jews when they ask, "Is it fair that the same wage we earned be given to latecomers?" You see, among other things, they had to learn that God's decisions, especially those made with generosity, surpass human ways of thinking. Just think about that in the context of Judgment Day. Wouldn't we all want God to be generous?

Meanwhile, it will be our personal generosity that is looked at on that awful Day as a major component of God's decision about our future. But even here and now, we have no reason to panic. We should, however, take a healthy Sunday pause to consider our current lifestyle from the perspective of generosity. Let the truth hurt if it does. So be generous, my friends, and stay that way. A generous God is watching us. Bid Him to smile in appreciation of your diamond-like generosity and the gift of hope it brings. .

Readings for the Week:
Monday Ephesians 4:1-7, 11-13 / Psalms 19:2-3, 4-5 / Matthew 9:9-13
Tuesday Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13 / Psalms 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 / Luke 8:19-21
Wednesday Proverbs 30:5-9 / Psalms 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 / Luke 9:1-6
Thursday Ecclesiastes 1:2-11 / Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc / Luke 9:7-9
Friday Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 / Psalms 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 / Luke 9:18-22
Saturday Ecclesiastes 11:9-12:8 / Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 / Luke 9:43b-45
Sunday Ezekiel 18:25-28 / Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 / Philippians 2:1-11 or Philippians 2:1-5 / Matthew 21:28-32

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 09/13/2026: $7,984

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,745

Parish Giving: $1,239

Catholic University of America Collection: $2,307

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 Timothy Flanagan and Catherine Mosca,* 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

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.

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

St. Henry Parish
2027 MONTHLY CALENDAR RAFFLE
$1,000 PER MONTH
Drawn on the 1st of each month,
January 2027 through December 2027
TICKET COST $120 EACH
ONLY 300 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
You have 12 chances to win and the winning ticket is re-entered so you can win multiple times!

Our 2027 Monthly Calendar Raffle tickets are now on sale. Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Office Monday through Thursday, 9AM to 4PM. For your convenience, a ticket request is printed below. Complete the form and mail it to the office along with your payment. Upon receipt of your form and payment, a ticket will be entered into the drawing and your ticket stub will be mailed to you. **NOTE**: You do not need to complete a request form if you come into the Parish Office to purchase your ticket.
The Monthly Calendar Raffle has been a very successful fundraiser for our parish in the past few years. If you purchased a tickets for 2026, you still have chances to win. Your participation is important to the financial health of the parish. Let's sell all 300 tickets this year! As always, we are grateful for all you do to support our Parish of St. Henry.

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St. Henry 2027 Calendar Raffle Ticket Request Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Phone No.: _____

Email: _____

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No. of Tickets: _____ x $120/Ticket = _____

Checks to be made payable to "St. Henry Church"

SEPARATE REQUEST FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PURCHASER

(Form may be duplicated.)

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

COFFEE for ST. HENRY

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. .

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.

ASCA NEWS:

Thank you to all our volunteers who helped make our annual *Scholastic Book Fair* last week a success! We appreciate your support. • Our Home and School Association's *Pocketbook Bingo* will be held Saturday, October 17th. Thank you to those who have already made donations! Please call the school office (201) 443-8384 if you would like to purchase tickets and/or make a donation. • Save the date! This year's *Trunk or Treat* will be held on the school and Church grounds on Halloween—Saturday, October 31st.

Saint Dominic Academy will host a Fall Open House on Sunday, September 27, from 11:00AM to 1:00PM. Families with daughters who are in 7th and 8th grade are invited to come experience SDA and discover what makes the school a special place for young women. Families will have the opportunity to:

• Meet the faculty, administrators, current students and alumnae • Learn about the rigorous college-preparatory academics, athletics, clubs, leadership opportunities, and student activities • Learn how SDA nurtures young women academically, socially, spiritually, and personally • Take a tour of the historic facilities • See how SDA prepares students to become confident, compassionate, and purpose-driven leaders.