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*"Glory to the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit;  
to God who is, who was,  
and who is to come."*

*Ry 1:8*



### *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)

*The Solemnity of the  
Most Holy Trinity  
May 30, 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, MAY 29**

4:00 pm (V) † Joseph & Mary Tranchina and  
People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, MAY 30***The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity*

8:00 am † Frank Sullivan  
9:30 am † Rusk & Yuhas Family  
11:00 am (FBL) † Jose Luis Nogales  
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

**MONDAY, MAY 31***Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary/ Memorial Day*

12:00 pm † William J. Daniel &  
Raymond D'Uva

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1***Feast of Saint Justin Martyr*

12:00 pm Rodas Family (Special Intention)  
7:00 pm (SP) Tessie Angelo (Birthday)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2***Feast of Saints Marcellinus & Peter*

12:00 pm † Thomas & John Rusk

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3**

12:00 pm William McCarthy Sr. (Special Intention)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

12:00 pm Marulanda Family (Special Intention)  
and † Nathan Vetrano

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5***Feast of Saint Boniface*

9:00 am † Kitty McGuire  
4:00 pm (V) † Mr & Mrs Thomas Mulaney  
& People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

8:00 am † Mary King  
9:30 am † Rosa Emilia Alvarez  
11:00 am (FBL) Raymond Vasquez (Special Intention)  
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) Mary Rose Mancao Go &  
Patrick Rosal (Conversion)

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

Posted @ <https://divinemercurahway.church/mass-intentions>

**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

*"We are called to be Pro-Life."  
- Tim Tebow*

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, MAY 30**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)  
1:00 PM BLD (Auditorium)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 1**

7:00 PM Guadalupe (Church)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 3**

1:00 PM Flamenco (103)  
7:30 PM John XXIII (Room 203)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 4**

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

**SATURDAY, JUNE 5**

9:00 AM Catechist Gathering (Auditorium)

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

Posted @ <https://divinemercurahway.church/announcements>

### 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

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Updated Directives During the Covid-19 Pandemic  
May 25, 2021

## Introduction

Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of NJ of the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and the lessening of restrictions from the state, the following is provided as an immediate update to the May 4 directives.

**Effective May 28**, masks will no longer be required for fully vaccinated persons. **If not fully vaccinated**, persons are strongly encouraged to follow CDC guidance and wear a face mask in public settings. Masks are still required on public transit and in health care settings, prisons, child-care facilities and schools, among other places. People will no longer be required to socially distance indoors or outdoors, (May 28), although unvaccinated persons should continue to maintain a safe distance from others.

**Effective June 4**, all indoor gathering limits will be removed. Although these directives represent a reduction of pandemic restrictions, the **local pastors/administrators/chaplains** can impose stricter regulations as needed. These may include wearing masks, social distancing, and signing in for Mass or activities.

These directives apply to all indoor and outdoor events, please visit: <https://www.rcan.org/>

## Updated Directives

Churches and parish facilities may return to 100 per cent capacity with no social distancing for both indoor and outdoor services and activities, as of June 4, 2021.

Parishioners should be informed that if they are vaccinated, they are no longer required to wear a mask. It is not required for parishioners to show proof of vaccination.

Anyone not fully vaccinated should wear a mask. Any vaccinated person preferring to wear a mask should feel free to do so. Churches and meeting spaces should continue to be sanitized after each liturgy, event or meeting.

## Contact Tracing

Parishes are no longer required to register people for Mass, but still have the option of doing so.

## Opening Rites

Opening (and closing) processions may take place at any liturgy.

Sprinkling rites may occur as long as fresh water is blessed for use each time and reverently disposed of after the liturgy.

Holy water should not be placed in fonts or bowls, but it may be placed in large holy water dispensers with lids.

## Preparation of the Gifts

Collections may be taken up. It is preferable to use long handled baskets.

Parishes may still leave baskets at the doors of the church for offerings. Parishioners are encouraged to use electronic giving.

The gifts of bread and wine, as well as the collection, may be brought forth by members of the assembly.

## The Communion Rite

The Sign of Peace should be offered but continue to be made without physical contact.

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## \* COMMUNITY MASS

Starting June 2021 all Vigil Mass will be a Community Mass. Multiple Mass Intentions will be accepted. Mass intentions for community mass will only be posted in the bulletin but not on the website. Please call or email the office for community mass intentions.

## \* 2021 ANNUAL APPEAL

We very happy to inform everyone that this Parish campaign has successfully concluded. The total collection and pledges for this campaign has exceeded the **\$29,531** goal our Parish. As of May 25, 2021 the **total collection** for this campaign is **\$30,926.67**, the **total of all pledges and special collection** is **\$34,045**. Thank you very much for your generosity and support for this campaign. May God bless you all.

## \* FREE GROCERIES, FREE RIDE

The Social Services apostolate of Divine Mercy Church headed by Ms. Diana Chavez is offering free groceries and free delivery for people who are homebound. She will also provide free ride to senior citizens and those who have no cars. Please refer people in need to Diana at tel# 732-535-0278 or email her at [service@divinemercurahway.church](mailto:service@divinemercurahway.church). Groceries are donated by our generous benefactors.

