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*“From the shining cloud
the Father’s voice is heard:
This is my beloved Son,
hear him.”*

Matthew 17:5

Mass Schedule

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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Trustees

*Second Sunday of
Lent*

March 8, 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

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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
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 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 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

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 .



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



SATURDAY, MARCH 7
(Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm † Mary Pileggi

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Second Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Maria & Camillo Gerbino
9:30 am † Arthur Greslin
11:00 am † Franklin Ferguson
12:30 pm † John Ariel Benites

MONDAY, MARCH 9
Saint Frances of Rome

12:00 pm † People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

12:00 pm † Lucrisia Pineda
7:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

12:00 pm † Elizabeth Allard

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

12:00 pm † Michael Joseph D'Agostine
7:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

12:00 pm † Jose Alvarez
Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

9:00 am † Catherine M. Packard
4:00 pm † Anthony & Emily Krivitski

SUNDAY, MARCH 15
Third Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Edgar Allan Bowley
9:30 am † Joseph Padusniak
11:00 am † Jose Alvarez
12:30 pm † Souls in Purgatory
5:00 pm † Susan De Jesus (Filipino Mass)

All general mass intentions and private mass schedules are also posted at the Parish website. Scan the QR code below.



To sign up and for more details, please scan our QR code on the right using your smartphone and it take you to our webpage.



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, MARCH 8
Lenten Mission 2020

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

MONDAY, MARCH 9
Lenten Mission 2020

9:00 am Consultation with Fr. Robert Cruz
2:00 pm Consultation with Fr. Robert Cruz
6:30 pm HOLY MASS
7:00 pm Praise & Worship

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

Lenten Mission 2020

9:00 am Consultation with Fr. Robert Cruz
2:00 pm Consultation with Fr. Robert Cruz
6:30 pm HOLY MASS
7:00 pm Praise & Worship
7:00 am RCIA/CCD classes

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Mission 2020

9:00 am Consultation with Fr. Robert Cruz
2:00 pm Consultation with Fr. Robert Cruz
6:30 pm Praise & Worship
7:00 pm HOLY MASS & Healing Service

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

7:00 pm Baptism Class
7:30 pm BLD DCS (203)
7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

5:00 pm BLD All (AUD/ GYM/Church)

SATURDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 am BLD Adult (208)
8:30 am Protecting God's Children (208)
4:00 pm Angeles (202)
6:00 pm Birthday Party (Aud)
7:00 pm Healing Mass, Grupo De Oracion (Church)

All schedules are posted at the Parish Website under Events & News page.

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.



MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

As I write this Lenten message, you probably notice how days are getting longer. The light of day is conquering the darkness of night which is exactly what LENT is all about. The word Lent from the old English means "spring" which is just around the corner.

Lent is the springtime of our Christian faith. We are all invited to search the light through prayers, fasting and abstinence. Remember how God broke the darkness of the world by bringing us light in the beginning of time, "Let there be light", He said. Then he offered his Son to be the light of the human race. I pray this Lent for God's light for all of you, that He may break and shine into your lives to light your path forward. A blessed Lent to you all.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T Cruz



Divine Mercy Lenten Renewal

Saturday, March 28, 2020

From 9:00 am to 11:30 am

Holy Mass @ 9:00 am (Bilingual)

Followed by Prayer and group reflection with
Rev. Jozef Krajnak Ph.D.

"Lent is a time for repentance and renewal, we are asked to devote ourselves to seeking the Lord in prayer and reading the scripture, to service by giving alms to the poor and to practice self control through fasting.

Note from the Pastor:

All Parish Volunteers are required to attend this event.

YOUTH CONFIRMATION RETREAT

March 21, 2020 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

@ The Divine Mercy Parish Auditorium

The fee is \$20/Youth which includes food, paper, materials, Breakfast and Lunch.

The retreat is a requirement of the Archdiocese of Newark for all confirmation candidates. The retreat will end with the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass in the church. Parents are also required to attend the morning talk at the Library (room 208) from 9:00 am to 11:30am.

An Important Message About Coronavirus

Cardinal Tobin issued the following directives with regards to spread of coronavirus (COVID-19)

- Priest, deacons and eucharistic ministers, altar servers should use hand sanitizer BEFORE and AFTER distributing communion.
 - Parishioners who show signs/symptoms of the virus should not attend mass. They are not obligated to do so and out of charity ought not to attend mass.
 - The sign of peace during Mass should be exchanged with no physical contact i.e. no shaking of hands or cheek to cheek and no holding of hands during Our Father prayer
 - Giving of Precious Blood is suspended till further notice.
- We encourage everyone to thoroughly wash their hands before coming to church. Please stay home if you are not feeling well.

