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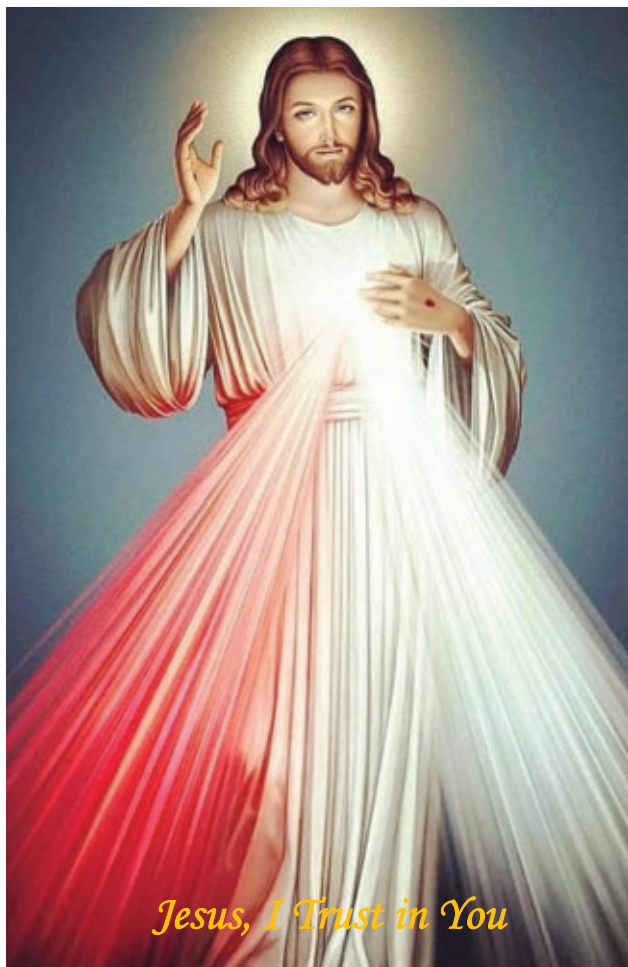
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*"Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again."*

*Cf. Jn 4:42, 15*



### *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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### *Third Sunday of Lent*

*March 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, MARCH 6**

4:00 pm (V) † Anthony &amp; Emily Krivitski (Death Anniv.)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7***Third Sunday of Lent*

8:00 am † Maria & Camillo Gerbino  
 9:30 am † Colin Daly  
 11:00 am (FBL) † William McCarthy Sr  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † William Perez & Isabel Palomino, Edelmaira Almeida (Death Anniversary)

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

12:00 pm People of the Parish

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

12:00 pm Margaret Glemaud (Birthday)  
 7:00 pm (SP) † Albert Reitemeyer

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

12:00 pm † Lucrisia Pineda

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

12:00 pm Morales Family (Special Intention)  
 7:00 pm (SP) † Margaret Reitemeyer

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

12:00 pm † Brandon Barrett

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00 am Marulanda Family (Special Intention)  
 4:00 pm (V) † Camillo Jr. & Sonia Gerbino

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

8:00 am † Catherine M. Packard (Death Anniversary)  
 9:30 am Deogenes P. Olandria (Special Intention)  
 11:00 am (FBL) † Antonio Rodrigues  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † John 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://www.facebook.com/divinemercyrahway)

**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, MARCH 7**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

**MONDAY, MARCH 8**

12:30 PM Deanery 24 Meeting

**TUESDAY, MARCH 9**

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10**

7:00 PM Baptismal Class (104)

**THURSDAY, MARCH 11**

9:00 AM Confirmation Class (Auditorium)  
 7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)  
 7:30 PM Via Crucis (Church)

**FRIDAY, MARCH 12**

12:30 PM Stations of the Cross (Church)  
 7:00 PM BLD (Church)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 13**

10:00 AM Baptism Class Spanish  
 12:45 PM First Reconciliation (Church)  
 2:15 PM Penance Confirmation Students (Church)

**SUNDAY, MARCH 14**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

**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  
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**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 28, 2021 the **Total Collection** for this campaign is **\$6,426** & the **Total Pledge** is **\$6,500**.

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 soul of *Kitty McGuire*. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she 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:** *Exodus 20:1-17* (or *Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17*)  
Moses is given the Ten Commandments.

