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*“Whoever keeps the word of Christ, the love of God is truly perfected in him. . .”*

*1 John 2:5*

### Mass Schedule

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

**Rev. Alexander T. Cruz**

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**Joseph Keefe**

**Arlene Mione**

Trustees

*Seventh Sunday in Ordinary  
Time*

*February 23, 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](mailto: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 rec-  
tory 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 confined  
in hospitals and would like to receive Holy Communion  
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  
4<sup>TH</sup> 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 Después de la Misa 12:00 pm Y de la  
7:00 pm, Cada Miércoles Después 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 "Ángeles de Jesús"** Sábado 4:00pm - 6:00pm  
Aula 202

**Grupo de Oración** Sábado 7:00 pm Connell Hall

#### "Grupos Voluntarios Limpian La Iglesia"

**Mil Avemarias** - Cada Primera Semana del mes, Miércoles mañana

**Juan XXIII** - Cada Segunda Semana del mes, Sábado

**Guadalupanos** - Cada Tercera semana del mes, Sábado

**Grupo de Oración** - 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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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

### Divine Mercy Parish Lenten Mission 2020 .

"Everyone is invited to our Parish Lenten Mission from  
**March 7 - 11, 2020.** We especially invite those who are  
suffering bodily and spiritual sickness to avail of these op-  
portunity to experience the healing mercy of our Lord  
Jesus Christ.

Our spiritual guide for this year will be **Rev. Robert Joel T. Cruz**,  
Healing Priest/Pastor of St. Andrew Church Amelia,  
Louisiana."

**March 7 & 8** Fr. Robert will preach in all Masses

**March 9 & 10**

6:30 pm Mass, Fr. Robert, celebrant

7:00 pm Praise/Worship/Q&A/ testimony

**March 11**

6:30 pm Praise/Worship,

7:00 pm Mass & Healing Service with Fr. Robert

**March 9 to 11**

Consultation & Healing @ Room 104 & 101

9:00 am to 12 pm & 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm

### Ash Wednesday Schedule

#### February 26, 2020

12:00 pm	Divine Mercy Church (Mass & Ashes )
1:00 pm	Astoria Riverton (Ashes Only)
2:00 pm	Golden Towers (Ashes Only)
3:30 pm	Divine Mercy Church (Ashes Only)
6:00 pm	Divine Mercy Church (Mass & Ashes)
7:00 pm	Divine Mercy Church (Spanish Mass & Ashes )



### For the Deceased of the Parish

Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul  
of **Teresita Oliva & Edgar Bowley.** Eternal  
rest, grant unto them O Lord, let perpetual  
light shine upon them. May they rest in peace.  
Amen.

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22***( Vigil Mass )*

4:00 pm † Rafael Cadavid

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

8:00 am † Anthony Robinson  
 9:30 am † Anne & Edward Donaldson  
 11:00 am † Jose Alvarez  
 12:30 pm † Paulina Rivas

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

12:00 pm † Marcelina P. Diego (Death Anniversary)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

12:00 pm † Mary Cassio  
 7:00 pm People of the Parish

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26***ASH WEDNESDAY*

12:00 pm † Richard Tobin  
 3:30 pm Distribution of Ashes Only  
 6:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer  
 7:00 pm † Margaret Reitenmeyer

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

12:00 pm † Michael Joseph D'Agostine  
 7:00 pm † John Reitenmeyer (Spanish Mass)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

12:00 pm † Jose Alvarez

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

9:00 am † Joseph Leonard  
 4:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1***First Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am † Michael Muke  
 9:30 am † Donna Cherry  
 11:00 am † Jose Alvarez  
 12:30 pm † Nelida Carino

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

**Adoration Room Schedule**

Please **SIGN UP** for the **HOLY HOUR** in preparation for the **Parish Lenten Mission**. Our Adoration Room is open from **9:00 am to 1:00 pm**. Please contact **Fr. Joseph Krajnak** if interested @732-3880082.

