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*“ Lord, you are truly the  
Savior of the world;  
give me living water, that I  
may never thirst again. “*

*John 4:42, 15*

### 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

*Third Sunday of  
Lent*

*March 15, 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 appointment 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 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

### 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 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.**

### Fasting & Abstinence

**Ash Wednesday** and **Good Friday** are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Church from age 14 onwards.



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

*( Vigil Mass )*

4:00 pm † Anthony & Emily Krivitski

**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

12:00 pm † People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

*Saint Patrick*

12:00 pm † Corey Family  
 7:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

*Saint Cyril of Jerusalem*

12:00 pm † John K. Turk

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

*Saint Joseph Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

12:00 pm † Margaret Horling  
 7:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory  
 7:30 pm Via Crucis

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

12:00 pm † Jose Alvarez  
 Stations of the Cross

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

9:00 am † Salvatore Mione  
 4:00 pm † James Joseph Griffin

**SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

8:00 am † Brad Chasse  
 9:30 am † Edgar Bowley  
 11:00 am † Jose Alvarez  
 12:30 pm † Saul Bentacur

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 15**

8:00 am Food Sale (Guadalupano)  
 9:30 am CCD class  
 11:00 am RCIA Class  
 12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)  
 2:00 pm BLD SPM (208)  
 5:00 pm Filipino Mass  
 7:00 pm AA Meeting (Hall)

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

7:00 pm RCIA/CCD classes  
 7:00 pm Guadalupano (Church)  
 8:00 pm BLD Meeting (202 & 208)

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

7:30 pm John XXIII Catechist Class (202)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

7:30 pm Juan XXIII (201)  
 7:30 pm BLD Singles (Hall)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

8:00 am Youth Retreat (208)  
 9:00 am Confirmation Student Retreat (Aud)  
 2:30 pm BLD (208)  
 4:00 pm Angeles (202)  
 7:00 pm Grupo de Oracion (Hall)

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



**Baptism**

Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our Parish community **Yaneily's Velez Rodriguez, Jorge Acevedo Cisneros & Leila Acevedo Cisneros.**



**Adoration Room Schedule**

Try spending your 1 hour in front of the Blessed Sacrament & experience the peace & serenity of His divine presence through silence and prayer. 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

## 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 10, 2020** the total donation is **\$8,635**. Please help us pray and raise funds for the success of this project.

## DONORS

Ilda Monterroso - \$500	Grupo de Oracion - \$1,000
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† Irene McElroy - 150	Eleanor Orpilla - \$50
Edward Montoya - \$20	Irma Lopez - 200
Anonymo dela Comunidad Espana - \$1,000	

Thank you very much and may God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,  
Rev. Alexander T. Cruz

## 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 have 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.
- Everyone is encouraged to thoroughly wash 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.

Let us all pray for whole world.

## PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM



To all students and parents please be advised of the following schedule;

**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)



## SOUP KITCHEN

Our Parish has a feeding program for the poor every Sunday @ 12:00 pm. Any act of kindness and generosity to help them will be very much appreciated. Please keep them in your prayers. For information, please reach out to **Jeanne O' Connor** at 917-796-5788 and/or **Joanne Reinhart** at 732-882-8911

God bless!



## For the Deceased of the Parish

Let us pray for the eternal repose of the soul of **Henry M. Winkle**. Eternal rest, grant unto him O Lord, let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.



### Reflection

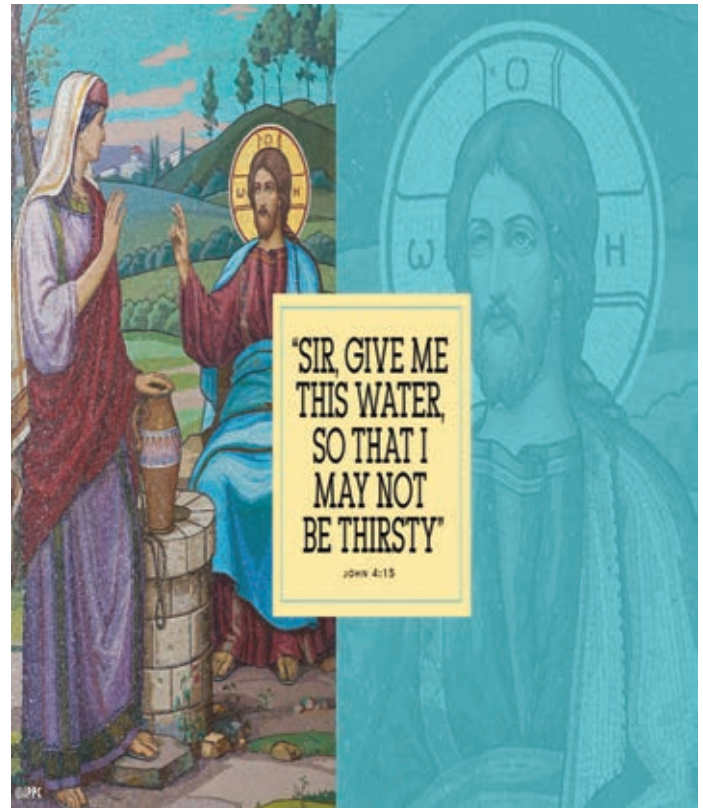
“Jesus said to her, “Give me a drink”

