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and glory for your people
Israel. "*

Luke 2:32

Mass Schedule

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| Weekday | 12:00 pm Monday to Friday |
| Martes | 7:00 pm Misa en Español |
| Saturday | 9:00 am, 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass) |
| Sunday | 8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Misa en Español |
| Holydays | 6:00 pm (Vigil Mass) 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Misa en Español |

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*The Presentation of
the Lord*

February 02, 2020

Parish Membership

Our parish embraces diversity. We may come from different origins but we are one in faith, love & devotion to the merciful Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join our growing community. Please come and visit our office to register.

Parish Office/Rectory

Hours: Monday to Friday from
9 am - 2 pm

Email: office@divinemercyrahway.church

Tel (732)388-0082, (732)388-0083
CCD (732)382-0004



Sacramental Schedule

Confession Monday to Friday after the Mass,
Saturdays 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm or call the priest
for an appointment

Baptism Call the parish office to make an ap-
pointment with a priest

Marriage Couples planning marriage must notify the Parish
rectory a year in advance for date and requirement. Call
the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick Contact a priest at any time.

Holy Communion For anyone who are homebound or con-
fined in hospitals and would like to receive Holy Commu-
nion please contact the parish office or rectory.

Divine Mercy Parish Community

Worship Apostolate meets in Room 104

Rosary Society meets four times a year

Filipino Community Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month with
the Filipino Choir, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Church

Divine Mercy Ministry of Jesus Meets at the Vigil Mass on every
4TH Saturday of the month

Spanish Community Reuniones Hispanas

Eucaristía Dominical 12:30 pm

Bautismos Por favor llamar la oficina de Lunes a Viernes.

Matrimonio Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse un
año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación Cada Martes Despues de la Misa 12:00 pm Y de
la 7:00 pm, Cada Miercoles Despues de la Misa de la
12:00pm

Unción de los Enfermos Por favor llamar a la oficina para visitas
a las casa o hospital.

Mensajeras del Amor de Cristo Visitan los enfermos Diana
(732)535-0278

Educación Religiosa llamada (732)382-0004

Movimiento Juan XXIII Jueves 8:00 pm Parish School #104

Grupo Guadalupano Martes 7:00 pm Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" Sábado 4:00pm - 6:00pm
Aula 202

Grupo de Oración Sábado 7:00 pm Connell Hall

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Mil Avemarias - Cada Primera Semana del mes, Miercoles
manana

Juan XXIII - Cada Segunda Semana del mes, Sábado

Guadalupanos - Cada Tercera semana del mes, Sábado

Grupo de Oracion - Cada Cuarta semana del mes, Sábado



Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration

11:00 am Every first Friday of the month,
Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Every first Saturday of the month

Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Every 4TH Saturday of the month

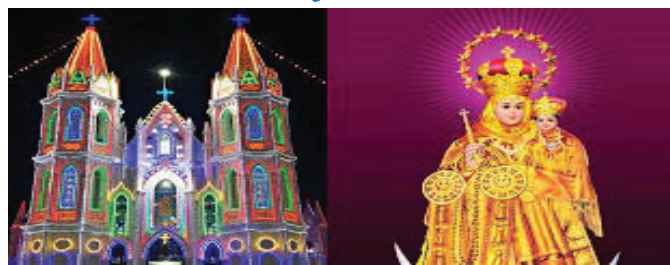
Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Novena on Mondays after the 12:00 pm Mass

St. Jude

Novena on Thursdays after the 12:00 pm Mass

Saint of the Week



Our Lady of Good Health

Our Lady of Good Health is also known as **Our Lady of Vailankanni**, is the title given to the [Blessed Virgin Mary](#) by people as she twice appeared in the town of [Velankanni, Tamil Nadu, India](#), in the 16th to 17th centuries.^[1]

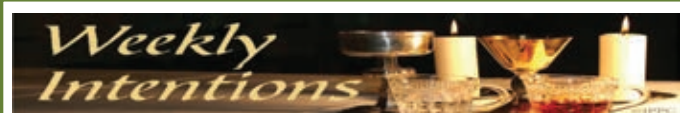
Though there is no historical document or record about the reputed [apparitions of Mary](#) at Vailankanni, only [oral tradition](#) ascertain the two apparitions in the 16th century and the saving of the Portuguese sailors from a storm in the [Bay of Bengal](#) in the 17th century.^[2]

The first apparition is said to have occurred to a young boy delivering [buttermilk](#) to a man who lived far away. During his travels, the boy stopped to rest beside a lake that was shaded by a [Banyan tree](#). A beautiful woman, carrying a child, is said to have appeared, and asked the boy for some milk to feed her child, which he gave. When he reached the home for his milk delivery, he apologised for the delay and that there would be less milk in his pot. But when they opened the lid of the milk pot, the container was brimming with milk.

