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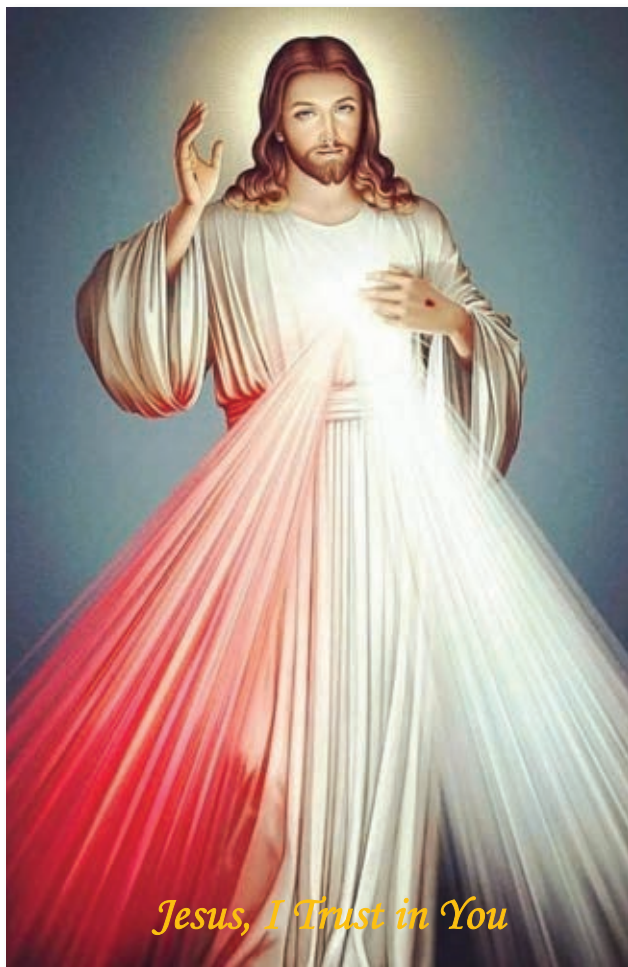
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*Jesus, I Trust in You*



*"The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has arisen."*

*Mk 4:16*

*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*

<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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**Arlene Mione (Trustees)**

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary*  
*Time*

*January 31, 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**

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

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**SATURDAY, JANUARY 30**

4:00 pm (V) † Anthony &amp; Jennie Truppa

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 31***Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am † John Reitemeyer  
 9:30 am Diana Rivera (Birthday blessing please)  
 11:00 am (FBL) † Raymond Allen Temple  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

12:00 pm People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2***Presentation of Lord*

12:00 pm Jean Vianney Michel (Birthday)  
 7:00 pm (SP) Eluterio Villegas (Death Anniversary)

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3***Feast of Saints Blaise and Ansgar*

12:00 pm † Richard Tobin

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

12:00 pm † Regina Ochadlik

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5***Feast of Saint Agatha*

12:00 pm † Arline T. Rooney

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6***Feast of Saint Paul Miki*

9:00 am † Albert Reitemeyer  
 4:00 pm (V) † Estelle Shore

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

8:00 am † Lima Family  
 9:30 am † Gory C. Ramirez  
 11:00 am (FBL) † Antonia Santos  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Sebastiana Argueta

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

**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 31**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

7:00 PM Parent Formation (Church)

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

7:00 PM RCIA English Class (104)  
 7:00 PM Guadalupe (Church)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4**

7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5**

11:00 AM HOLY HOUR  
 6:30 PM Rosary (KOC)  
 7:00 PM BLD (Church)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

1:00 PM Baptism (Mia Kristine, Kiaralee, Elliott)  
 9:00 AM Renewal Seminar Eucharistic Ministers  
 & Lectors

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

9:30 AM RCIA Make-up Class (Virtual)  
 12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

Check Events & News @ <https://divinemercyrahway.church>**ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-19**

*God our Father  
 we come to You in our need  
 to ask Your protection against the 2019 N-coronavirus  
 that has claimed lives and has affected many.  
 We pray for Your grace  
 for the people tasked with studying the nature and cause  
 of this virus and its disease  
 and of stemming the tide of its transmission.  
 Guide the hands and minds of medical experts  
 that they may minister to the sick  
 with competence and compassion  
 and of those governments and private agencies  
 that must find cure and solution to this pandemic.  
 We pray for those afflicted.  
 May they be restored to health soon.  
 Grant us the grace  
 to work for the good of all  
 and to help those in need.  
 Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son  
 who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
 God forever and ever. Amen.  
 Mother Mary, help of all Christians, pray for us.  
 St. Raphael the Archangel, pray for us.  
 St. Roch, pray for us.*

**For the Recently Deceased of the Parish**

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### VATICAN MODIFIES DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY February 17, 2021

The congregation of Divine Worship releases a note laying out the procedures priest around the world are to follow for the distribution of ashes at the start of lent .

The health situation caused by Covid-19. Continues to force changes on daily life, which are also reflected in the Church's sphere.

Ahead of the beginning of Lent, on Wednesday, 17 February. The Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments has published a note detailing how Catholic priest are to distribute the ashes.

