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“ I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will never die . “

John 11:25A, 26

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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*Fifth Sunday of
Lent*

March 29, 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 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 .

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION



My Jesus,
I believe that You are present
in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things,
and I desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace You as if You were already there
and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.

Pray this during communion of the online Mass.

Everyone is invited to *celebrate the Daily and Sunday Masses online*. It is celebrated everyday via livestream @ our Facebook page *Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ*. The Chaplet is also said via livestream everyday @ 3pm. We can beat this pandemic if we all join in prayers. God bless.



SATURDAY, MARCH 28
(Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm † Basil Pereira

SUNDAY, MARCH 29
Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:00 am † Odilon C. Cruz(Death Anniversary)
9:30 am † Tillie Badalis
11:00 am † Jose Alvarez
12:30 pm † Paulina Rivas

MONDAY, MARCH 30

12:00 pm † People of the Parish

TUESDAY, MARCH 31

12:00 pm † John LaGuardia
7:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1

12:00 pm † Benigno Alcantara

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Saint Francis of Paola

12:00 pm † Rafael & Zoila Mato
7:00 pm † John Reitenmeyer

FRIDAY, APRIL 3

12:00 pm † Ingrid Bells-Smith

SATURDAY, APRIL 4

9:00 am Romelia D Reyes (Birthday)
4:00 pm † Mary Pileggi

SUNDAY, APRIL 5

8:00 am † Vicente A. Caparas
9:30 am † Marie Tierney
11:00 am † Sgt James M. Hammer Sr
12:30 pm † Margaret Reitenmeyer

NOTE : *Due to Covid-19 outbreak all mass intentions will be said in private masses by the priest of the Parish.*

All general mass intentions and private mass schedules are also posted at the Parish website. Scan the QR code below using your smart phone to take you to the parish website.

QR Code



**ORDER FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEWARK DUE TO COVID-19**

Due to Corona Virus outbreak all parish activities and religious gatherings including the Sunday and daily masses are suspended starting March 18, 2020 and until further notice.

All RCIA and CCD classes are suspended indefinitely.

The Church and Adoration chapel will be closed until further notice.

It is recommended that most parish transactions be done online by sending email to office@divinemercuryahway.church. Request for church documents can be done through our website <https://www.divinemercuryahway.church>. For those who have no online access please call us at 732-3880082 to 83. If you need to send payments you can send your checks by mail or use the parish website to pay by credit card or bank transfers. Thank you for your cooperation.

**ORDEN DE LA ARQUIDIÓCESIS DE
NEWARK DEBIDO A COVID-19**

Debido al brote del virus Corona, todas las actividades parroquiales y reuniones religiosas, incluidas las misas dominicales y diarias, se suspenden a partir del 18 de marzo de 2020 y hasta nuevo aviso.

Todas las clases de RCIA y CCD se suspenden indefinidamente. La Iglesia y la Capilla de la Adoración permanecerán cerradas hasta nuevo aviso.

Se recomienda que la mayoría de las transacciones parroquiales se realicen en línea enviando un correo electrónico a office@divinemercuryahway.church. La solicitud de documentos de la iglesia puede hacerse a través de nuestro sitio web <https://www.divinemercuryahway.church>. Para aquellos que no tienen acceso en línea por favor llámenos al 732-3880082 al 83. Si necesita enviar pagos puede enviar sus cheques por correo o utilizar el sitio web de la parroquia para pagar con tarjeta de crédito o transferencias bancarias. Gracias por su cooperación.

NJ Covid Hotline

Call (General COVID-19 Questions): [2-1-1](tel:2121) (7a-11p)

Call (Clinical Questions): [1-800-962-1253](tel:18009621253) (24/7)

Text NJCOVID to [898-211](tel:898211) to receive alerts

Website: <https://covid19.nj.gov/>

for more information

MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

Peace be with you all!

Today and more than ever, our world faces a great crisis that affects all races, gender, religion, color, and status in life.

Today and more than ever, the crisis has proven how we as a people need more to learn and study about life and its protection.

Today and more than ever, the crisis has proven how vulnerable human life is that a single virus can stop our normal flow of life.

I know God will never ever abandon us and all we need is to bend our knees to Him with our PRAYERS that He may protect us and guide us.

