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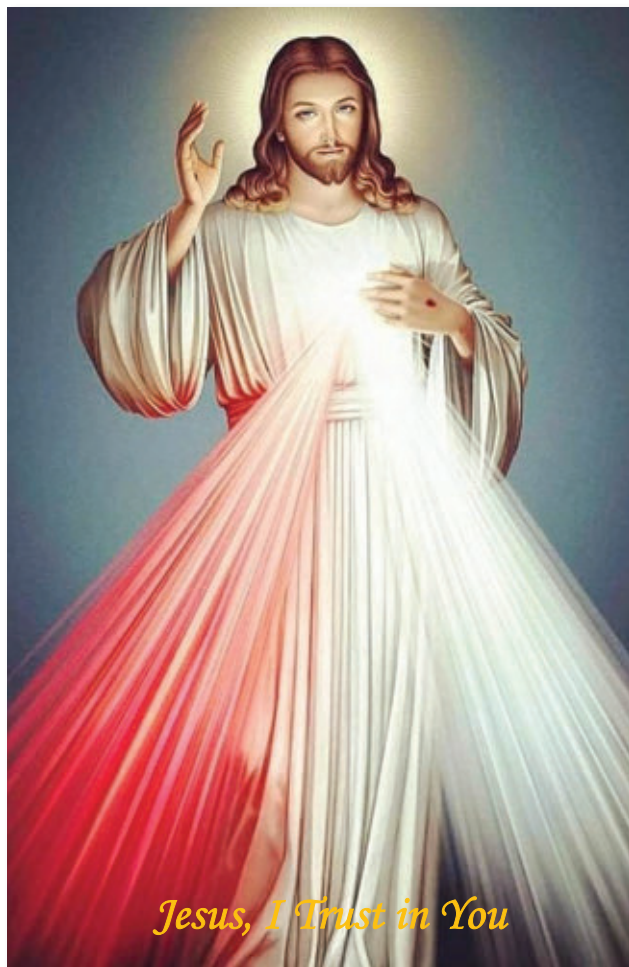
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Jesus, I Trust in You



"Christ took away our infirmities and bore our diseases."

Mt 8:17

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 7, 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, FEBRUARY 6

4:00 pm (V) † Estelle Shore

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Feast of Saints Jerome Emiliani & Josephine Bakhita

12:00 pm † Charles Frank Barone (Death Anniversary)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

Feast of Saint Scholastica

12:00 pm † Mark Lobo

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes

12:00 pm † Edwin J. Packard (Death Anniversary)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

12:00 pm Paule Michel (Birthday)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 am † William McCarthy Jr.
 4:00 pm (V) † John Reitemeyer

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

8:00 am † Romeo J. Diego
 9:30 am † Antonio Rodrigues
 11:00 am (FBL) † William J. Daniel
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Margaret Reitemeyer

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.

THE INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER for FEBRUARY

"Violence Against Women"

We pray for women who are victims of violence, that maybe protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded.



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 9

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10

7:00 PM Baptismal Class (English)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00 AM Confirmation Class (Aud)
 7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

7:00 PM BLD (Church)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10:00 AM Baptism Class (Spanish)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

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

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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)

2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both *Fast and Abstinence* during Lent are ASH Wednesday and Good FRIDAY. If possible the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday Night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and the death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully & to celebrate more readily His Resurrection. The other Fridays of Lent are days of Abstinence.
2. On a day of Fast, only **one(1) full meal** is permitted, and **two(2) smaller meals**, which, **if added together, would not exceed the main meal in quantity.**
3. Those between the ages of 18 and 59 are obliged to fast.
4. On the day of Abstinence, no meat may be eaten. Those who have reached the age of 14 are obliged by the law of abstinence
5. The obligation to observe the laws of Fast and Abstinence "substantially", or as a whole, is serious obligation.
6. The Fridays of the year, outside of Lent, are designated as days of penance, but each individual, may substitute for the traditional abstinence from meat some other practice of voluntary self denial as penance.
7. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 21 to The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, May 30, 2021.

* Canon920, *All the faithful, after they have been initiated into the Most Holy Eucharist, are bound by the obligation of receiving Communion at least once a year.*

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

• 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.

