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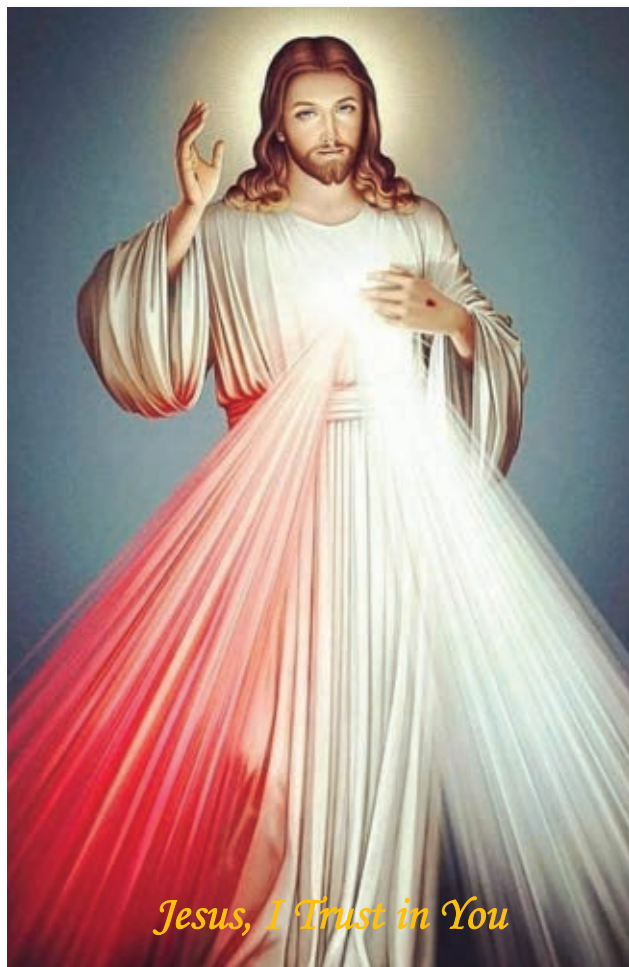
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The Perfect Prayer in time of Covid19

*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.*

New 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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Arlene Mione (Trustees)

The Baptism of the Lord

January 10, 2021

Parish Membership

Our members may come from different origins but we are one in faith, in our love and devotion to the merciful Heart of Jesus. Everyone is welcome to join our growing community. Please email or visit our office to register.

Parish Office/Rectory

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 9 (*Vigil Mass*)

4:00 pm † Dorothy Zazzarino

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10
The Baptism of the Lord

8:00 am † Carmine Alfano
9:30 am † Margaret Reitemeyer
11:00 am (*FBL*) † Antonio Rodrigues
12:30 pm (*SP, FBL*) † Albert Reitemeyer

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

12:00 pm Rosalie D. Hannigan (Birthday)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

12:00 pm People of the Parish
7:00 pm (*SP*) † John Reitemeyer

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13
Feast of Saint Hilary of Poitiers

12:00 pm † Elsie Moran

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

12:00 pm † William Flanagan

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

12:00 pm † Connie Flanagan

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

9:00 am † Antonio and Lucrisia Pineda
4:00 pm (*V*) † Arline T. Rooney

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

8:00 am † Albert Reitemeyer
9:30 am † Margaret Reitemeyer
11:00 am (*FBL*) For All January Birthday Celebrant
12:30 pm (*SP, FBL*) † John Reitemeyer
5:00 pm (*F*) † Arline T. Rooney

Legend: (*V*) Vigil Mass, (*SP*) Spanish Mass, (*F*) Filipino Mass, (*FBL*) Facebook Livestreamed Mass @ the parish **FB page** [Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ](https://divinemercyparish.org)

MASS INTENTIONS ONLINE

Mass offerings and available dates for mass intentions are now visible at <https://divinemercyrahway.church/mass-intentions>. Credit cards and bank transfers are accepted mode of payments for mass offering. You can still visit the parish office from 9am to 3pm, Mon to Fri.



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, JANUARY 10

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 AM Confirmation Class (Aud)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

7:00 PM RCIA English Class (104)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

7:00 PM Baptism Class (104)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

Check Events & News @ <https://divinemercyrahway.church>

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.

"Pray this during communion of our livestreamed Mass on our Facebook account Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ Every Sunday at 11:00 am & 12:30 pm."



For the Recently Deceased of the Parish

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let's pray for the soul of *Mary A. McArdle*. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace Amen.



Please remember to include our parish in your prayers. Everyone can still send weekly offerings to our Parish by signing up at Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and easy. Thank you and be safe. God bless.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful and happy to report that I have received additional donations for the Church Roof Repair and Replacement project. I would like to acknowledge everyone who offered their prayers for the success of the project and those who have extended their financial support for this campaign.

