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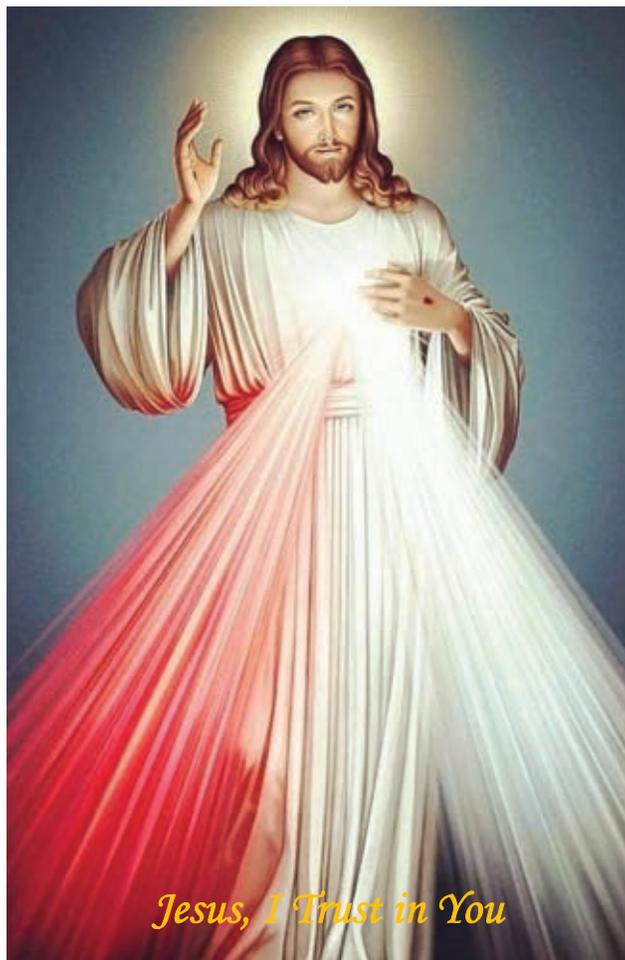
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*Jesus, I Trust in You*

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*Eternal God, in whom mercy is  
endless and the treasury of com-  
passion 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 confi-  
dence, submit ourselves to Your  
holy will, which is Love and  
Mercy itself.  
Amen.*

### *New Mass Schedule*

<b>Weekday</b>	12:00 pm Monday to Friday
<b>Martes</b>	7:00 pm Misa en Español
<b>Saturday</b>	9:00 am, 4:00 pm (Vigil Mass)
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm Misa en Español
<b>Holydays</b>	6:00 pm (Vigil Mass) 12:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm Misa en Español

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**Joseph Keefe** (Trustee)  
**Arlene Mione** (Trustees)

*Second Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
January 17, 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/Rector's**

**Hours:** Mon to Fri, 9 am - 3 pm

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 16 ( Vigil Mass )**

4:00 pm † Arline T. Rooney

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 17***Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

12:00 pm People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

12:00 pm † Anne Zolot (Death Anniversary)  
 7:00 pm (SP) † Enrique Gonzalez (Death Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20***Feast of Saints Fabian & Sebastian*

12:00 pm † Maria Theresa Tinana

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21***Feast of Saint Agnes*

12:00 pm † Consuelo Reyes Salazar (Death Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 22***Feast of Saint Vincent*

12:00 pm † Tranquilino Tinana

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 23**

9:00 am † John Reitemeyer  
 4:00 pm (V) † Geraldine Krimson

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

8:00 am † Albert Reitemeyer  
 9:30 am † Tom & Arline Rooney  
 11:00 am (FBL) Rose Delizo (Birthday Blessing pls)  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Lucina Gonzalez

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

**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 17**

9:45 AM Confirmation Parents Meeting  
 12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

**MONDAY, JANUARY 18**

9:00 AM Parent Formation Workshop (Virtual)

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19**

7:00 PM RCIA English Class (104)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 21**

7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 24**

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 *Joseph Horling*. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he 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 12, 2021 is **\$32,700**. Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity,*

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

***Statement of Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.,  
Archbishop of Newark, on violence in U.S. Capitol***

As I watched the appalling chaos in the U.S. Capitol yesterday, I witnessed an icon of democracy occupied and hostage to mob rule. The procession of violent images was deeply troubling. Particularly disheartening is that this event unfolded amid a deadly pandemic, a terrible plague that our troubled nation should face in solidarity.

The events of yesterday are a graphic exposure of the deep and advancing polarization in American society that has festered for years. This divisiveness disregards faith, justice and the rule of law. As shocking as it may be to glimpse how disordered our nation has become, the terrible truth is that we are not immune from further moral and social decay.

If we wish to claim it, Catholics have a legacy that is crucial to the healing of the nation. Our faith includes a commitment to mutual respect, dialogue, and the principles on which our democracy is based. We must come together as one nation under God, who loves and bestows dignity on all. The person with whom you may vehemently disagree is also a beloved child of God. For two millennia, our community has tried to live the teachings of Jesus. We are at our best when we put others first, with the common good as our guiding star.

Let us join with all people of good will in a choice for peace during this arduous time. We pray for our Savior's protection and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Jesus, Prince of Peace, teach us the way forward. Our Lady of the Americas, pray for us.