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

• BURIAL

Starting March 1, 2021, the fee for whole body burial and grave opening at St. Mary's cemetery will be \$2000 .



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.

ORATIO IMPERATA AGAINST THE COVID-19

(Revised 2021)

Merciful and compassionate Father, we come to you in our need to seek your protection against the Covid-19 virus that has disturbed and even claimed lives.

We ask you now to look upon us with love and by your healing hand, dispel the fear of sickness and death, restore our hope, and strengthen our faith.

We pray that you guide the people tasked to find cures for this disease and to stem its transmission.

We thank you for the vaccines developed made possible by your guiding hands.

Bless our efforts to use these vaccines to end the pandemic in our country.

We pray for our health workers that they may minister to the sick with competence and compassion.

Grant them health in mind and body, strength in their commitment, protection from the disease.

We pray for those afflicted. May they be restored to health.

Protect those who care for them.

Grant eternal rest to those who have died.

Give us the grace in these trying times to work for the good of all and to help those in need.

May our concern and compassion for each other see us through this crisis and lead us to conversion and holiness.

Grant all these 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.

**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.

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.

**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 room 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.

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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION**First Reading:** Job 7:1-4,6-7

Job laments his sufferings and his life.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:16-19,22-23

Paul explains the conditions under which he preaches the gospel and the reasons why he will not accept financial help from the Corinthians.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:29-39

Jesus cures Simon's mother-in-law and many others as well.

Reflection**"OVERCOMING THE DRUDGERY OF LIFE"**

Many people compare their everyday lives to running on a treadmill. They are always busy, always on the go, but never getting anywhere. Such people find themselves getting up in the morning, working, taking care of their children, putting supper together, and then going to bed only to start the cycle over again the next morning. Though coronavirus has slowed things down for most people, it has also increased the monotony of life for so many. There are times when we're not even sure what day of the week it is. All of it can cause us to question the meaning of our lives and wonder if all the activity is worth it.

In today's first reading, Job expresses some of the same sentiments. As he puts it, "Life on earth is a drudgery." Remember that Job, in a series of tragedies, lost his wife, his children, and all his possessions. In his grief, he couldn't find the strength to pick himself up from the ground. In a near state of shock, he compares his life to that of a slave or hireling who has no share in the profits of his work. These are sentiments we can very easily share, especially during these dark and cold winter days.

While Job poses the problem, Jesus provides the solution. In this Sunday's gospel, Jesus has had a very long day. The people of Capernaum, hearing that he had the power to heal and cast out demons, were bringing the sick to him while he stayed at the house of Peter's mother-in-law. When everyone had finally left, Jesus slipped away by himself to a deserted place to pray. He needed time away from the crowds and the demands of the people to spend time alone with his father.



For Jesus, prayer was a source of strength. All the power to preach the good news, to heal and to cast out demons came from the time he spent praising and adoring his Father in secret. Like all of us, Jesus needed to step aside from his busy, demanding life to take stock of his Father's presence and love.

If we are going to live lives marked by peace and joy, prayer is vitally important to us. It will bring clarity to our minds when we are confused and calm to our spirits when we are anxious. Prayer is like an incubator cultivating faith, hope, and love within our spirit.

Our lives are about much more than what we do day in and day out. Our lives are rather about who we are — children of God made in his image and likeness. Through prayer, we will see ourselves being renewed and transformed daily by God's presence and power. Our lives will be marked, not with monotony or drudgery, but with the joy and peace which come from the Holy Spirit.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you have all power to heal and to deliver from harm. There is no trouble nor bondage you cannot overcome. Set me free to serve you joyfully and to love and serve others generously. May nothing hinder me from giving myself wholly to you and to your service.

Reflection excerpted from
<https://www.4lpi.com/blog/overcoming-drudgery-of-life/>,
<https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation>

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Job 7 : 1 - 4, 6 - 7
Psalms 147 : 1 - 2, 3 - 4, 5 - 6
1 Corinthians 9 : 16 - 19, 22 - 23
Gospel from Mark 1 : 29 - 39



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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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