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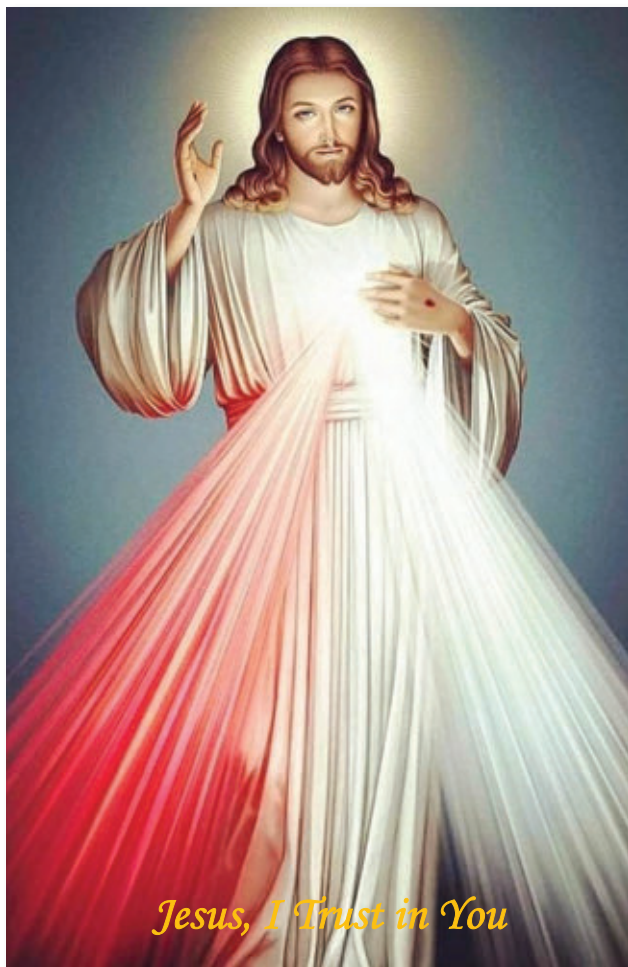
## PARROQUIA DIVINA MISERICORDIA

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*"From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him."*

*Matthew 17:5*

### *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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### *Second Sunday of Lent*

*February 28, 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, FEBRUARY 27**

4:00 pm (V) † Arline T. Rooney

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28***Second Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am † Elizabeth McCarty (Death Anniversary)  
 9:30 am † Joseph & Ethel Fech  
 11:00 am (FBL) Joseph Manzano Marron (Birthday)  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

12:00 pm People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

12:00 pm † Pacifico Marcelo  
 7:00 pm (SP) † Albert Reitemeyer

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3***Feast of Saint Katherine Drexel*

12:00 pm † Mary Jane Mulaney (Eternal Repose)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4***Feast of Saint Casimir*

12:00 pm † Joseph Kijewski  
 7:00 pm (SP) † Margaret Reitemeyer

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

12:00 pm † Souls in Purgatory

**SATURDAY, MARCH 6**

9:00 am † John Reitemeyer  
 4:00 pm (V) † Arline T. Rooney

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

8:00 am † Maria & Camillo Gerbino  
 9:30 am † Colin Daly  
 11:00 am (FBL) † William McCarty Sr  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Albert 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 MARCH**

*"Intention for Evangelization: Sacrament of reconciliation"  
 Let us pray that we may experience the sacrament of reconciliation with renewed depth, to taste the infinite mercy of God.*

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

**MONDAY, MARCH 1**

7:00 PM Parent Formation (Virtual)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 2**

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 4**

7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)  
 7:30 PM Via Crucis (Church)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5**

11:00 AM HOLY HOUR (Church)  
 12:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)  
 6:30 PM Rosary KOC (Church)  
 7:00 PM BLD (Church)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7**

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

## 2021 LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. The days of both **Fast** and **Abstinence** during Lent are ASH WEDNESDAY & 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.
- \* Canon 920; *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.*



## Baptism

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Alana Valerio Veloz, Abigail Valerio Veloz & Noah Michael Ortiz.*

## PRAYER FOR LENT

Jesus, dear Savior, during these days of Lent, I want to fast, to repent and to pray. Above all else I want to stay in the circle of Your love. Walk with me and surround me with Your light; lead me and guide me in Your steps. During this season of Lent help me to follow You and imitate Your love. May the cross remind me today and throughout Lent of your great love for me. Amen.

Priest: We adore You, O Christ, and we praise You.

All: Because by your Holy Cross You have redeemed the world.



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.

## \* 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.*

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

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

**Online donations** 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).

As of February 23, 2021 the **Total Collection** for this campaign is **\$5,851** & the **Total Pledge** is **\$5,925**.

Thank you very much for your generosity and support for this campaign. 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 \$2,000.

***For the Recently Deceased of the Parish***

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let's pray for the souls of *Jose Luis Nogales and James Murray*. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.



