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*The Perfect Prayer in time of
Covid19*



*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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Pentecost Sunday

May 31, 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

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SATURDAY, MAY 30

(Vigil Mass)

4:00 pm (V) † Albert Reitenmeyer

SUNDAY, MAY 31

Pentecost Sunday

8:00 am † Frank Sullivan
 9:30 am † Rusk & Yuhas Family
 11:00 am † Elvira Pagala
 12:30 pm (SP) † Paulina Rivas

MONDAY, JUNE 1

Feast of The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

12:00 pm People of the Parish

TUESDAY, JUNE 2

Feast of Saints Marcellinus and Peter

12:00 pm † Thomas & John Rusk
 7:00 pm (SP) † John Reitenmeyer

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3

Feast of Saints Charles Lwanga & Companions

12:00 pm † William McCarthy

THURSDAY, JUNE 4

12:00 pm † Margaret Reitenmeyer

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Feast of Saint Boniface

12:00 pm † Albert Reitenmeyer

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Feast of Saint Norbert

9:00 am † John Reitenmeyer
 4:00 pm (V) † Mary Pileggi

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00 am † Marie Umbenhauer
 9:30 am † Justin Foldhazy
 11:00 am † Rosa Emilia Alvarez
 12:30 pm (SP) † Lidia Sanchez

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass

*NOTE :Due to Covid-19 outbreak all mass intentions will be said in the streamed masses at our Facebook page **Divine Mercy***

Parish, Rahway NJ



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

FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIVES OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

PHASE 1 RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES

Starting May 17, 2020

1. The Church will open for PRIVATE PRAYERS only.

Divine Mercy Schedule

Sunday 8:00 am to 10:00 am
Weekdays 9:00 am to 11:00 am
Saturday 10:00 am to 12:00 pm

2. RECONCILIATION

Divine Mercy Schedule of Confession

Saturdays 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm
 (No appointment needed)

3. CONFIRMATION & 1st COMMUNION previously scheduled and was postponed due to Covid-19 will be scheduled once the Diocese starts **Phase 3** of the church re-opening.

NOTE:

Mask should be worn inside the church at all times. Social distancing should be strictly observed while inside the church. (6ft apart from each other)

STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CARDINAL'S DIRECTIVE IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION!



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.

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.

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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



Our solidarity more than ever as a community of faithful is being challenged 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. Thank you and be safe everyone. God bless.

**DIRECTIVES FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE OF
NEWARK RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES**

PHASE 1 - Starts May 17, 2020

All pastors, parochial administrators, chaplains and other pastoral leaders are expected to follow these Phase One directives without exception:

1. Cardinal Tobin continues to dispense the faithful from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday as well as from "Easter duty" (the obligation to receive Holy Communion during the season of Easter).
2. Churches may be opened **solely for personal prayer** during limited and designated hours. Individuals and families enter the church **for quiet prayer only**. During opening hours, a parish staff member must be physically present in the church to ensure social distancing and sanitizing. No gatherings are permitted.
3. In accord with national, state and local health directives, those who show symptoms of COVID-19 or who have been exposed to an **infected person are not permitted to enter the church for 14 days**.
4. Holy water fonts must remain empty until further notice.
5. Hand sanitizer should be made available throughout the church.
6. Public celebrations of liturgies, devotions, or other group prayer are not permitted at this time.
7. Masks must be worn by all individuals while in the church.
8. Individuals and families must maintain social distancing (six feet) between each person while in the church.
9. The pastor will ensure that there is prominent notification within the church regarding the requirement of masks and social distancing.
10. Pews, door handles and knobs, restrooms and high traffic areas of the church should be wiped down and sanitized at regular intervals with the removal of trash and other items from the pews.
11. The Sacrament of Reconciliation can be offered at specified and limited times.
 - Confessionals are not to be used.
 - Social distancing must be maintained by those waiting for the sacrament and attention be given to maintaining the seal.
 - Masks must be worn by confessor and penitent.

Reflections for the Pentecost Sunday

The Pentecost marks the end and the goal of the Easter season. It is a memorial of the day the Holy Spirit descended on the apostles and the Virgin Mary in the form of fiery tongues, an event that took place fifty days after the Resurrection of Jesus.