RECENT DONORS

*Margaret Dubis - \$100
Darlene Beadling - \$50
Anonymous 5 - \$200
Joseph & Catherine Keefe - \$500
Flora Limpin - \$100
Bernadette Saldua-Pryor - \$200
† John & Margaret Odin - \$1,000
Anonymous 6 - \$1,000*

*The total collection for the Church Roof project as of January 5, 2021 is **\$32,700**. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity,*

*Sincerely in Christ,
Very Rev Alexander T. Crus, VF*

**Prayer to Saint Joseph
(Pray after the Rosary)**

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;
O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;
O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- HOSPITAL VISITS**

For the spiritual needs of your sick family members, please call our hospital Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Krajnak Ph.D. at 732-877-6835.

- FREE COVID TESTING**

Free Covid-19 testing will be available to everyone at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Linden. Covid testing is on every Tuesday @ 2 pm. Please call the parish first for an appointment before going for a test. Below is their contact information; Tel: (908) 486-2514, Address: 220 East Blanke Street, Linden, New Jersey 07036.

- COVID Alert NJ**

Covid Alert NJ is a phone app highly recommended by the Archdiocese of Newark for all the faithful due to the rising cases of Covid-19 and due to exposure to people after the holiday season. It is an exposure notification mobile app that anonymously notifies users of potential exposure to Covid-19 while maintaining user privacy and security. It is free and secure, available to anyone 18 and older who lives, works, or attends college in New Jersey. The app can be downloaded from Google play store or Apple App store.

- COVID-19 REMINDER**

COVID19 cases in our parish is rising. Please follow safety instructions inside the church.

PLEASE we are asking for full cooperation, if you traveled recently or you are sick or anyone in your family is sick due to Covid-19 stay home and do not go to church!

- NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

Marking the 150th anniversary of St. Joseph being declared patron of the universal church, Pope Francis proclaimed a year long celebration dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. Starting Dec 8, 2020 to Dec 8, 2021. Plenary indulgences will be granted to Catholics not only through prayer and penance, but also through acts of justice, charity and piety dedicated to the foster father of Jesus. Our novena to honor St. Joseph is every Wednesday after the mass and every 19th of the month. The prayer to St. Joseph may be said on any day of the Year of Saint Joseph, but especially on his various feast days or other devotional days dedicated to St. Joseph:

- RAFFLE 2020 WINNERS**

1st Prize - Flat Screen TV65

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2nd Prize - GE Refrigerator 4.5 cu

Anthony Zazzarivo - Ticket # 2051

3rd Prize - BBQ Gril

Joel Chua - Ticket # 0795

4th Prize - Vacuum Cleaner

Jose Martinez Ticket # 0568

5th Prize Tower Fan

Christopher Legaspi Ticket # 2472

Winners must present the other half of the ticket and a valid ID to claim prize.

**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
DIRECTIVES in time of Pandemic**

The Church is open for **SUNDAY Masses**. Only **50% capacity** of the Church or **70 people** are allowed inside the Church.

**STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CARDINAL'S DIRECTIVE
BELOW FOR REOPENING IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION**

1. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will remain in effect.
2. **Social distancing** should be strictly observed while inside the church (**6ft apart from each other**).
3. **NO MASK NO ENTRY**. Mask should be worn inside the church at all times
4. Parishioners should take their temperature before coming to Mass. **Anyone showing symptoms of sickness must stay home**.
5. Parishioners are asked not to congregate after all Masses and should leave the church immediately unless they plan to spend time in quiet prayer/worship.

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS



The **Tabernacle Lamp** is being offered for
† Albert F. Reitemeyer.



The **Altar Bread** is being offered for
† John R. Reitemeyer.
The **Altar Wine** is being offered for
† Margaret Reitemeyer



The **Altar Candles** are being offered for
† Albert F. Reitemeyer.

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

St. Joseph for 2021

Novena on Wednesday after the 12:00 pm Mass,
Every 19th of the month

**CDC and Archdiocesan Guidelines in
Celebrating Mass during Pandemic**

1. Everyone **MUST WEAR MASK** all the time while inside the church.
2. The front of every **available seat** is marked with a **WHITE TAPE**. Seats without the white tape should be left vacant.
3. To follow and maintain social distancing **70 to 80 people only** will be allowed inside the church.
4. Keep social distancing at all times (**6 feet apart from each other**) Couples and families living in one roof may seat next to each other
5. **NO SHAKING OF HANDS** and **NO KISSING** during the giving of the sign of peace. **NOD** and **WAVING OF HANDS** are the acceptable means of giving the sign of peace.
6. Use the **middle aisle** to receive **Holy Communion**. Stay on the floor markings to keep social distancing. Use the left or right aisle to return to the pew.
7. **Communion by hand** is highly recommended and encouraged at this time.
8. Anyone who feels the need to step out of the church during mass for a moment to breath may do so and may return to the seat afterwards.
9. The **Chapel** at the left side of the church will be used as extension of the church during mass and will be open for people with special condition and those in need of space and flexibility. The chapel has a **maximum capacity of 6 people** at this time. Communion will be served to all parishioners by a Eucharistic minister.
10. Please maintain social distancing when leaving the church.
11. **Congregating after the mass** inside the church is not allowed.
12. Please follow all the guidelines religiously.
Thank you very much for your cooperation