**Second Reading:** *1 Corinthians 1:22-25*  
Paul preaches Christ crucified to the Corinthians.

**Gospel Reading:** *John 2:13-25*  
Jesus drives out the moneychangers from the Temple and says that he will destroy the temple and raise it up again.

### Reflection

The shock and sadness that most Americans felt exactly two months ago today when the United States' Capitol building was under siege by an uncontrolled mob sprang from our common agreement about the symbolism of the great building. Commentators at the time rushed to call the building "The Temple of Democracy." Emotions ran high that fateful day, not the least of which was a certifiable anger on all sides.

The justifiable anger of Jesus that compelled Him to make a whip to drive out commercialism from the Temple sprang from His belief that the building was the House of God, a symbol of His Father's covenant relationship with the nation of Israel. It was not to be desecrated.

We Christians of today view attacks of vandalism and destruction of our churches as desecration. Whether we are considering our local parish church or churches in far off lands, we somehow feel violated. They are our houses of worship. They "speak" to us of our baptismal covenant and our consequent relationship with God as our Father.

St. Paul goes further and demands that we think of our very bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. The vandalism we choose to wreak on them through sin springs from our inherited weakness but still involves choice. So too for the cleansing. That is one way to describe the main direction of Lent. It certainly involves pain. Pain such as a whip would make on our backs.

Of course, ridding ourselves of a habit takes determination. Something like watching porn makes a demand on one's will power, as millions would acknowledge. It's a relatively new item in the catalog of addictions, joining older entries like those attached to food and drink, gossip or rash judgment, to name a few. Yet the rewards of our cleansing are heavenly, like a hot shower after a run. One feels like a new person.

This Temple cleansing episode offers another important secondary lesson. It is that anger of itself is not sinful. Otherwise Jesus would never have let it grow inside Him to burst out



in His dramatic action. We have the right to be angry about a lot of things. Take, for example, with Catholic politicians who leave their faith at the legislature door and vote in favor of abortion.

But what hits home even more are the times we can be angry with ourselves by ignoring our consciences and fall for the devil's enticements to sin. We know he is the deceiver who makes evil decisions like cheating at business, somehow look good. Finally, we have the right to be angry with purveyors of the lie when we know Christ's unerring truth.

On the other hand, unjustified anger will always be sinful, such as that directed at an innocent spouse or children, or at an unsuspecting co-worker two cubicles over at the office. We must respect their temples of the Spirit also. There is in all our Lenten penance the overarching comfort of knowing God's all-embracing love for us and our efforts at reform.

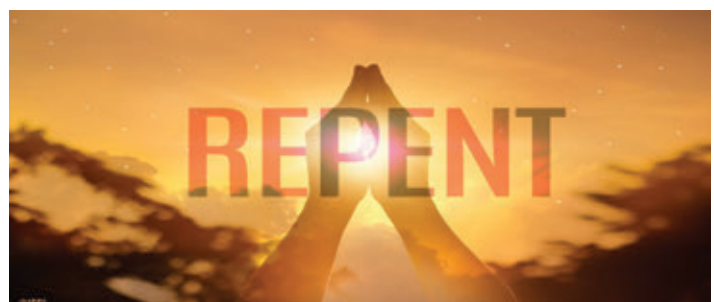
During the November, 1940, World War II blitz in England, Coventry Cathedral was destroyed. Workmen picking through the rubble found a large number of nails from the Middle Ages. The nails were gathered up, fashioned into crosses and plated with silver. One cross of nails was set up on an altar in the ruins of the old cathedral. On the wall behind that are the words "Father, forgive."

Many little crosses made of these nails have since been sent to churches in other countries that had been engaged in World War II. Thousands of picture postcards depicting the Coventry Cross of Nails and the words "Father, forgive" have been distributed all over the world. The Coventry Cross of Nails has become for many a symbol of forgiveness, reconciliation, and peace. Let that symbol speak to you this Lenten season. God love you and give you His peace.

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Exodus 20 : 1 - 17 or 20 : 1 - 3, 7 - 8, 12 - 17*  
*Psalms 19 : 8, 9, 10, 11*  
*1 Corinthians 1 : 22 - 25*  
*Gospel from John 2 : 13 - 25*



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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

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