Let us pray to the Lord to guide and protect all health workers and inspire our government officials, scientist and the people who are tasked to study the nature of this virus and how it can be defeated. Let us ask God's immense power to stop the spread of this virus that has claimed the lives of many people. May the Lord of Healing bring cure to all who are affected and grant health to us all.

You are always in my prayers. Please pray for me and all members of our parish family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T Cruz

ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-19

God our Father
we come to You in our need
to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-coronavirus
that has claimed lives and has affected many.

We pray for Your grace
for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause
of this virus and its disease
and of stemming the tide of its transmission.
Guide the hands and minds of medical experts
that they may minister to the sick
with competence and compassion
and of those governments and private agencies
that must find cure and solution to this epidemic.

We pray for those afflicted.
May they be restored to health soon.

Grant us the grace
to work for the good of all
and to help those in need.

Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son
who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.

Livestreaming Schedule of Mass on our Facebook account:
(Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ).

Daily Mass Monday - Friday 12noon, Saturday 9am, and Sunday 11am - English and 12:30 - Espanol

Important Message From the Archdiocese of Newark

For the protection of the Faithful from Covid-19 it is crucial that everyone should comply to the following directives;

Effective March 25, 2020

- Wakes and funerals must be postponed until further notice. There are no exceptions to this, regardless of the size of the group. Burials may take place with only the priest.
- All baptisms must be postponed until further notice with the exception of an extreme emergency.
- All weddings are postponed until further notice.
- The Sacrament of Reconciliation is suspended until further notice with the exception of an extreme emergency.
- All churches and adoration chapels must be closed and locked until further notice. Private prayer in any parish building must be discontinued until further notice.
- Parish offices must be closed until further notice. Employees who provide essential services should be limited and on staggered schedules.

The following directives REMAIN IN FORCE

- All public celebrations of daily and Sunday Mass suspended until further notice.
- All public celebrations of the Sacraments and other public forms of worship suspended until further notice. This includes, but is not limited to, previously scheduled Confirmations, celebrations of First Communion, penitential services, Communion services, and Liturgies of the Word.
- Anointing of the Sick: A priest may use a cotton-tipped swab or cotton ball as an instrument to anoint the sick person.
- Holy Water should be removed from all fonts.
- Celebrations of Mass should continue via live-streaming. The Archdiocesan Center remains closed with limited and staggering of hours.
- Catholic Schools remain closed as directed by the State of New Jersey.
- All Archdiocese of Newark Catechetical education and are suspended.



Our solidarity more than ever as a community of faithful is being challenge by the threat of Covid-19. Let's keep our commitment to our LORD by attending mass daily via FB livestream and pray for each other that all of us will be safe. Please remember to include our parish in your prayers. Everyone can still send weekly offerings for our Parish by signing up @ Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and easy. For more details, please scan our QR code using your smartphone and it will take you to our webpage. Thank you.

Lent Reflection for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

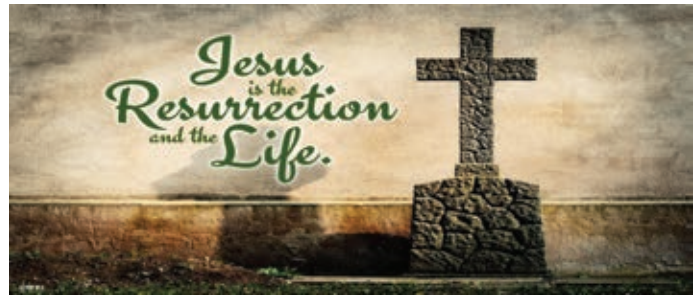
We traveled to Bethany on our pilgrimage last fall, and attended Mass in the Church of St. Lazarus. The town provides a stark contrast to some of the other traditional stops on pilgrimages for its poverty, perhaps even more so than other West Bank towns. The name Bethany means “house of the poor” or “house of affliction” in commonly accepted etymology, which may be why locals prefer al-Azzariyya (or al-Eizariya), the “Place of Lazarus” instead. It remains a place of poverty, where tourists and pilgrims provide much of their living.

If we accept that etymology for the name of the town, we can assume that Bethany was not a wealthy place in Jesus’ time either. The hospitality and love shown to Jesus by Martha and Mary earlier in the Gospel would have been extraordinarily generous, which must have touched Jesus significantly. Lazarus and his two sisters appear to be Jesus’ closest friends outside of the twelve disciples, his mother, and Mary Magdalene. Yet, when Jesus — who emphasizes throughout His ministry the need to serve the poor in particular — finds out that his dear friend in the poor town of Bethany has taken deathly ill, He makes the curious choice to do nothing about it for two full days. Before Jesus begins the journey to Bethany, He informs the disciples that Lazarus has already died, and pronounces that He was glad not to have been there, so that God’s glory may be done.