Lastly, be mindful of sick people around us, get a flu shot when you're able to, stay hydrated and get plenty of rest to strengthen your immune system.

Thank you and God bless!

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 **March 4, 2020** the total donation is **\$8,435**. Please help us pray and raise funds for the success of this project.

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| † Irene McElroy - 150 | Eleanor Orpilla - \$50 |
| Edward Montoya - \$20 | |
| Anonymo dela Comunidad Espana - \$1,000 | |

Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T. Cruz

CONGRATULATIONS

The community of Divine Mercy Parish wishes to congratulate **Rev Msgr. Gregory Studerus, Rt. Rev. Elias Lorenzo, O.S.B. and Rev. Michael Saporito** for their appointment as Auxiliary Bishops of the Archdiocese of Newark. We welcome you with our heartfelt wishes and prayers. May God's blessing and guidance be with all of you always.



Reflection
“Brilliant Suffering “

Last week we saw Jesus being tempted like the rest of us. It was so human. But this week we see him transformed into dazzling white light! Not so human. What is going on?

I want to describe an Ignatian prayer experience that could shed some light on this “Transfiguration.” Stay with me on this.

Imagine yourself sad and discouraged, wishing God would help you. You want your faith back, which used to be strong. But now you do not find it. You go along in your normal patterns.

Now, suppose that all at once you find yourself moved and attracted to God in a way you cannot doubt, a way that is beyond you but also within you. After the experience, you cannot really doubt that the occurrence is from God, even though you do not really understand it.*

This would be an important moment, wouldn't it—a transformation (though brief) of your experience of God, a reshaping of it.

In such a prayer, unusual as it is, God gives us a brief vision of how reality is at its core, impossible to describe here. But maybe the retreat experience is to keep us from getting discouraged, or letting our attention drift away while he is teaching us. So apply such an experience to the scene of Jesus' Transfiguration in Sunday's [Gospel](#).

The apostles suddenly behold Jesus with his divinity shining forth. It shows through their blinders (and frightens them). Their experience of Jesus is transfigured. For a moment they see Jesus in the complete union with God that he is.

Notice that I said, “in the complete union with the God that he is,” not a union that he “has.” In Jesus, divinity and humanity are together in one person. Daily onlookers saw only the human, but in this passage, Jesus is showing the apostles his whole self, divinity in its complete presence within its humanity.

Why such a sudden revelation to them?

Possibly this scene is just one stage of the instruction he had been giving to the apostles throughout the whole Gospel. Just before our passage he had finally taught them what a real Messiah is.



Continuation....

He said that the “Son of the living God” (or in other words, the Messiah) “must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised” ([Mt 16:13-23](#)). A shocking revelation for the apostles, and for us too.

Peter objected vehemently, which proved his shock, taking Jesus aside and rebuking him. “God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you.” Maybe that is your reaction too and mine as well! Jesus responds. He goes so far as to call Peter “Satan” for resisting the new revelation. Suffering and death are not foreign to Jesus, the Messiah. They are of the essence. Such a hard lesson this is for each of us.

Suffering, death and resurrection at the heart of love!

I suppose the Transfiguration was the way for Jesus to reassure them and us that such awful sounding things actually fulfill his divinity. They are God's love shining forth. How many of us have time to even think of such a miracle, such a transfiguration?

Go and pray.

Reflection by [Fr. John Foley, S. J.](#), excerpt from https://liturgy.slu.edu/2LentA031217/reflections_foley.html



SUNDAY READINGS

Genesis 12 : 1 – 4A

Psalms 33 : 4 - 5, 18 - 19, 20, 22

2 Timothy 1 : 8B – 10

Gospel from Matthew 17 : 1 - 9

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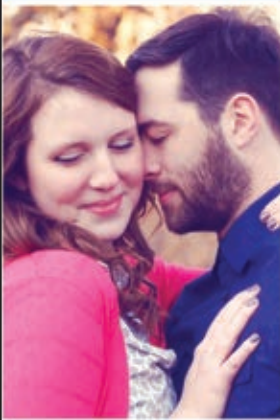
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