Sacramental Schedule

Confession Weekdays after the 12 pm mass

Saturdays 3:00 pm to 4:00 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. Hospital visits are still limited due to Covid-19.

Holy Communion For anyone who are homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the parish office or rectory.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

First Reading Isaiah 55:1-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4,6-7
Isaiah calls upon the people to return to the Lord.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-9 or Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38
The Spirit of Truth testifies on behalf of Jesus, God's Son.

Gospel Reading Mark 1:7-11
Jesus is baptized by John the Baptist.

Reflection

Our faith must be brought into the streets. It cannot remain locked up in a church or limited to expressions of personal piety. Pope Francis reminds us in *The Joy of the Gospel* that "we have been entrusted with a treasure which makes us more human and helps us lead a new life. There is nothing more precious which we can give to others." Jesus' baptism provides him with exactly what he needs to get about the business of his mission as the Son of God, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." He is given what he needs to be successful in fulfilling the purpose for which he was sent. Our baptisms give us these same gifts. We receive the affirmation we need from God, knowing that we are one of his beloved daughters and sons. It is through our baptisms that we are gifted with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. It is not solely about our eternal salvation. In baptism, we receive what we need to be successful in fulfilling our purpose and laboring for the kingdom of God. Baptism is ultimately about putting on Christ and choosing to live like Christ in the world. This means putting Jesus' command to love at the forefront of our lives. Are we ready and willing to answer the call?

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally, but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. The Gospel, ratified in us through baptism, anchors us in the God given virtues of faith, hope, and love. It orients us to truth and that truth brings joy. It is only through baptism that we can remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die. It is amazing that when we actually put on Christ so much changes! We learn to resolve our conflicts peacefully and without recourse to violence. Restoring relationships that are broken or distorted becomes a priority



and securing a means for all people to achieve reasonable happiness in this world becomes the lens through which we see when conducting business.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. The challenge comes in accepting the risk of preaching the Gospel. While we may have all we need in our baptism to do so, we have to find the willingness within to actually pull it off. We have to be willing to move from just giving lip service to our brothers and sisters throughout the world and actually relating to them as spiritual siblings.

We cannot ignore the immigrant, the migrant, the orphan, the cold, the hungry or the sinner. We cannot continue to choose the protection of life when it suits us and its demise when it doesn't. We cannot continue to run roughshod over God's creation. God continues to try to heal what God has made. We have to help this along, not work against it. Human life has dignity and things like human trafficking, prejudice, severe unemployment, violence, greed, lust for power, and corruption cannot continue. We need to help those who have no voice find one.

This is the beauty of being the Body of Christ collectively. The responsibility for the mission of the Gospel does not fall on any one person. It does, however, require that all of the baptized members of that Body realize who they are and take their faith to the streets. Our credibility depends upon doing this successfully. We also need to support one another as we strive to achieve God's vision. Our political systems are broken, people are lost and hurting and there is great sadness across the globe. It is all too easy to mistake what is purported as being politically correct with ultimate truth, forgetting that there are principles and ideals that need to be in place to effectively govern our lives. We will face more difficult times before it gets better. But we have a hope with us that the world cannot give. It is our identity in God sealed in our baptism that assures us that God is with us and will use us to heal God's world. Are we ready to do so?

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Isaiah 42 : 1 - 4, 6 - 7

Psalms 29 : 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 3, 9 - 10

Acts 10: 34 - 38

Gospel from Mark 1 : 7 - 11

*Reflection excerpted from
<https://www.4ipi.com/blog/exhortation-choose-live-like-christ/>*

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The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they are supposed to enter.

#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of
Samantha Josephson



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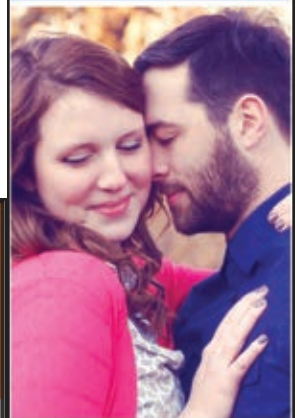


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