By this time in the Gospel, we know Jesus has lost two people close to Him: Joseph his earthly father, and John the Baptist. We do not know the circumstances of Joseph’s passing or Jesus’ mourning for him. We do know Jesus’ anger over the murder of John the Baptist, and His accusations against the leaders in Jerusalem for their disregard for John and his prophecies. Here, though, we have the all-too-human model of death and mourning not from evil acts but from disease.

Jesus comes to free us from death and knows He will triumph, and that Lazarus’ death and return will play a large role in freeing us. And yet, Jesus mourns over the loss of His friend, even temporarily, weeping over the pain of Lazarus, Mary, Martha, and their friends in Bethany. What does this tell us? *God mourns death and the pain it causes* — part of our natural order in this world, chosen out of free will in the Garden of Eden story when the first human beings chose to make themselves into gods rather than obey the Father. Our death, our pain, our poverty in means and in spirit — all these come from the same sinful nature, choices made by man and not by God. Jesus weeps for Lazarus and for all of us. He suffers in this passage, and we’ll see why momentarily.

First, though, note the reactions of Mary, Martha, and the villagers



Continuation....

of Bethany. The two sisters pay homage to Jesus when first greeting him, but then almost scold Him for not being on hand to save their brother. Some of the villagers go directly to anger over the lack of intervention from Jesus. “Could not the one who opened the eyes of the blind man,” they murmur, “have done something so that this man would not have died?” In fact, this perturbs Jesus “again,” on top of His sympathy for their mourning.

How often do we do the same thing? When misfortunes befall us, we ask God, “You have the power to have taken this cup from my lips! Where were you? Why did you not intervene to stop it?” It’s easy to trust God when things are going well, after all, but when adversity arrives we start accusing God of forgetting us, even when we cause our adversity ourselves. Even here, though, Mary and Martha have faith in Jesus as the Son of God. Martha doesn’t think to ask Jesus to raise Lazarus, but is satisfied in her faith that her brother will rise again on the last day, and even objects when Jesus asks to have the tombstone removed.

Why does Jesus allow the poor villagers, some his close friends, to suffer for four days in mourning — as well as himself? As in [last week’s reflection](#), sometimes God uses adversity to allow the Holy Spirit to work in ways to bring people closer to God. Jesus uses Lazarus’ illness and death in a similar manner. The resurrection of Lazarus clearly prefigures that of Jesus Himself. His Passion in Jerusalem is now very close, and Jesus needs to give one final demonstration of the power of God through Jesus, not for His own sake ... but for the sake of His disciples. (In fact, in John 12:17, the same crowd that witnessed Lazarus coming from the tomb “bore witness” to Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem at the start of the Passion.)

In order for His disciples to remain together after the death Jesus warns them will come from His entry into Jerusalem, they need a frame of reference for what is to come. Jesus performs His most powerful miracle of the Gospel in order to demonstrate His coming victory over *all* death. The disciples will need to understand this when Jesus is sacrificed for the sins of all to redeem the entire human race, especially in the hours between His death and resurrection. Jesus uses the adversity of the natural consequence of Lazarus’ illness to bring more believers to Him, but also to allow the disciples to grasp His mission when despair might otherwise rule the day.

Reflection by <https://hotair.com/archives/ed-morrissey/2014/04/06/sunday-reflection-john-111-45/>



SUNDAY READINGS

Ezekiel 37 : 12-14

Psalms 130 : 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 5 - 6, 7 - 8

Romans 8 : 8 - 11

Gospel from John 11 : 1 - 45 or
John 11 : 3-7, 17, 20 - 27, 33b-45

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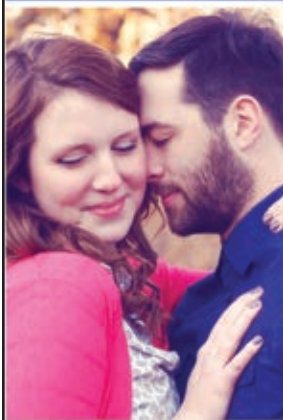
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entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they
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