Today's Gospel relates how the Risen Jesus gave his apostles a foretaste of Pentecost on the evening of Easter Sunday by appearing to them and sending them to carry on the mission given him by his Heavenly Father. He then empowered them to do so by breathing upon them and saying, "Receive the Holy Spirit." On the day of Pentecost, Jesus fulfilled his promise to send the Advocate or Paraclete. The gift of the Spirit would enable them to fulfill Jesus' commission to preach the Gospel to all nations. Today's Gospel passage also tells us how Jesus gave to the Apostles the power and authority to forgive sins. "Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained." These wonderful words, which bind together inseparably the presence of the Holy Spirit with the gift of forgiveness, are referred to directly in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. But they have a much wider meaning. Those words remind us of the Christian vocation we all have, to love and forgive as we have been loved and forgiven in the world of today, which is often fiercely judgmental and vengeful.

The role of the Holy Spirit in Christian life: **1)** As an *indwelling* God, He makes us His Living Temples (I Cor 3:16). **2)** As a *strengthening* God, He strengthens us in our fight against temptations and in our mission of bearing witness to Christ by transparent Christian lives. **3)** As a *sanctifying* God, He makes us holy through the Sacraments: **a)** *Through Baptism* He makes us children of God and heirs of Heaven. **b)** *Through Confirmation*, He makes us temples of God, warriors and defenders of the Faith. **c)** *Through the Sacrament of Reconciliation*, He enables us to be reconciled with God by pardoning our sins **d)** *Through the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist*, He gives us spiritual nourishment by converting bread and wine into Jesus' Body and Blood through Epiclesis. **e)** *Through the Sacraments of the priesthood and matrimony*, He makes the Church community holy. **4)** As a *teaching and guiding* God, He clarifies and constantly reminds us of Christ's teachings and guides the Magisterium of the Church to present Christ's teachings correctly. **5)** As a *listening and talking* God, He listens to our prayers and enables us to pray, and He speaks to us mainly through the Bible. **6)** As a *Giver of gifts*, He pours out on us His gifts, fruits and charisms, thus enriching the Church.

Action of the Holy Spirit in the life of the believer and of the Church: How beautiful is the thought that the Holy Spirit *lives within us!* Saint Paul reminds the Corinthian community of this fact when he asks, "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit *dwells in you?*" (I Corinthians 3:16). It is the Holy Spirit who *develops our intimacy with God*. "God has sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts crying, 'Abba!' (Father!)" (Gal 4:6).



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"God's love has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us" (Romans 5:5). "No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit" (I Corinthians 12:3). Moreover, we know that it is the Holy Spirit Who *teaches us to pray* (Romans 8:26). By the power of the Spirit, we also know the Lord Jesus through his Church. Pentecost Sunday is the birthday of the Church. It is the Holy Spirit who *enlivens, enlightens, guides, and sanctifies the Church*.

Holy Spirit in the daily lives of Christians: The Spirit is that *Paraclete* (a Greek word that is translated as Counselor, Comforter, Helper, Encourager, or Enabler), Who quietly works in us and through us every day behind the scenes in the basic activities of our lives and the lives of the people around us. He is there in all his fullness wherever people worship and pray in the name of Jesus. When we believe and trust in Jesus we have that Faith through the Holy Spirit's work in us, filling us with Himself and His Gifts. The Holy Spirit leads us to turn away from our sinfulness and reassures us that we are still loved in spite of our sin, and that Jesus died on a cross just for those moments when we rebel against God's way. He confronts us and urges us to take a good look at ourselves and where we are heading, to make a U-turn, to leave the old behind and try something new. He's not afraid to challenge us and stretch us to go and do things for Christ – things we have never done before or ever imagined ourselves doing. He's the One Who says to us, "Stop being so self-focussed. Stop looking into yourself all the time and being depressed by what you see or fool yourself into thinking that what you see in yourself is enough to get you through! Look up, look away, look to Jesus and let Him turn your around; let Him take control!" "The feast of Pentecost celebrates the unseen, immeasurable presence of God in our lives and in our Church – the *ruah* that animates us to do the work of the Gospel of the Risen One, the *ruah* that makes God's will our will, the *ruah* of God living in us and transforming us so that we may bring His life and love to our broken world. God "breathes" His Spirit into our souls that we may live in His life and love; God ignites the "fire" of His Spirit within our hearts and minds that we may seek God in all things in order to realize the coming of His reign." (Connections).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Vigil Mass	Sunday Mass
Genesis 11:1-9	Acts 2: 1 - 11
PS 104: 1-2,24,35,27-28,29,30	Psalms 104:1,24,29-30,31,34
Romans 8:22 - 27	1 Corinthians 12:3B-7, 12-13
Gospel from John 7: 37 - 39	Gospel from John 20:19-23

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