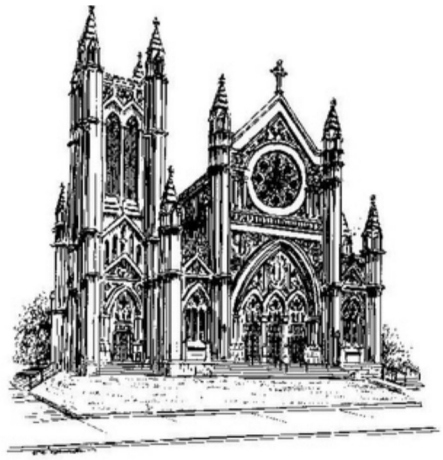

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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.

October 11, 2026 The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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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: 5:30PM
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM & 12:00PM
Saturdays: 8:30AM
Weekdays: 12:00PM
Holy Days: see inside bulletin for Mass times
National Holidays: 9:00AM
Parish Access Center: (Hudson County) 201-798-9958

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 9:00AM - 9:30AM & 4:30PM - 5:15PM

St.Henry Parish Office Hours
MONDAY - THURSDAY
9:00AM - 4:00PM

Sacrament of Baptism

First Sunday of each month at 1:30PM. 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, October 10th
8:30AM Ruvee Yao
5:30PM Clara Canto

Sunday, October 11th
8:00AM James Cunningham
10:00AM Patricia Packer
12:00PM Demetria C. Parker

Monday, October 12th
9:00AM John J. & Jack Fargano
Jeffrey Escareal & Caridad Jao

Tuesday, October 13th
12:00PM Gracie Riccardi
Sebastian Costa

Wednesday, October 14th
12:00PM Marie Moloney (16th ann.)
Rose Manlangit

Thursday, October 15th
12:00PM Elizabeth Valenti
Cornelius, Catherine &
Timothy Cadogan

Friday, October 16th
12:00PM Louis Marino
Special Intention: Roseann Hogan

Saturday, October 17th
8:30AM Francesco & Rachela Sgambellone
5:30PM Joseph Canto

Sunday, October 18th
8:00AM Theresa & John Latwis
10:00AM Patrick Brandon
12:00PM Joan McDevitt

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp,
Altar Bread & Altar Wine

In Memory of Sebastian Costa
From John Marino

Thoughts and Reflection: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

One of the most pitiful characters found in several movie versions is a fellow called "The Father of the Bride." His story first appeared in a 1950 film, followed by a 1991 version and the latest in a 2023 version. This last added a Latino setting. The title character was first portrayed by the late Spencer Tracy, followed by Steve Martin and ending with Andy Garcia.

All the versions let us watch how a perplexed father has to cope with the overly elaborate plans and some pre-nuptial silliness that can come with a family wedding. The fun is watching how the poor man does it all as tension mounts. It is all innocent comedy. But as a former pastor who got involved with leading some wedding rehearsals with intended features more like Hollywood than holy rule, I can identify a little bit with the movie dad.

Today we read from Isaiah his use of a wedding banquet to illustrate heaven and God, the all-knowing "Father of the Bride," who sends generous invitations to a list of all kinds of people, including Gentiles.

Then comes Our Lord's masterful use of a royal wedding to teach His ideas and to illustrate how ungrateful invitees cause the king to expand his guest list. The original invitees—representing the chief priests and the Pharisees—lose their place at the royal buffet. The king then sends his servants to invite anyone. The servants do just that, and Matthew notes that the newly invited guests are a motley crew, made up of "both bad and good."

We present-day disciples have to remember that we are invited to a heavenly banquet. This despite our faults. We also have to follow a certain dress code. Jesus issues a warning that we "clothe" ourselves with a sincere transformation of life from bad to good. Only then will we be honored some future day with a smiling greeting from the real and heavenly "Father of the Bride."

Speaking of clothing ourselves, someone has likened adjustment in marriage to two porcupines that lived in Alaska. When the deep and heavy snows came, they felt the cold and began to draw close to one another. However, when they drew close, they began to stick one another with their quills. But when they drew apart, they felt the cold once again. To keep warm, they had to learn how to adjust to one another—very carefully.

Readings for the Week:
Monday Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1 / Psalms 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a, 6-7 / Luke 11:29-32
Tuesda yGalatians 5:1-6 / Psalms 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 / Luke 11:37-41
Wednesda yGalatians 5:18-25 / Psalms 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 / Luke 11:42-46
Thursda yEphesians 1:1-10 / Psalms 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 / Luke 11:47-54
Friday Ephesians 1:11-14 / Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 / Luke 12:1-7
Saturday Ephesians 1:15-23 / Psalms 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 12:8-12
SundayIsaiah 45:1, 4-6 / Psalms 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 / 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b / Matthew 22:15-21

St. Henry Parish NEWS

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 on to 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, Chad Perry and Paulo DosReis.

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, 9AM - 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 any and all allegations of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious, and lay staff of the Archdiocese very seriously. 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 10/04/26: $8,549

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $7,338

Parish Giving: $1,211

Parish Assessment Collection: $2,310

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 Domenick Mattielli , 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, 9:00AM - 4:00PM. Thank you, as always, for your generosity and willingness to help those in need.

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.

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 made payable to "St. Henry Church"

SEPARATE REQUEST FORM TO BE COMPLETED FOR EACH PURCHASER

(Form may be duplicated.)

Our tenth Calendar Raffle drawing was held October 1st and the winner was Barbara McNerney. Congratulations to the winner and good luck in future drawings to all who purchased a ticket. You still have two chances left to win this year!

PLEASE NOTE: Mass will be celebrated at 9:00AM on Columbus Day, Monday, October 12th. There will be no noon Mass that day. The Parish Office will also be closed, reopening 9:00AM on Tuesday.

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. Our September "Coffee for St. Henry" Collection totaled $1,128. As always, thank you for your continued support and generosity

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

The offerings received for All Souls Day will be distributed to the priests of the parish who will offer prayers for the intentions of the loved ones for whom the offerings have been made.

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:
Parish Goal: $45,308.30
Pledged: $27,491.00
Received: $25,171.00

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

ASCA NEWS: School will be closed Monday, October 12, in observance of Columbus Day. • Our Home and School Association's yearly wrapping paper and gift sale begins this week. If you are not a school family but would like to place an order, please contact the school office (201) 443-8384. • Our next *Tag Day* will be this Friday, October 16. Monies raised will be donated for breast cancer awareness and treatment. Please be as generous as you can. Students are asked to wear pink. • Our Home and School Association's annual *Pocketbook Bingo* will be held at the school this Saturday, October 17. Thank you to everyone who made donations of bags, other prizes, and time. We are grateful for your support. • Save the date! This year's *Trunk or Treat* will be held on the school and church grounds on Halloween - Saturday, October 31st.

Attention families of 8th grade students planning to attend Catholic High School in Fall 2027!
The High School Placement Test (HSPT) administered as part of the Cooperative Admissions Program for Catholic High Schools in the Archdiocese of Newark will be given on Friday, November 6, 2026. Registration information for the HSPT exam is online at www.njcoopexam.org. The deadline to register for the Cooperative Admissions HSPT is October 23, 2026. For more information about the Cooperative Admissions Program, go to https://www.catholicschoolsnj.org/hs-admissions.