**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 23**

9:00 am Food Sale (AUD)  
 9:30 am CCD class  
 11:00 am RCIA Class  
 12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)  
 2:00 pm BLD Single Parents  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24**

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

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25**

7:00 am RCIA/CCD classes  
 7:00 pm Guadalupano (Ch)  
 7:30 pm BLD\_DCS Meeting (202)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26***ASH WEDNESDAY*

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

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27**

7:00 pm Mass & Via Crucis  
 7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)  
 7:30 pm BLD\_Single Parents (Hall)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

12:30 pm Stations of the Cross  
 8:30 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM/Church)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29**

12:00 pm BLD (Hall)  
 4:00 pm Angeles (202)  
 5:30 pm Arnulfo & Maria's Wedding  
 6:00 pm 50th Birthday Party (AUD)  
 7:00 pm Grupo De Oracion (Hall)

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

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

*Dearest Parishioners,*

I am very happy to inform all of you that we are to start our first project for 2020 which is the renovation of the old restroom & the addition of new restrooms for our church. There will be separate restrooms for the ladies and gentlemen. The estimated cost of the project is \$10,000. As of **February 18, 2020** the total donation is **\$6,020**. Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

## DONORS

**Ilda Monterroso - \$500**      **Grupo de Oracion - \$1,000**  
**Spanish Group - \$1,000**       **Dinner Dance - \$3,000**  
**Susan Barrone - \$20**      **Genevieve Norante - \$500**

Please help us pray and raise funds for the success of this project.

*Yours in Christ,*  
 Rev. Alexander T. Cruz

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**  
**(HORARIO SEMANA SANTA)**

**Palm Sunday (Mass)/Domingo de Ramos**

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am & 12:30 pm Misa en Espanol

**Monday/ Lunes de la Semana Santa**

12:00 pm Mass & Station of the Cross after Mass  
 7:00 pm Movie Night "St. Paul the Apostle"

**Tuesday/Martes de la Semana Santa**

12:00 pm Mass & Station of the Cross after Mass  
 7:00 pm Misa en Espanol 7:30pm to 9pm Confesiones

**Wednesday/Miercoles de la Semana Santa**

12:00 pm Mass & Station of the Cross after Mass  
 6:30 pm Confession in English 8:00 pm Tenebrae

**Holy Thursday/ Jueves Santo**

7:00 pm Mass & Stations of the Cross (Bilingual)  
 Adoration after Mass until 11:00 pm

**Good Friday/ Viernes Santo**

2:30 pm Stations of the Cross (English)  
 3:00 pm Good Friday Liturgy (Bilingual)  
 4:30 pm Via Crucis (Espanol)  
 6:00 pm Confession & Stations of the Cross (English)

**Holy Saturday/ Vigilia Pascual**

12:00 pm Mediodia Mater Dolorosa Espanol  
 8:00 pm Vigil Mass

**Easter Sunday/ Domingo de Pascua del Senor**

7:30 am Salubong/Encuentro

**Mass Schedule**

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Misa en Espanol



## SAVE THE DATE

**2020 Catholic Men's Commission and Women's Commission****Catholic Men's Conference**

February 29, 2020, Saturday @ Seton Hall University

This year's theme for the English track is "Be Not Afraid: Man of God...I am my Brother's Keeper! Speaker will be Paul Kim who is the founder of the Triumph Men's Conference. His background includes a BA Philosophy (Franciscan University of Steubenville), an MA in Marriage & Family Therapy (Hope International University, religious formation with the community of Franciscans Friar of the Renewal (NYC) and Bishop John Flesey, who is retired auxiliary bishop of the Archdiocese of Newark and a popular retreat master and teacher. The master of ceremonies will be Fr. John Gordon. The day begins at 8:00am with registration and ends with a Mass.

**Women's Commission Day of Reflection**

March 7, 2020, Saturday @ Seton Hall University

This year's theme is "Alive in Christ: The Eucharist...His heart in My Heart". The English track will feature keynote speakers Sr. Bethany Madonna, S.V., who professed her perpetual vows as a Sister of Life in 2015 and serves her community as the Vocation Director, Colleen Kelly Rayner, founder of CKR Retreats, who is a dynamic speaker whose authentic witness ignites joy filled evangelization and catechesis, and Dr. Dianne Traflet, J.D., S.T.D., who is the associate Dean and Assistant Professor of Pastoral Theology, is the director of the Institute for Christian Spirituality and is key leader in the center of Diaconal Formation. She will also be the emcee for the day. The day begins at 8 am with registration and ends at 4 pm with a Mass.

Registration for both events is \$30 for adults. Priest & religious are free. The day includes continental breakfast and lunch.

