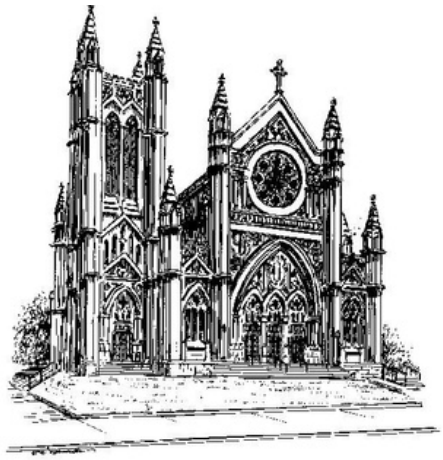

ST. HENRY R.C. CHURCH

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 4, 2026 The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

RECTORY & PARISH OFFICE

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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: 5:30PM
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 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

Monday, October 5th
12:00PM Carmine Borzelli
Sebastian Costa

Tuesday, October 6th
12:00PM Joseph Anthony Matturo
Sebastian Costa

Wednesday, October 7th
12:00PM Ruvee Yao
Judy Blom

Thursday, October 8th
12:00PM Bridie & Martin Ruane
Rev. Msgr. John G. Judge (13th ann.)

Friday, October 9th
12:00PM Gabriel & Elsie Doria
Therese Foran

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

MEMORIALS
Sanctuary Lamp
In Memory of Antonio Della Serra
From Loretta & Family
Altar Bread
In Memory of Paul Cancro
From Mark & Lynn Sanzo & Family
Altar Wine
In Memory of Deceased Members of
St. Henry Parish

Thoughts and Reflection: by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

Long before laptops and smartphones ruled our days and our data, any delightfully special, happy, or remarkably memorable day was called a "red letter day." It referred to any momentous occasion that stood out in your life, such as your birthday, graduation, wedding, or a major career milestone.

The phrase dates back to the Middle Ages. Priests and monks creating Church calendars and illuminated manuscripts used black ink for ordinary weekdays. To make important holy days, saints' feast days, and other festivals stand out, they highlighted them in bright red ink.
Over time, the term "red letter day" deteriorated into cynicism and therefore came to describe a very bad day. For the nation of ancient Israel, that would certainly include the Day of the Lord, or Judgment Day. In the context of today's parable, that would happen in 70 A.D., when the Romans destroyed their one Temple in the storied City of Jerusalem. Not joyful at all and very much the destruction of a great nation.

The parable Our Lord tells us today is all about how destruction of any kind happens. The Jews thought of it in the context of both their personal and national lives. For us, it is mainly personal, involving how our future will turn out, based on our faithfulness to God here and now.
That is more than a fit subject for reflection. To do it right, we have to shut down, as much as we can, all those distractions that fill our waking hours. Things like our phones. A good time to do it would be at night, just before or right after we turn off our bedside lamp. Imagining a video of our day, were we faithful to our common calling as disciples of Jesus? In less electronic imagery, would our day be printed in black or red ink? Black for an average return to God for His love. Red for a special heartfelt version by way of something we said or did for someone else.
The wicked farmers in Our Lord's story thought it was perfectly moral to steal the vineyard from its rightful owner, even if the job required his murder. One suspects their nighttime "replay" would have been upsetting, at least, if not frightening. But that's not our worry. The personal is.

God love you and make good choices this week.

Readings for the Week:
Monday Galatians 1:6-12 / Psalms 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9, 10c / Luke 10:25-37
Tuesday Galatians 1:13-24 / Psalms 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 / Luke 10:38-42
Wednesday Galatians 2:1-2, 7-14 / Psalms 117:1bc, 2 / Luke 11:1-4
Thursday Galatians 3:1-5 / Luke 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 / Luke 11:5-13
Friday Galatians 3:7-14 / Psalms 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 / Luke 11:15-26
Saturday Galatians 3:22-29 / Psalms 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 / Luke 11:27-28
Sunday Isaiah 25:6-10a / Psalms 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 / Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 / Matthew 22:1-14 or Matthew 22:1-10

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 09/27/26: $6,036

Consisting of Offering at Masses: $5,225

Parish Giving: $811

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 Rodolfo Santos, 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: _____
_____
Phone No.: _____
Email: _____
_____
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.)

Rosary Society News: 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.

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 the Holy Eucharist, and those who are interested in joining these ministries, are required to attend. All sessions will take place in the church. Lectors and EMs: **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.

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

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

The Knights of Columbus will be conducting their *Right to Life Rose Drive* collection after each Mass October 10th and 11th. 100% of the donations will benefit pro-life initiatives. Any size donation is appreciated.

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

ASCA NEWS: Fall MAP Testing begins this week. Teachers will share their testing schedule with their respective homerooms. • Members of the Bayonne Fire Department will be at school Tuesday, October 6th, to speak with our students about fire safety. We always appreciate their visits. • Photographers from *Lifetouch* will be at school Wednesday, October 7th. Students in grades Pre-K through 7 will have their school pictures taken; they must wear their full winter uniform. Please note, 8th graders will have their graduation photos taken in January.• Students will have a half-day this Friday, October 9th so teachers may have their monthly faculty meeting. We will not be offering After Care that day. • 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.

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.