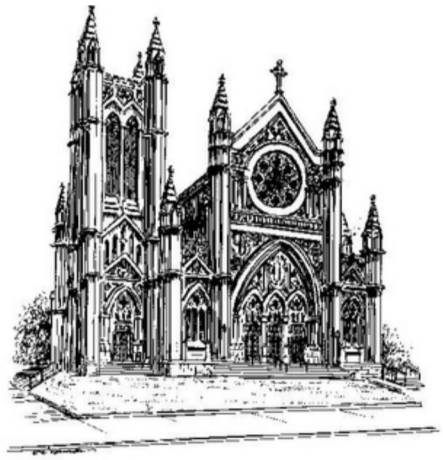


ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 18, 2026 The Twenty-Ninth 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: 5:30PM
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.

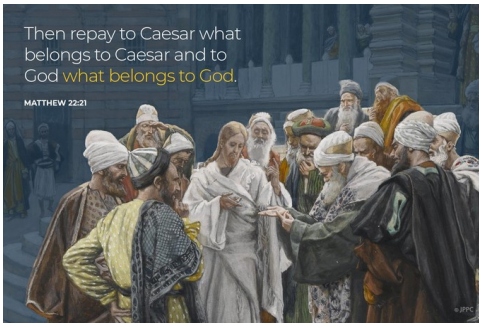
St. Henry Office of Faith Formation

(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 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

Monday, October 19th
12:00PM Betty Valanzola
Joan Marino

Tuesday, October 20th
12:00PM Joseph F. Wolleon, Jr.
Erlinda Vitug

Wednesday, October 21st
12:00PM Richard Traba
Claire Murray Lapinski

Thursday, October 22nd
12:00PM Loretta Brady
Monica Pagan-Marin

Friday, October 23rd
12:00PM Catherine Boyle
Paul Hanley

Saturday, October 24th
8:30AM Marie & Francis Fitzsimmons
5:30PM Myrna & Antonio Reforma

Sunday, October 25th
8:00AM Patricia deLeon Tecson
10:00AM Florence Giannullo
12:00PM John G. Nicaretta

MEMORIALS

Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of the Deceased Members
of St. Henry Parish
Altar Bread & Altar Wine
In Memory of Richard Traba
From Grandchildren

Thoughts and Reflection: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

The greater the dislike of a person, the stronger the motivation to defeat him or at least thwart his forward progress. The collaboration of the Pharisees and Herodians, who represent opposite political views, reveals the extreme measures they take to eliminate Jesus.

Their chosen strategy was to trap Him. The Pharisees were Jewish nationalists opposed to Rome's occupation and rule over Palestine. The Herodians were supporters of Roman rule and sympathetic to the Herodian dynasty. If Jesus opposed the tax, the Herodians could charge Him with treason for instigating a tax revolt against Rome. If Jesus approved of it, the Pharisees would charge Him with being unfaithful to Judaism and its hopes of national independence.

Jesus beautifully evades the intended trap with a subtle and riddle-like response. His words have several implications. He plays on the word "likeness." Caesar's coins could be given back to him in taxes without religious compromise. He minted the coins with his own image, and they were therefore his property. But even Caesar, created in God's "image," has the duty of giving himself back to God.

Jesus' answer turns the trap back on them. He hints that taxation is the result of their own sins. Had Israel been giving God His due, they would not have been subjected to the oppression of Roman rule.

So, in the end, Our Lord affirms the rightness of fulfilling one's civil duties while emphasizing one's primary duty of serving God. Matthew compliments the Master in his conclusion to the whole incident: "When they heard it (the rendering to Caesar and to God), they marveled, and they left him and went away."

"They marveled." The question arises: Do we marvel at Jesus? Or have we slid into another kind of trap, namely that of complacency?

This Mission Sunday is a call to wake up to our obligation as followers of Jesus to spread the word about Him to a waiting world that doesn't even recognize its need of Him and His wisdom. We do it in many ways, the most common of which is our lifestyle.

Inherent in our duty is the obligation to help those valiant men and women who have given their lives for the effort through our prayerful and material support. There are millions still who have not heard the Jesus story. They need to marvel at what they hear. We reach out to them with optimism.

Weekly Readings:
MondayEphesians 2:1-10 / Psalms 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 / Luke 12:13-21
TuesdayEphesians 2:12-22 / Psalms 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 / Luke 12:35-38
WednesdayEphesians 3:2-12 / Isaiah 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 / Luke 12:39-48
ThursdayEphesians 3:14-21 / Psalms 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 / Luke 12:49-53
FridayEphesians 4:1-6 / Psalms 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 / Luke 12:54-59
SaturdayEphesians 4:7-16 / Psalms 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 / Luke 13:1-9
SundayExodus 22:20-26 / Psalms 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 / 1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10 / Matthew 22:34-40

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 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 10/11/26: $7,358

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $6,077

Parish Giving: $1,281

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 Mildred Searls, 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.)

Archbishop's Annual Appeal:

Parish Goal: $45,308.30

Pledged: $28,803.00

Received: $26,683.00

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.

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.

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.

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

ASCA NEWS: Saturday's *Pocketbook Bingo* was a huge success! Thank you to everyone who donated gifts and volunteered their time. Special shout out to Jane Mattiello and Catherine Hojnowski.

Congratulations to Dianne Lopez, our first Calendar Raffle winner (ticket #0758)!

Upcoming we will have our annual *Trunk or Treat* on Halloween - Saturday, October 31st. This event will take place in the Church/school parking lot and promises to be a fun and memorable time! If you would like to make a peanut-free donation, please call Jane Mattiello at (201) 443-8384 or by emailing her (jmatiello@allsaintcatholicacademy.com).

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.