#### *New procedure on distribution of ashes during Pandemic*

1. After the blessing of the ashes and sprinkling of holy water in silence.
2. The priest addresses everyone, all those present and only once says the formula as it appears in the Roman Missal, applying it to all in general: "Repent and believe in the Gospel" or Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return."
3. The priest cleanses his hands, puts on a mask, and distribute the ashes to those come to him, if appropriate, he goes to those who are standing in their places.
4. The priest takes the ashes and sprinkles them to each person's head without saying anything. ( No more ashes on the foreheads)

### FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE BLESSING OF THROAT DURING PANDEMIC February 3, 2021

Because of the touching involved, the individual Saint Blaise blessing of throats with crossed candles has been prohibited during the Pandemic. The blessing will be administered to everyone at once as part of the concluding rite of the Mass. Your Amen to the invocation indicates your affirmation of what the Church asks in your name.

**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."*

- **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.

- **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.

**We are asking for full cooperation in this matter. If you traveled recently or you are sick or anyone in your family is sick due to Covid-19 PLEASE 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 week. Checks should be made payable to *2021 Annual Appeal*.

For **donations by mail** (do not send cash) please send it to:

*Development Office/Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 9577  
171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104*

For **online donation** please follow this link below;

<https://www.rcan.org/appeal> or <https://www.rcan.org/ways-to-give> or [www.rcan.org/sharing](https://www.rcan.org/sharing).

Please pray for the success of this campaign. Thank you very much and God bless you all.

- **BURIAL**

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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.

**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.

**Prayer to Saint Joseph  
(Prayer 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.



**Baptism**

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Mia Kristine Benavides Palomino, Kiaralee De Jesus and Elliot Milton Sanchez*.

**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  
and understanding.**



**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.

*Missalettes are for sale for personal use at \$5. Please inquire at the parish office if interested.*

## SUNDAY REFLECTION

### First Reading: Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses tells the people that God will raise up for them a new prophet.

### Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Paul expresses his concern that those who are married are more likely to face the distractions of earthly life than those who are celibate.

### Gospel Reading: Mark 1:21-28

Jesus heals a man with an unclean spirit and his fame spreads throughout Galilee.

### Reflection

#### Meditation:

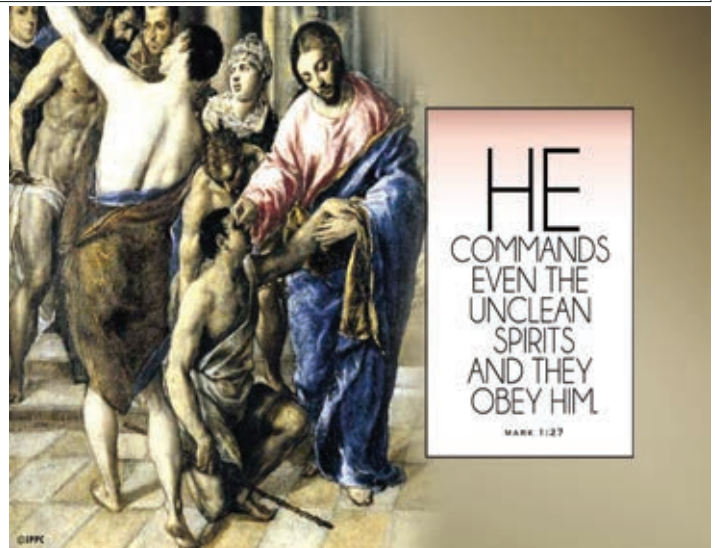
Do you believe that God's word has power to set you free and to transform your life? When Jesus taught he spoke with authority. He spoke the word of God as no one had spoken it before. When the Rabbis taught they supported their statements with quotes from other authorities. The prophets spoke with delegated authority - "Thus says the Lord." When Jesus spoke he needed no authorities to back his statements. He was authority incarnate - the Word of God made flesh. When he spoke, God spoke. When he commanded even the demons obeyed.

#### *Faith works through love and abounds in hope*

Augustine of Hippo (354-430 AD) remarked that "faith is mighty, but without love it profits nothing. The devils confessed Christ, but lacking charity it availed nothing. They said, 'What have we to do with you' (Mark 1:24)? They confessed a sort of faith, but without love. Hence they were devils."

Faith is powerful, but without love it profits nothing (1 Corinthians 13). Scripture tells us that true faith works through love (Galatians 5:6) and abounds in hope (Romans 15:13). Our faith is made perfect in love because love orients us to the supreme good which is God himself as well as the good of our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God (Genesis 1:26,27).

Hope anchors our faith in the promises of God and purifies our desires for the things which will last for eternity. That is why the word of Christ has power to set us free from all that would keep us bound up in sin, deception, and despair. Bede



the venerable abbot of an English monastery (672-735) contrasted the power and authority of Jesus' word with the word of the devil: "The devil, because he had deceived Eve with his tongue, is punished by the tongue, that he might not speak" [*Homilies on the Gospels* 1.8].

#### *Faith must be nourished with the Word of God*

Faith is both a free gift of God and the free assent of our will to the whole truth that God has revealed. To live, grow, and persevere in the faith to the end, we must nourish it with the word of God. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit to enlighten our minds that we may grow in his truth and in the knowledge of his great love for each of us. If we approach God's word with trust and submission, and with an eagerness to do what the Lord desires for us, then we are in a much better position to learn what God wants to teach us through his word. Are you eager to be taught by the Lord and to conform your mind, heart, attitude, and intentions according to his word of truth, goodness, and love?

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus, your word is power and life. May I never doubt your love and mercy, and the power of your word that sets us free, and brings healing and restoration to body, mind, heart, and spirit. Amen.

*Reflection excerpted from*  
<https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/>



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### #WHATSMYNAME

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