## 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 is available to everyone at St. Elizabeth of Hungary Church in Linden, NJ. Covid testing is 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!**

- **2021 ANNUAL APPEAL**

The 2021 Annual Appeal will fund essential programs and ministries at the heart of our Catholic mission in the four counties of the Archdiocese of Newark— namely to proclaim the gospel, to pass on the faith to future generations, particularly through the celebration of the sacraments, and to care of the poor and those on the margins. Please consider making a donation. Your gift will make a difference. For all checks and pledges the envelopes will be distributed this coming weekend. For online donation please follow this link <https://www.rcan.org/appeal> or <https://www.rcan.org/ways-to-give> or [www.rcan.org/sharing](https://www.rcan.org/sharing). We are also asking for your prayers for the success of this campaign. Thank you and God bless you all.

- **RAFFLE 2020 WINNERS**

1st Prize - Flat Screen TV65  
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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 4<sup>TH</sup> 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:** 1 Samuel 3:3b–10,19  
The Lord calls Samuel.

**Second Reading:** 1 Corinthians 6:13c–15a,17–20  
Paul reminds the Corinthians that their bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel Reading:** John 1:35–42  
John the Baptist recognizes Jesus as the Lamb of God, and Jesus receives his first followers.

### Reflection

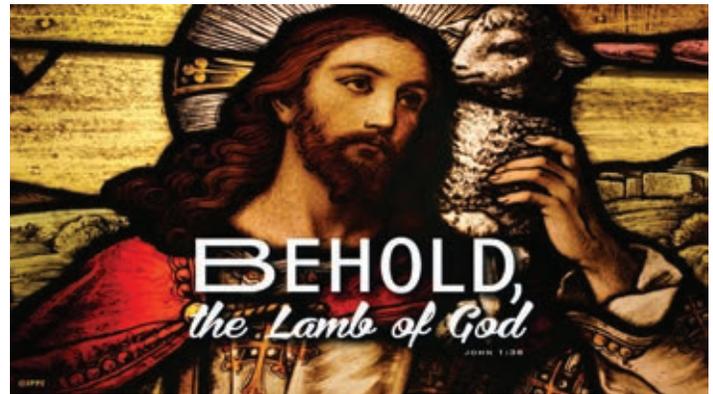
“What are you looking for?” Jesus asked, which he follows with an invitation to “come and see,” in response to the disciples’ question about where he is staying. Of course, Jesus knew what they were seeking; is it not what we all seek — peace, hope, salvation? Jesus calls them, and indeed us as well, to accept his invitation to find those things, and so much more, in him.

Regardless of where Jesus resides physically, we know from his teaching later in John’s Gospel, what he longs to show us is where he abides. In [John 15:4-16](#), Jesus shares the blessing of abiding with him; there, we can bear much fruit in our faith, receive what we, and most importantly, know the Father’s glory.

Jesus’ invitations present an opportunity for us to contemplate what we are looking for and to take stock of our current situation. Do you know what it is you seek in this world? Are you open to truly be a disciple of Jesus Christ? Can you leave behind your expectations, trusting the goodness of Jesus’ invitation, and follow God’s perfect will for your life?

Without waiting for the early disciples to respond, knowing their hearts and that the Kingdom of Heaven holds everything they seek, he invites them to come and see. Some of Jesus’ disciples came and stayed with him because they had heard him preach. Moved by the promise, hope, mercy, and life he offered, they directly accepted the invitation from him. However, like Peter, others came to follow Jesus after someone else extended an invitation to “come and see” themselves.

Peter’s brother Andrew’s willingness to evangelize brought Peter to become a disciple of the Lord. Andrew’s love for Peter moved him to share the truth and joy he had found. How blessed to have someone care enough to step out in faith and



share the life found only in Jesus — no matter how uncomfortable they may feel or how their testimony may be received.

Those who believe inspire others to believe. John’s Gospel also introduces us to the Samaritan woman Jesus meets at the well. Her encounter with Christ spurs a conversion so dramatic, she cannot keep it to herself. Transformed by his love, mercy, and hope of a life where she no longer has to thirst for acceptance and redemption, she leaves her past behind and becomes an unlikely evangelist. Moved by her transformation from accepting Jesus’ invitation to come and see — she goes out immediately to share the Good News — causing a ripple effect of discipleship.

The lives of the people she encounters and invites, are never the same once they accept the invitation to follow and abide in the truth and love offered by Jesus. One of the most powerful moments in John’s Gospel ([4:41-42](#)) occurs when we learn many more have come to believe. And those she has testified to come back saying, “It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves and know that this One truly is the Savior of the world.”

The power and beauty of evangelization manifests in the conversion of hearts when an invitation leads to a personal encounter with Christ and the choice to remain and abide with him. We may recognize our journey within these many roads to discipleship; which of these paths is yours? Will we pay forward what we have received? Do we have the courage and strength to follow Jesus’ example and invite others to come and see? When we, like Andrew and the woman at the well, tell others about finding the Messiah, we become part of the hope of discipleship present in John’s Gospel. We become conduits for others to encounter the truth and grace found only in Jesus Christ.

### PRAYER

Jesus, may I not only accept and be transformed by your invitation to come and see, but also invite others to encounter your loving mercy, hope, and joy as well. Amen

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

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

1 Samuel 3 : 3b - 10, 19

Psalms 40 : 2, 4, 7 - 8, 8 - 9, 10

1 Corinthians 6: 13c - 15a, 17 - 20

Gospel from John 1 : 35 - 42

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### What's My Name?

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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