## \* 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.

## \* PARISH FUNDRAISING RAFFLE

If you're able, please support our parish by buying a \$5 raffle ticket or two. Below are the prizes for the raffle,

<b>1st Prize:</b> 65" Flat Screen TV	\$513.00
<b>2nd Prize:</b> Refrigerator 4.5 cu	\$211.00
<b>3rd Prize:</b> Barbeque Grill	\$195.00
<b>4th Prize:</b> Vacuum Bissell Power Force	\$59.00
<b>5th Prize:</b> Tower 3-Speed Fan	\$25.00

*Drawing: June 19, 2021 | 5:00 PM | in Church*

**Tickets: \$5.00, Winners need not be present**

*No substitution of the offered prize will be made, and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize. All proceeds will go directly to DM building repair RI#409-1-1178 RL#21-01. Checks should be made out to **DIVINE MERCY PARISH**. Please look for **Mickey Andreko** after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass, or on any weekday Mass.*

## \* CCD PROGRAM 2021 - 2022

Registration for CCD is now open. Discounts are available for early registration. Please register your child online through the parish website <https://divinemercurahway.church/>. For questions please email the CCD coordinator, Janice Marron at [ccd@divinemercurahway.church](mailto:ccd@divinemercurahway.church) or the director of religious education Suzie Atienza at [susie@divinemercurahway.church](mailto:susie@divinemercurahway.church).

CCD is now accepting credit cards for payments.

**Communicants** will continue to receive Communion in the hand. If not fully vaccinated, they lower their masks to consume the host, then replace their masks. The chalice is still prohibited for the assembly.

#### Music

In parishes where music was eliminated, singing should be gradually returned, beginning with the sung parts of the Mass (e.g., Gloria, Responsorial Psalm, Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations) and eventually to include all sung parts of the Mass (Opening Song, Communion Song, etc.) Short singable refrains are useful. Choirs are not required to wear masks or social distance. However, pastors and music directors may impose stricter regulations as needed. All musical instruments may now be used.

#### Hymnals and Bulletins

Hymnals and reusable booklets are permitted for use. Parishes may continue to use electronic media, e.g., projector and screen, for the people's participation. Bulletins and other handouts may be left for parishioners to pick up or they may be handed out by ushers/greeters.

#### Confessionals

Confessionals and reconciliation rooms may be used, but the Sacrament of Penance may still be celebrated outside of the confessional as needed. Consideration should be given to the comfort level of both priest and confessor.

#### Clergy

As stated above, priests do not have to wear masks except: They must wear masks when distributing Communion They must wear masks when administering the sacraments in close proximity to the recipients (Baptism, Confirmation, First Communion, Matrimony and Anointing of the Sick). During the Eucharistic Prayer, if a priest is not wearing a mask, there must be a cover over the hosts being consecrated at the altar. They have the option to wear masks at all other times in the liturgy.

#### Lectors and Cantors

Lectors and cantors who are fully vaccinated do not need to wear a mask.

#### Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

All Extraordinary Ministers of Communion (and clergy) must sanitize their hands AFTER they themselves consume Communion and BEFORE they distribute to the assembly. Fully vaccinated ministers are only required to wear a mask when distributing Communion.

#### Livestreaming Mass

Livestreaming may continue for those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the coronavirus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, a hospital, or nursing facility and those with serious underlying health conditions. It still needs to be noted that even with precautions in place, it is still possible to contract Covid-19 in church. All liturgical ministers should be aware that as parishioners return to Mass, some are experiencing fear and anxiety. There are also parishioners who have underlying health conditions which add to their apprehension. It is important that all ministers comply with these directives in order to ensure the safety of all those attending parish liturgies.

Please visit <https://nj.gov/governor/news/news/562021/approved/20210503b.shtml> for more information.



### Statement of the New Jersey Bishops Reinstating The General Obligation to Attend Mass

At this time, due to the observance of public safety protocols and increase in the availability of vaccines, we have begun a return to some sense of normalcy in various sectors of our society.

Therefore, we the Catholic Bishops of New Jersey, are lifting the dispensation of the Sunday and Holy Days Mass obligation beginning on Sunday, June 5, 2021, and Sunday June 6, 2021, Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. We welcome the Christian faithful to return to the regular participation in the Sunday Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic faith (cf. Code of Canon Law canon 1247 and Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2180).

The Obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the corona virus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One should consult the local pastor if questions arise about the obligation to attend Mass (canon 87).

Finally, safety protocols (such as wearing masks, social distancing, etc.) and liturgical directives (communion in the hand, communion under one species, etc.) in each New Jersey Diocese remains in place until modified or reboked by the respective Diocesan Bishop.

Given on May 20, 2021, the Memorial of St Bernadine of Siena..

