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*Eternal God, in whom mercy
is endless and the treasury of
compassion inexhaustible,
look kindly upon us, and
increase Your mercy in us,
that in difficult moments, we
might not despair nor become
despondent, but with great
confidence, submit ourselves
to Your holy will, which is
Love and Mercy itself. Amen.*

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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*Fourth Sunday of
Easter*

May 3, 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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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
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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

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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



Five Reasons We Turn to Mary in Times of Crisis *By Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop* *of Newark*

Earlier this year when the devastating effects of the COVID-19 pandemic became clear, and thousands—then millions—of people throughout the world were effected by physical, spiritual, economic and psychological hardships, including severe sickness and death, I began to implore the Blessed Virgin Mary, Health of the Sick, on a daily basis for her intercession and help. Throughout the ages, Christians have turned to Mary in times of war, pestilence and famine. In troubled times like these, she is a sure refuge, a source of comfort and hope.

My religious order, the Congregation of the Most Holy Redeemer (Redemptorists) maintains a particular devotion to Mary under the title Mater de Perpetuo Succursu (Mother of Perpetual Help). As guardians of the 15th century Byzantine icon that bears this holy name, for more than 150 years my community has promoted devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help as a means of helping people in all regions of the world draw closer to Mary, the Mother of God and our mother.

Pope Francis has frequently said that his favorite image for the Church is her motherhood. "The Church is feminine," Pope Francis says. "She is a mother." Of course, Mary is the model, the inspiration for the Church's motherhood and for all that is holy, compassionate and loving in the Church's life and ministry. When Mary's influence is missing or weak, the Church no longer acts as a loving mother.

That's why we should turn to Mary in both good times and troubled times. As Mother of Perpetual Help, she is always ready to assist us, always there for us, constantly prepared to seek her Son's guidance and support for all her children. Especially in times of grave danger, such as the current pandemic, Mary offers hope, healing and comfort to all who are in need of her maternal care. As I reflect on our current crisis, and the serious challenges it presents to individuals, families, communities and nations in all regions of the world, I see five major reasons (among many more) why we should turn to Mary our mother for her intercession and help. **Continuation on page 4**

**SATURDAY, May 2***(Vigil Mass)*

4:00 pm † Mary Pileggi

SUNDAY, May 3*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

8:00 am † Leonardo & Maria Cruz
 9:30 am † Margaret Reitenmeyer
 11:00 am Parish Of Divine Mercy (Special Intention)
 12:30 pm † John Reitenmeyer

MONDAY, May 4

12:00 pm People of the Parish

TUESDAY, May 5

12:00 pm Edgardo Merjudio (Thanksgiving)
 7:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

WEDNESDAY, May 6

12:00 pm † Connie Flanagan

THURSDAY, May 7

12:00 pm † Salvatore Mione

FRIDAY, May 8

12:00 pm † Rose Morancil

SATURDAY, May 9

9:00 am † Alberto Torres
 4:00 pm † Gorgonio Yorobe

SUNDAY, May 10*Fifth Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)*

8:00 am † Ann Barbato
 9:30 am † Mary & Judith Bunk
 11:00 am Lello Family (Special Intention)
 12:30 pm † John Reitenmeyer

NOTE : *Due to Covid-19 outbreak all mass intentions will be said in the streamed masses at our Facebook account. All general mass intentions and private mass schedules are also posted at the Parish website*

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 .



*Due to Covid-19 All Masses are Livestreamed Via Facebook .
 Our Facebook account is*

[Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ](#)

Schedule of Online Masses

Monday - Friday	12 :00 pm
Saturday	9:00 am
Sunday	11:00 am - English & 12:30 pm - Espanol

AN ACT OF 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.*

*Say this prayer during communion of the online
 Mass*

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.

Five Reasons We Turn to Mary in Times of Crisis

1. **People are sick and dying.** Throughout the Church's history, Christians have sought Mary's intercession in times of serious illness including pestilence and plagues. As a loving mother, Mary always responds with comfort and the healing grace of her Son.