The second apparition occurred a few years later. A lame boy would sell buttermilk to passing travellers, who would pause in the shade of a large Banyan tree, to escape the heat of the day. However, he had no customers. Suddenly, an ethereal woman, holding a child appeared before him, and asked for a cup of buttermilk. He gave her a cup, which she fed to her child. The woman asked the boy to go to [Nagapattinam](#), and find a certain Catholic man in the town, and tell him to build a chapel at Vailankanni in her honor. Apparently cured, the boy ran to Nagapattinam, where he found the man and told him his story.

September 8, the Feast of the [Nativity of Mary](#), is also commemorated as the feast of Our Lady of Good Health. The celebration starts on 29 August and ends on the day of the feast. Vailankanni is also fondly known as the 'Lourdes of the East' because like Lourdes in France, millions of pilgrims visit the Shrine throughout the year.

The image of Our Lady of Good Health will be coming this weekend to our parish. May we all be blessed by her mercy and love.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1***(Vigil Mass)*

4:00 pm † Mary Pileggi

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2*The Presentation of the Lord*

8:00 am † Elizabeth McCarty
 9:30 am † Mary & Judith Bunk
 11:00 am † Franklin Ferguson
 12:30 pm † Gilbert Brindley

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3*Feast of Saints Blaise & Ansgar*

12:00 pm † Franklin Ferguson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

12:00 pm People of the Parish
 7:00 pm † Gilbert Brindley

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5*Feast of Saint Agatha*

12:00 pm † Sebastiana Argeta

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6*Feast of Saints Paul Miki & Companions*

12:00 pm † Justo Garcia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

12:00 pm † Gory C. Ramirez

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8*Feast of Saints Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita*

9:00 am † Charles Barone
 4:00 pm † Robert McArdle

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

8:00 am † Eleanor Hudzik
 9:30 am † Gilbert Brindley
 11:00 am † Sebastiana Argeta
 12:30 pm † Gilbert Brindley

All general mass intentions and private mass schedules are now posted at the Parish website <https://divinemercurahway.church>.

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS*The Tabernacle Lamp is being offered for*

† Albert F Reitenmeyer

*The Altar Bread is being offered for*

† John R Reitenmeyer

The Altar Wine is being offered for

† Margaret Reitenmeyer

*The Altar Candles are being offered for*

† Albert F Reitenmeyer

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

9:30 am CCD class
 11:00 am RCIA Class
 12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:00 pm Spanish Bible Classes (102)
 7:00 pm Bible Class (104)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:00 am CCD classes
 7:00 pm Guadalupano (Ch)
 8:00 pm BLD_DCS Meeting (202)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

7:30 pm Catechist Class Juan XXII (201/202)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)
 7:30 pm BLD_Single Parents (Hall)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

11:00 am HOLY HOUR (Church)
 6:30 pm Rosary KOC
 6:30 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

7:00 am BLD Singles Family Reunion (AUD)
 4:00 pm Angeles (208)
 6:00 pm BLD Youth (208)
 7:00 pm Grupo De Oracion (Hall)

All parish schedules are now posted at the Parish website <https://divinemercurahway.church> Events & News.

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CLICK for Our local church advocates for this program are Josephine Polhemus (732) 382-3378 and/or Diana Chavez (732) 535-0278. You can also visit the following website for more details -> <https://www.clickforbabies.org/partners/new-jersey.php>

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dearest Parishioners,

I am very happy to inform all of you that we are to start the campaign for the renovation & addition of new restrooms for our church. There will be separate restrooms for the ladies and gentlemen. Right now I'm in the process of obtaining the actual cost of the project. I am very hopeful that this campaign will have the support of everyone. Please help us pray for the success of this project. Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

DONOR

Ilda Monterroso - \$500

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alexander Cruz



To all religious education student and parents please be advised of the following schedule;

Confirmation Student Retreat

Saturday, March 21, 2020 - 9:00 am to 5 pm (4 pm Mass)

First Penance of First Communion Recipients

Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 2:00 pm

Good Friday, Children's Station of the Cross

Friday, April 10, 2020 @ 10:00 am (Church)

First Communion Rehearsal

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 10am to 12 pm (Church)

Confirmation Rehearsal

Saturday, April 25, 2020 - 1 pm to 3pm (Church)

First Communion Mass

Saturday, May 2, 2020 @ 12 pm (Church)

First Communion Spanish Mass

DINNER DANCE FUNDRAISER

Saturday, February 15, 2020
Starts at 6:00 pm

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Happy LOVE Valentine's Day

VALENTINE DINNER DANCE

Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ, Parish Auditorium

For tickets/details please call or text 908- 463-0449



Mark your calendars for our Parish Valentine Dinner Dance on February 15, 2020 @6pm in the Parish Auditorium. Let's share the Love!



Parish Giving Online is now available at Divine Mercy Parish. Sign-up is quick and easy via the link on our website (<https://divinemercurahway.church>). For any questions or inquiries, please send an email to webadmin@divinemercurahway.church

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The Eucharist...His Heart in My Heart

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Fr. Anthony Madonna, SV
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Súndis Rosario
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Dianna M. Traflet, JD, STD
Associate Dean for Graduate Studies & Administration & Assistant Professor of Practical Theology, International Consortium Secretary, School of Theology

Kevin Joel
Music Ministry
Catholic Center

Saturday, March 7, 2020
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
400 South Orange Ave.
South Orange, NJ 07079
8:00 am - 4:00 pm
Mass at 4:00 pm

NI Catholic Women

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Main Celebrant: Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.