So often when we look at the Gospel account of “the Samaritan woman at the well,” we approach it from the perspective of Christ and what he has to offer as the Messiah which I’m sure was the intent of the John the author. However, today I invite you to approach it from a different perspective. What happens to us as ‘people of faith’ when the stranger confronts us and asks us for “a drink?” A “drink” could be anything from help with bus fare, help for something to eat, a dollar or even fifty cents. Like the Samaritan woman, we’re generally taken by surprise and “sometimes knocked to our feet.” In such circumstances, we just don’t know what exactly to do! So much for spontaneity! You can’t predict these chance encounters. They just seem to come our way, and to some of us, more so than to others.

“Give me a drink.” Didn’t Jesus say in the Gospel teachings that even if we give a “drink of cold water” to one of the least of his brethren, we give it to Him and we shall receive our just reward? Imagine that! Something as simple as a cup of water! That doesn’t take much effort on our part! It’s all in being conscious for whom and why we are doing it. Motivation is everything. If only we’d leave judging the sincerity of the persons requesting up to God’s judgments we’d probably be far more blessed. Unfortunately, we let the mentality and judgments of our secular society be our final guide and subsequently miss out on so many blessings from God. The joy of giving could be boundless! That’s where the image of “living waters” comes in. A holy joy that’s bubbling all over and cannot be explained. Spirit joy!

I had just come out of the supermarket on a hot day, and I was waiting by the exit with a shopping cart filled with several bags of groceries. All of a sudden, a young man, disheveled in appearance, with a backpack and skateboard asked me for something to eat. There were several other shoppers with carts there at that moment, but why did he have to pick me? Right away, all these judgmental thoughts ran through my head. I turned my gaze the other way. Then slowly I looked down at my groceries. I said to myself, “You hypocrite! Here God has blessed you so much and you turn a deaf ear.”

Right away, I reached into my pocket and took out a sufficient amount of cash for him to get something substantial to eat. I left my cart and went right over to him. He was leaning against the wall. I looked him in the eye and said, “here my friend, go in and get something to eat.” He smiled in utter surprise. I continued, “Do you promise you’ll get something to eat?” He replied. “Yes Sir. God bless you!” Immediately I felt those “living waters” well up inside of me. I knew I had done the right thing, the Christian thing.



### Continuation....

I carried that joy with me for hours, and it spilled into an experience of profound gratitude for all that God had given me.

That day, I met Jesus at the well. Like the Samaritan woman, at first I hesitated because of societal dictates; but once I let go, the “living waters” welled up. Christ had come. F.Y.I., he bolted into the market in his hunger.

Yes, the true message of the story is about our human thirsts, the greatest of which is for a Savior. Christ alone can fill the hole deep inside of us that we stuff with so many other things on our earthly journey. But when we’ve found Him our lives are transformed and made new. What I did is to approach the story from a different angle. Maybe right now you’re thirsting for joy, for “living waters.” The next time a person “asks you for something to drink” (symbolically) try following the Samaritan woman’s example and go against the tide. Living waters are guaranteed to bubble up. Was there a time when you turned your head away when “Christ of the streets” asked you for “something to drink?”

*Reflection by Rev. Conrad S. Pecevich*



### SUNDAY READINGS

*Exodus* 17 : 3 – 7

*Psalms* 95 : 1 - 2, 6 - 7, 8 - 9

*Romans* 5 : 1 – 2, 5 - 8

*Gospel from John* 4 : 5 - 42



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