**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:** *Genesis 22:1-2,9a,10-13,15-18*

Abraham obeyed God and prepared to offer his son, Isaac, as a sacrifice.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:31b-34*

God's faithfulness is shown in his offering of his own Son for our salvation.

**Gospel Reading:** *Mark 9:2-10*

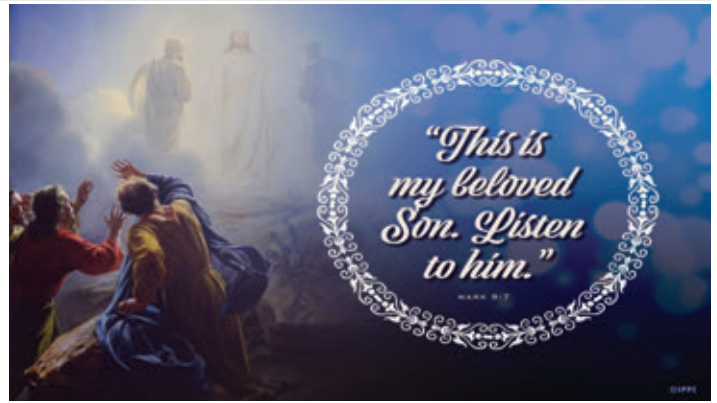
Jesus is transfigured in the presence of Peter, James, and John.

### Reflection

Jesus stands before them with glistening garments. Considered his closest companions, James, John, and Peter, attempt to take in what is happening before their eyes — bewildered and terrified. Their friend, Master, and Messiah, Jesus, transfigures and stands beside Moses and Elijah. Moses, one of the greatest of the lawgivers, alongside Elijah one of the greatest of the prophets. Together with Jesus, the greatest gift from God and the fulfillment of both the law and the prophets. The Apostles are stunned at what is happening before them. Their hearts perhaps still reeling from trying to fully grasp Jesus's recent teaching, "that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise from the dead" ([Mark 8:31](#)).

How often have we been baffled, bewildered, or terrified by our current circumstances or the uncertainty of our future? To maintain peace, to stay the course of hope, we must see before us, just as these three Apostles — Jesus was still there with them. Jesus, named Emmanuel, "God is with us" ([Matthew 1:23](#)). We are not called to make sense but to pay attention, see with eyes of faith, and believe. He will never abandon nor forsake us.

Peter, James, and John were witnesses to God's glory. A witness is one who first sees, then shows. Jesus had asked them to hold everything they had witnessed in their hearts until the appropriate time to show. However, even with this knowledge, James and Peter would falter in their strength of faith, it would be only John at the foot of the cross on that horrific (yet Good) Friday. Remarkably in this gospel passage, we also see the trinity in its glory together — Father, Son, and Holy Spirit — as at the time of the Lord's baptism. Jesus in his glorified state, the Spirit in the cloud that overshadows them, and the voice of God coming from that cloud announcing, reaffirming, that this is His beloved Son, to whom we should listen.



Peter's response at the Transfiguration illustrates he is not a man without failings, as he says to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here; let's make three tabernacles, one for You, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." Yes, Peter is not perfect, and we should take great comfort in that. The beauty, glory, and majesty were revealed to him, this imperfect man. His first reaction to erect tents and freeze the moment clearly shows he is missing the entire point of what Jesus is trying to show him. Yet, we know that Jesus will come to forgive and use Peter to establish the Church. Through the grace of God and the power of the Resurrection, Peter will eventually see.

During our Lenten journey, we, too, are shown the glory of God and given an outpouring of grace. However confused we may be about our circumstances or whatever we lack in understanding our faith, we can also eventually see with eyes of faith and learn to listen to Jesus.

Peter, John, and James would eventually fulfill the plans God had for them in not only witnessing but showing and evangelizing the world. We, too, have a role to play in evangelization. No matter how beautiful our faith is, it is not given merely for us; once the Lord transforms our hearts, we must go forward and share that good news with others. Once we have witnessed God in our own lives, when we have seen what He can do and have grown to believe — we now must show others. Just as the three Apostles shared the same Good News in their unique way, we too must discern how to be a witness in our life and times.

This moment in today's Gospel is not just a moment in their history but in every Christian's. It reveals the glory of Jesus and what awaits all who persevere in faith — accepting the law and the prophecies. In believing Jesus is the beloved Son of God, in whom God is well pleased and opening our ears and hearts to listen to him.

### PRAYER

*O Jesus, may the contemplation of your Transfiguration to the Apostles transform my faith. Seeing you in your glory, may I be infused with the grace necessary to share it with others. Amen*

*Reflection excerpted from <https://www.4lpi.com/blog/see-then-show/>*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*Genesis 22 : 1 - 2, 9a, 10 - 13, 15 - 18*

*Psalms 116 : 10, 15, 16 - 17, 18 - 19*

*Romans 8 : 31b - 34*

*Gospel from Mark 9 : 2 - 10*



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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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