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Man of God... I am my Brother's Keeper
Hombre de Dios... Sal al encuentro de tu hermano

Saturday, February 29, 2020
SETON HALL UNIVERSITY
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Mass at 4:00 PM
400 South Orange Avenue,
South Orange, NJ 07079

PAUL KIM
Husband and father, dynamic speaker who appeals to all ages. Paul shares his life in Christ and calls all to a closer relationship with Jesus.

ANERDES ARANGO
Asesor de la Oficina de Evangelización de la Diócesis de Camden, NJ. Es presidente del Consejo Católico-Carolínense Latinoamericano. Hacer de estos días, profundos y enriquecedores, es un privilegio pastoral e internacional.

BISHOP JOHN FLESEY
Retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and a popular retreat master and teacher.

FATHER JEVI HERCULES
A las 7P sobre el Señor cambia su vida. Se recuerda la vida de servicio a sus hermanos como sacerdote en varias parroquias de nuestra Arquidiócesis de Newark. Que inspirar a quienes desean a quien lo escuchan.

FATHER JOHN GORDON
English Mass

DIÁCONO ASTERIO VELASCO
Spanish Mass

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Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.
MAIN CELEBRANT AT MASS
CELEBRANTE PRINCIPAL DE LA MISA

1430 AM / 11:00 AM

Reflection for the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

Luke's gospel recalls the faithful Jewish practice of Jesus' family going to the temple for the ritual cleansing of his mother 40 days after giving birth and the obligation to present the child publicly to God. The church gives us this reading in the lectionary today, 40 days after Christmas day. (For my Mexican friends, the 40 days after giving birth are still important days of home-stay for many new mothers.)

Mary and Joseph pray and offer traditional sacrifices as they prepare for this next stage of their awesome journey as parents of this mystery child. Jesus is presented to God and to the elders. Simeon and Anna proclaim his destiny and rejoice in his presence. Mary and Joseph take this all in. Their vocation as parents and Jesus' vocation begin to unfold.

Today's feast celebrates Mary and Joseph taking the infant Jesus to the temple, offering him to God. It feels poignant as I write this because very early this morning we took our son to the airport as he left for four months to study in another part of the world. When I read the gospel, I see how much less freedom I have than Mary and Joseph as they offered this gift of their son to the Lord so freely. My instinct in these past few days has been to cling to my son and keep him with me, rather than to let him go as I know I am called to do.

I think that often we forget that family members are not possessions or things we own but gifts we have been given from God. The hardest part for any parent is the lifetime process of "letting go" of our children so that they can discover the world and their part in it, even through their own mistakes. Part of cherishing them is loving them enough to release them from our constant care so they can grow. Mary and Joseph show us the way, surrendering their child to the Lord, in a way releasing him to do what he has been created to do.

Our spouses, too, are not people we own or control, but are gifts in our lives, although we may not always see them that way. Our husbands/wives are a gift from God, a path to our own salvation, even though in our weaker moments we may see them as an obstacle, an adversary or even a threat. In the sacrament of marriage, we are called to offer that spouse up to God with a blessing and ask that we might use that gift and share in that relationship reverently and gratefully.

*Continuation....*

In our everyday lives, the invitation for us is to present our gifts to God. What gifts have I been given and how have I offered them back to the Lord? It might be easier to say I have no particular gifts but to do that may be nothing more than a self-focused lack of gratitude for what we have been given. It is easy to look around the world and see myself as privileged in so many ways, with an education, freedom and financial resources. Beyond that, I can name as gifts my family, my friends, colleagues and my community.

If I take just a minute and open my hands in prayer, I can pause and reflect on my gifts. It is in the quiet that I begin to name them and quickly the list grows very long. Today I can open my hands to God in gratitude and as I name the many gifts I have been given, I can picture them in my open hands, being offered up to God.

Then, like Anna and Simeon in today's gospel, we can fill our hearts with gratitude for being aware of the many gifts we have been given and the presence of Jesus in our lives.

Reflection from <https://dspace2.creighton.edu/>

**SUNDAY READINGS**

Malachi 3: 1 - 4

Psalms 24 : 7, 8, 9, 10

Hebrews 2 : 14 -18

Gospel from Luke 2 : 22 - 40 or

Luke 2 : 22 - 32



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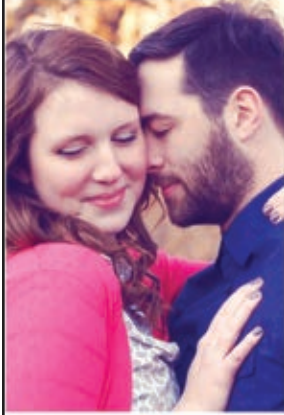


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