More information will be available at [www.rcan.org/womenscommission](http://www.rcan.org/womenscommission) or [www.rcan.org/mens-commission](http://www.rcan.org/mens-commission)

**PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**To all students 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**

Sunday, May 3, 2020 @ 12:30 pm (Church)

**Reflection**

*“Finally, may Christ inflame the desires of all men to break through the barriers which divide them, to strengthen the bonds of mutual love, to learn to understand one another, and to pardon those who have done them wrong.” St. Pope John XXIII, [Pacem in terris](#)*

**Christ the Lord** When Jesus says, “You have learnt how it was said”, he is referring to the Old Covenant, the Law of Moses. That Law gave the Jewish people their unique standing among all the nations of the world, because God himself had given it to them. For 1500 years Israel’s prophets and rabbis had interpreted it, applied it to changing circumstances, and exhorted the people to live it out, but never had a faithful Israelite ever claimed authority over it. Therefore, when Jesus says, “... but I say to you...” implying an addition to the Law, his listeners are faced with something entirely new, someone who claims authority over the Law of Moses. He is requiring of them a new allegiance and making way for a New Covenant. The Sermon on the Mount was revolutionary not only in its ideas, but in the claims of the Lord who gave it.

Jesus’ claim to have authority means that his commands demand obedience. In the ancient world, obedience to a ruler was a familiar concept. In today’s world, dominated by political democracies, it has become less so. In fact, the critical, self-sufficient, democratic mindset (so useful for politics) can even seep into the Church (where it’s much less useful). But the truth of Christ doesn’t change with fashions and referendums. In our relationship with Jesus and his Church, humble obedience to legitimate authority is a virtue, not a vice.

**Christ the Teacher** In St. Matthew’s Gospel, the Sermon on the Mount brings together into one discourse the substance of what Jesus taught on many different occasions. This particular passage illustrates the idea Christ’s followers ought to have of themselves, and the idea they ought to have of others.

According to Jewish custom, as Biblical scholars point out, slapping someone on the face with the back of one’s hand was twice as insulting as slapping him with the *palm* of one’s hand. A right-handed person slapping someone else on the right cheek (the case Jesus implicitly refers to) implies just such a backhanded blow. This shows that Jesus is interested here in how we react to insults and humiliations. We should not cave-in to feelings of resentment when we are insulted, slighted, and humiliated. If we do, it shows that we have yet to learn Christ’s precious lesson of meekness and humility of heart.

By law, a Jew could be forced to hand over a tunic as a payment of legal recompense (even poor men of the time would have owned two tunics), but not his cloak.

**Continuation....**

Most often a person had only one cloak, and it was used not only as a coat during the day but also as a blanket at night. By urging us to give over our cloak as well as our tunic, Christ shows how the Christian heart reaches beyond the letter of the law and takes no personal umbrage even when treated unfairly.

Palestine during the time of Jesus was under direct Roman control. The occupying forces were permitted to enlist the natives as guides or pack-bearers for a mile of any journey they may be taking. By admonishing us to go along for a second mile, Jesus teaches us that the Christian heart fulfills every duty, even the humiliating and inconvenient ones, not with stern resentment and grumbling, but with generosity and enthusiasm.

Because followers of Christ depend on God’s unfailing love and generous forgiveness for their self-esteem, they can live out these shocking ethical norms, maintaining interior peace when most people would seethe with resentment. Likewise, because they know that Christ offers the gift of God’s love and forgiveness to every man and woman, his followers can rise above merely natural feelings of antipathy and sincerely strive to help others (even their enemies) find what they themselves have found. This universal Christian charity is the distinguishing mark of Christ’s followers because it’s the distinguishing mark of God, who is, in his very being, Love.

**Christ the Friend** God makes the sun shine and the rain come down on both his faithful children and the rebellious ones. His love is, in the truest sense of the word, unconditional. This means that the friendship he offers us in Christ is also unconditional. Christ is the true friend, whose love and devotion to us doesn’t depend on looks, popularity, intelligence, success, money, or anything else: he loves you simply because you are you. He can’t love you any more than he already does. There is no pressure here, only peace.

**Reflection by** Fr. John Bartunek, LC, S.Th.D

<https://catholicexchange.com/>

**SUNDAY READINGS**

**Leviticus** 19 : 1 – 2, 17 - 18

**Psalms** 103 : 1 - 2, 3 – 4, 8, 10, 12 - 13

**1 Corinthians** 3 : 16 – 23

**Gospel from Matthew** 5 : 38 - 48

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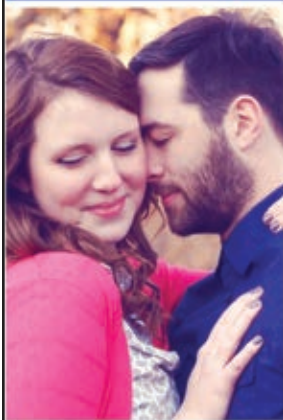
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The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone  
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