Most Holy Mother, Health of the Sick, please stay close to all who are suffering from the effects of this deadly virus. Comfort those who mourn the loss of loved ones. Encourage caregivers, first responders and all who provide essential services often at great risk to themselves.

2. **People are frightened, lonely and depressed.** Mary's loving presence offers courage and hope during frightening times, especially when we are isolated from family and friends. She reassures us and reminds us that we are never alone, never without the consolation and hope won for us by her Son's suffering, death and resurrection to new life.

Mother of Holy Hope, inspire us by your perseverance and courage. Help us see that we are not going through this time of trial alone. Show us the way to Jesus, and help us to accept your loving presence as a sure sign that even in this time of social distancing, your Son holds us in his loving embrace and says to each one of us: "Be not afraid!"

3. **People are out of work or afraid they will lose their jobs.** Mary is alternately invoked as Our Lady of Abundance and as Mother of the Poor. She stands with us when the economy is growing and when there is widespread poverty and unemployment. She reminds us to be good stewards of all God's gifts and to share generously with others, especially the poor.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of all the Americas, you know the riches and the poverty of the lands we share with all our sisters and brothers here. Teach us to be grateful and generous stewards. Intercede for all who are poor. Reassure all who are frightened. Help us to help each other so that no one has to go without his or her share of God's abundance.

4. **People are longing for the sacraments, especially the Eucharist.** Mary shows us the way to her Son. She is a sacrament of God's presence in the world, the Gateway to Grace and a model for the Church's prayer and worship. Deprived of access to the sacraments, and to liturgy cum populo (with our sisters and brothers), we understandably turn to Mary in the Rosary and other devotional prayers to help fill the spiritual gaps that exist in our lives.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us. Teach us to seek and find your Son, Jesus, in the prayer and worship of the Church, in the sacraments and in intercessory prayers to you and all the saints. Queen of the Most Holy Rosary, help us to be patient and understanding until the day we can safely reopen our churches and once again make the sacraments available to all.

5. **People need wise, prudent and compassionate leadership—now more than ever.** Mary is the Mother of the Good Shepherd. His teaching and example powerfully illustrate the meaning and vital importance of servant leadership. We implore the Mother of our Lord to help all our leaders in society and in the Church set aside their personal and political agendas so that they can place the needs of others first and foremost

Mother of Justice and of Mercy, pray for all who are leaders. Inspire us by your obedience to God's will and your readiness to sacrifice your own needs and desires for the good of all. Open our minds and hearts to the selfless witness given to us by your Son so that we can lead our people with humility, wisdom and courage.

In conclusion, I would like to once again make my own Pope Francis's prayer to Our Lady, Health of the Sick, which uses the words of an ancient prayer, Sub tuum praesidium, actually the oldest hymn to Mary, the Mother of God, to implore her protection during the coronavirus epidemic:

O Mary, you shine continuously on our journey as a sign of salvation and hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross you participated in Jesus' pain, with steadfast faith. You know what we need. We are certain that you will provide, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father's will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who took our sufferings upon Himself, and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Amen. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God. Do not despise our pleas – we who are put to the test – and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

Holy Mary, we entrust to your maternal care the health and safety of all our brothers and sisters here in the Archdiocese of Newark and throughout the world. Help us to trust in the healing power of your Son and to stay close to one another spiritually even as we are required to maintain a safe distance physically.

Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R. Archbishop of Newark

EASTER MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Parishioners,

It is my sincere wish that the glorious Easter Season will bring every blessing and joy to each home in our parish amidst the coronavirus threat. Easter signifies the triumph of God over every evil. The death from which our Savior has risen assures us that we can all conquer sin. His rising reassures us that we too shall rise from dead to reap the reward of that conquest. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ always live within you, and may you always have the gift of Love, the blessing of Hope, and the promise of Peace. May the Risen Lord grant healing to all affected by this pandemic and protection from coronavirus for all. We hope that everyone will share in the fruits of the Resurrection by participating our livestream Holy Week Services in time of Corona Virus. God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T Cruz

Parish Giving

Now more than ever as a community of faithful we are challenge by the threat of Covid-19. Let's keep our commitment to our LORD by attending the FB livestream mass & pray for each other. Please remember our parish in your prayers. Please send weekly offerings @ Parish Giving online the parish website Thank you and God bless.



Most mornings (before the pandemic) found me driving a fairly busy route to the parish church where I assist with Masses in my working retirement. I get a form of the “morning rush hour” so loved by the TV traffic reporters. Be that as it may, I often wind up riding behind either a driver who favors 43 mph in the legal 50 mph, or in front of another with a keen desire to inhale my exhaust as he/she is doing 60 in the same zone and urging me to speed up. On one of those mornings traveling amid South Jersey farmland I found myself alongside a scene of sheep “safely grazing” in a field. Munching contentedly their farm grown breakfast, they were a sharp contrast to the human activity.

This “Good Shepherd Sunday” offers us an opportunity to consider that ancient occupation, mostly missing on modern job applications and what it might teach us. Shepherding in Jesus’ time had all the dimensions of a “24/7” task, as we might describe it. The person so designated had to literally live with his herd of dependents around the clock. He or she had to be an outdoor type, sometimes compelled to be the actual “gate” as they stretched out at night across the gap in the stone fence that acted as a pen. The pay was usually nothing to blow a ram’s horn about. Still it was good work, enough for a person to take care of him/herself and any dependents. And if the shepherd was truly good, there developed a healthy respect for their woolly charges. Such a person was the exact opposite of those wandering strangers seeking only a paycheck, with no interest whatever in the sheep.

Our Lord was in such good touch with the reality of His day that when He assumed the teacher’s role, He described Himself as the Good Shepherd with all that implied. Is it any wonder that St. Peter’s current successor, Pope Francis, has urged his bishops and priests to acquire “the smell of the sheep?” That means of course the lay faithful of the Church, the chosen flock. The pain of this pandemic is that we priests can only have a virtual connection with them.

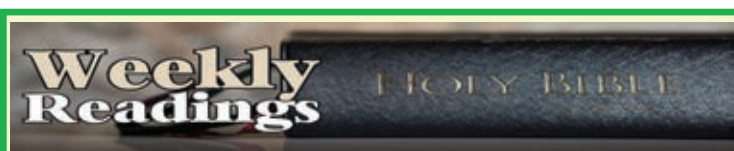


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Bud Wilkinson, a famous football coach, was once asked, “What contribution does professional sport make to the physical fitness of Americans?” To no one’s surprise, he answered, “Very little. A professional football game,” he said, “is a happening where fifty thousand spectators, desperately needing exercise, sit in the stands watching twenty-two men on the field, desperately needing rest.”

Let that description never fit our Church dear friends. Especially in this unusual time, Our Good Shepherd asks all of us to be faithful to our prayer life; read a good spiritual book if we can; be patient with our stay at home circumstances, and at least join in on one or another of those online Masses. Above all, He wants us to trust in Him, keep our hope in Him, and know that this testing time will pass.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



Acts 2 : 14A, 36 - 41
Psalms 23 : 1 - 3A, 3B4, 5, 6
1 Peter 2: 20B - 25
Gospel from John 10: 1 - 10



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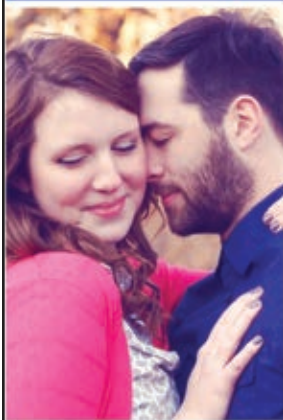
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