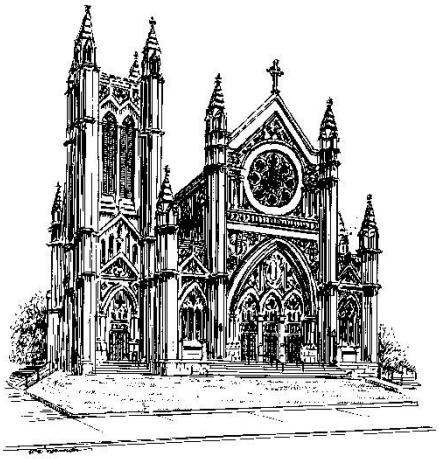


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 27, 2026 The Twenty-Sixth 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

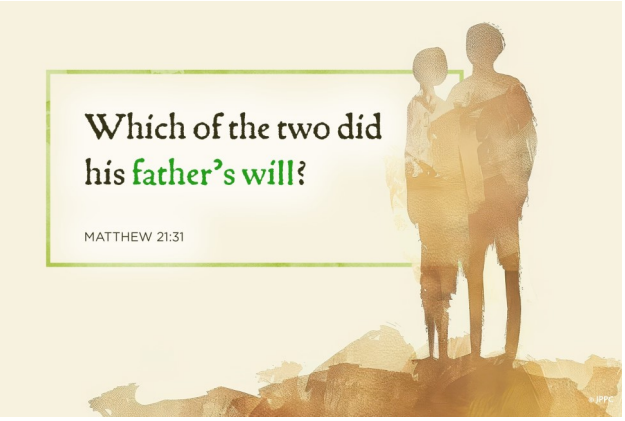
(formerly Religious Education/Catechism Program)

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, 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

MONDAY, September 28th
12:00PM James Burke
Antonio DellaSerra

TUESDAY, September 29th
12:00PM Thomas Wall & Ellenmarie Wall
Anne & Robert Wall

WEDNESDAY, September 30th
12:00PM Loretta Brady
Allan Rickvalsky

THURSDAY, October 1st
12:00PM Jordan Spuma
John, Kathleen & John Massa DiCesare

FRIDAY, October 2nd
12:00PM John Sal Marino (7th ann.)
Justino & Felisa Quiatchon

SATURDAY, October 3rd
8:30AM Germaine Rose Nacion & Johnny & Laonito Tang
5:30PM Adele & Frank McLaughlin

SUNDAY, October 4th
8:00AM William Foran, Jr.
10:00AM Paul Brandon
12:00PM Betty Valanzola

MEMORIALS

SANCTUARY LAMP,
ALTAR BREAD & ALTAR WINE
In Memory of Allan Rickvalsky
From Arlene Crosson

Thoughts and Reflections: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Whether it's part of a printed piece or an electronic one, we all know the contrast offered by those "before and after" ads. Non-users of the product always look glum or dejected. But users? Ah, they look so happy and bright, smiling at us with the joy that the given product brought into their lives. As we ponder a purchase, we consider that we, too, deserve to be smiling and happy.

Today we are given a parable in the Gospel passage, namely the "Parable of the Two Sons." Granted, it's not as familiar to us as parables like the "Prodigal Son" or the "Good Samaritan," but it has its distinct teaching purpose. That is, the different reactions of two groups of people to the teaching of John the Baptist. Remember that John had the task of preparing the world for Christ's coming through repentance. It reminded me of those reactions in "before and after" ads. There is a non-smiling group, namely Israel's leaders, the Scribes and Pharisees, who simply do not accept what John is saying. Their faces are sad and their mood is cynical. The smiling group, on the other hand, is made up of those who accept what John is saying. They are happy hearing about a way out from under their sinful condition.

Raising the stakes quite a bit, we hear the ultra-important teaching of Our Lord Himself about all this. He proposes an outlook on our part that includes, first of all, the admission of our sins and then trust in Him. Do we believe in Jesus' approach? Or do we agree with the notion that, generally, I'm doing OK in the sin department and I have very little to repent? My experience tells me that most sinful habits involve a kind of wrestling match between our resolve and temptation. Yet we must always remember that even the striving to improve means we want to love Jesus even more than we have. That's our ultimate relationship.

The Church asks us to pray this weekend for migrants and refugees. Normally an easy task. But today these people have become controversial. From our comfortable perches as approved good citizens, we must not look down on these brothers and sisters. Their anxious faces reflect uncertainty. The "before" look of fear. May our own outlook and our prayers for them bring to their faces the "after" look of acceptance, hope, and love. After all, that's what God gives all of us each day as we migrate, with hope and determination, to reach our common heavenly home.

Readings for the Week:
Monday Job 1:6-22 / Psalms 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7 / Luke 9:46-50
Tuesday Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12ab / Psalms 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 / John 1:47-51
Wednesday Job 9:1-12, 14-16 / Psalms 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-15 / Luke 9:57-62
Thursday Job 19:21-27 / Psalms 27:7-8A, 8B-9abc, 13-14 / Luke 10:1-12
Friday Job 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5 / Psalms 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-14ab / Matthew 18:1-5, 10
Saturday Job 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17 / Psalms 119:66, 71, 75, 91, 125, 130 / Luke 10:17-24
Sunday Isaiah 5:1-7 / Psalms 80:9, 12-16, 19-20 / Philippians 4:6-9 / Matthew 21:33-43

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 09/20/2026: $8,414

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $7,468

Parish Giving: $946

Archbishop's Annual Appeal Collection: $1,287

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 Patricia Ann Kelly* 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.

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.

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.

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: $27,491.00 Received: $25,071.00

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 ticket 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

Formational and Training Sessions for the Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All the existing Altar Servers, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, and those who are interested in becoming one, are required to attend. All sessions will take place in the church. Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: **EITHER** Friday, October 9th at 7:00PM **OR** Saturday, October 10th at 10:00AM. You can choose one of these sessions to attend.

Altar Servers (both existing and new servers): Thursday, October 8th at 7:00PM. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend.

ROSARY SOCIETY: Our next breakfast meeting is Sunday, October 4th. It is our *Blessing of the Roses* meeting. The meeting will take place after the 10AM Mass and recitation of the rosary in church. All ladies of the parish are welcome 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.

The annual *America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally* will be held on Saturday, October 10th at 12 noon in front of the Our Lady of Fatima statue at St. Vincent Church. Please join us as we simultaneously pray with over 23,500 rosary rallies across the country praying for our nation.

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

You're Invited to join in giving thanks to God for the life and ministry of Rev. Fr. Alfie Pangilinan. Celebrating his 44th Birthday (October 12th) and his 15th Sacerdotal Anniversary (ordained May 28, 2011).

Saturday, October 10, 2026 • 5:00PM Thanksgiving Holy Mass (St. Vincent de Paul Church) • Fellowship Reception in Robinson Hall immediately following the Mass • Kindly RSVP on or before September 30, 2026 to Mia Rue at (862) 220-6940.

Your presence will be the greatest gift as we come together in gratitude to God for His many blessings and for Fr. Alfie's humble years of priestly service.

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.