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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.

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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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Solemnity of The Most Holy Trinity

June 7, 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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# Mass Mantentions

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 6**

(Vigil Mass)

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 Maria Sanchez

**MONDAY, JUNE 8** 

12:00 pm People of the Parish

## **TUESDAY, JUNE 9**

**Feast of Saint Ephrem** 

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10** 

12:00 pm † Dr. Frank C. Barone

#### **THURSDAY, JUNE 11**

Feast of Saint Barnabas, Apostle

12:00 pm † Howard Ruopp

**FRIDAY, JUNE 12** 

12:00 pm Rainier & Rosemarie Diego

(Wedding Anniversary)

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

Feast of Saint Anthony of Padua

9:00 am † Juanita Guillermo 4:00 pm (V) † John and Anne Gerbino

## **SUNDAY, JUNE 14**

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

8:00 am † Edgar McCloskey

9:30 am David J. De Guzman (Birthday) 11:00 am † Filipinas Godoy Villacorta

12:30 pm (SP) † Ellen Carandang

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.





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## 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

**Started May 17, 2020** 

1. The Church is 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

 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.

 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.

## Continuation of 5 Reasons why....

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 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. Thank you and be safe everyone. God bless.

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

**PHASE 1 - Started May 17,2020** 

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

- 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 persons 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.

# Reflection for The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

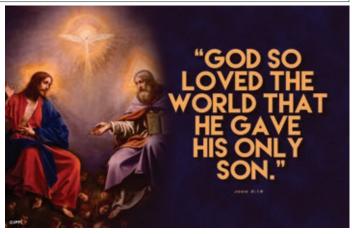
An enemy we cannot even see has won a battle with us, but hopefully not the war. You know its name for sure. In a relatively short time it has managed to change our way of living, our whole society, as well as the whole planet wherever humans live on it. Among its many devastating effects has been the severance, at least on the surface, of our very unity as a race. Thanks be to God and human ingenuity, we have devised an electronic avenue of communication and have at least kept in virtual touch. We have obeyed legitimate authority in keeping what we have learned to call "social distance," even though our every instinct wants to touch others and to be touched. We miss our handshakes, hugs and kisses, especially with those we love.

Our trio of Scriptures for this weekend's Masses speaks, however indirectly, of the incomparably mysterious union of the Three Divine Persons in our one God. No wonder we are frustrated by anything like a virus that keeps us from living our usual way. That is because we have been created in the image of a loving triune God.

Our authorities have been most complimentary of our efforts to stay separated by 2 yards from each other. The whole phenomenon has amazed them because, after all, it comes down to being their strong and wise suggestion, not yet being a civil mandate. But we know in our bones that such separation is the opposite of what God has in mind for us His creatures. We remain in the Church as one family under God. In Him we still trust that this pandemic will end. We know that through our intelligence and believe it through our Faith.

In the meantime, we cling to that Faith. What that faith tells us about the nature of God ultimately comes from God's Son. He was personally present on this planet more than twenty centuries ago, and still is mystically present among us as He promised. Without Christ's revelation, we might simply ascribe to God such things that the myths of Greece and Rome did, including weaknesses. Because Jesus sent us His Holy Spirit, we can have the confidence that comes from knowing the truth.

For example, we know that Our God is certainly omnipotent. Just looking at creation we find that easy to believe. We also admire God's creativity and imagination; and even His lighthearted sense of humor. After all, the same God who made the moon also crafted a crab that walks sideways and a bird that pecks hard at tree trunks for his livelihood.



#### Continuation....

That same God created you and me. We are often referred to as the "apex" of His visible creation, allowing for the angels of a still higher order. We know we are a mixture of strengths and weakness. We can be purposeful but procrastinating; peace-loving but warlike. Despite those possibilities, He still loves us. Just look at the nearest crucifix for proof of that.

So comforting to know that our God has revealed Himself as "big enough" to embrace us all. Perhaps the best psychological and spiritual outcome of the pandemic caused by Covid 19 will be to realize all of this about our God and ourselves with a new perspective. That will inevitably lead to a new and better way to ramp up our authentic Christian living. As always, we will do it best if we do it in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### Reading I: Exodus 34: 4b-6, 8-9

Moses meets God on the holy mountain, where God proclaims His mercy and justice. Moses then asks for pardon and the adoption of the people as His children.

# Reading II: II Corinthians 13: 11-13

Paul acknowledges the problems of the community regarding relationships. He urges them to live in peace with each other in fellowship with the Holy Spirit.

# The Gospel: John 3: 16-18

The evangelist makes a connection between believing in God's Son Jesus and not being condemned. That belief brings eternal life to all believers.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



**Exodus** 34:4B-6,8-9 **Daniel** 3:52,53,54,55,56 **2 Corinthians** 13:11-13

**Gospel from John** 3 : 16 - 18



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