Signed by

Cardinal Joseph W Tobin, C.Ss.R,  
*Archbishop, Archdiocese of Newark*  
and by all the *Bishops of New Jersey*



### Prayer to the Holy Trinity

*Glory be to the Father,*

*Who by His almighty power and love created me,  
making me in the image and likeness of God.*

*Glory be to the Son,*

*Who by His Precious Blood delivered me from hell,  
and opened for me the gates of heaven.*

*Glory be to the Holy Spirit,*

*Who has sanctified me in the sacrament of Baptism,  
and continues to sanctify me*

*by the graces I receive daily from His bounty.*

*Glory be to the Three adorable Persons of the Holy Trinity,  
now and forever. Amen.*



#### Baptism

*Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community*  
*Heidy Aurora Lopez Vasquez, Steven Amaya Ponce & Timothy Dario Reinoso.*

**SUNDAY REFLECTION****First Reading:** *Deuteronomy 4:32-34,39-40*

Moses teaches the people that Yahweh is the only God.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8:14-17*

Through the Spirit, we have been adopted as children of God.

**Gospel Reading:** *Matthew 28:16-20*

Jesus sends his disciples to make disciples of all nations.

**Reflection**

**Meditation:** How can we know who God is? Jesus revealed to his disciples the great mystery of our faith - the triune nature of one God in three persons and the inseparable union of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus' mission is to reveal the glory of God to us - a Trinity of persons - God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit - and to unite us with God in a community of unbreakable unity and everlasting love. The ultimate end, the purpose for which God created us, is the entry of God's sons and daughters into the perfect unity of the blessed Trinity.

***Jesus, the Son of God, reveals the Father's true nature***

The Jews understood God as Creator and Father of all that he made (Deuteronomy 32:6) and they understood the nation of Israel as God's firstborn son (Exodus 4:22). Jesus reveals the Father in an unheard of sense. He is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son, who, reciprocally, is Son only in relation to his Father (see Matthew 11:27). The Spirit, likewise, is inseparably one with the Father and the Son.

***Through baptism we share in the life of the Trinity***

The mission of Jesus and of the Holy Spirit are the same. That is why Jesus tells his disciples that the Spirit will reveal the glory of the Father and the Son and will speak what is true. Before his Passover, Jesus revealed the Holy Spirit as the "Paraclete" and Helper who will be with Jesus' disciples to teach and guide them "into all the truth" (John 14:17,26; 16:13). In baptism we are called to share in the life of the Holy Trinity here on earth in faith and after death in eternal light.

***Clement of Alexandria, a third century church father,***

**wrote:** *"What an astonishing mystery! There is one Father of the universe, one Logos (Word) of the universe, and also one Holy Spirit, everywhere one and the same; there is also one virgin become mother, and I should like to call her 'Church'."*

***We can have a personal relationship with the Father and the Son through the gift and working of the Holy Spirit***

How can we personally know the Father and his Son, our



Lord Jesus Christ? It is the Holy Spirit who reveals the Father and the Son to us and who gives us the gift of faith to know and understand the truth of God's word. Through the Holy Spirit, we proclaim our ancient faith in the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ until he comes again. The Lord gives us his Holy Spirit as our divine Teacher and Helper that we may grow in the knowledge and wisdom of God. Do you seek the wisdom that comes from above and do you willingly obey God's word?

Jesus' departure and ascension into heaven was both an end and a beginning for his disciples. While it was the end of Jesus' physical presence with his beloved disciples, it marked the beginning of Jesus' presence with them in a new way. Jesus promised that he would be with them always to the end of time. He assured them of his power - a power which overcame sin and death. Now as the glorified and risen Lord, ascended to the right hand of the Father in heaven, Jesus promised to give his disciples the power of the Holy Spirit, which we see fulfilled ten days later on the Feast of Pentecost (Luke 24:49 and Acts 2:1-4). When the Lord Jesus departed physically from the apostles, they were not left alone or powerless. Jesus assured them of his presence and the power of the Holy Spirit.

***Our mission is to proclaim the love of God our Father who saved us through his Son, Jesus Christ, and who unites us in his Holy Spirit***

Jesus' last words to his apostles point to his saving mission and to their mission to be witnesses of his saving death and his glorious resurrection and to proclaim the good news of salvation to all the world. Their task is to proclaim the "good news" of salvation, not only to the people of Israel, but to all the nations. God's love and gift of salvation is not just for a few, or for a nation, but it is for the whole world - for all who will accept it. The Gospel (the *Good News* of Jesus Christ) is the power of God, the power to forgive sins, to heal, to deliver from evil and oppression, and to restore life. Do you believe in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

May the Lord Jesus put his hands on our eyes also, for then we too shall begin to look not at what is seen but at what is not seen. May he open the eyes that are concerned not with the present but with what is yet to come, may he unseal the heart's vision, that we may gaze on God in the Spirit, through the same Lord, Jesus Christ, whose glory and power will endure throughout the unending succession of ages. (prayer of Origen, 185-254 AD)

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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK***Dt 4 : 32 - 34, 39 - 40**Psalms 33 : 4 - 5, 6, 9, 18 - 19, 20, 22**Romans 8 : 14 - 17**Gospel from Matthew 28:16 - 20*

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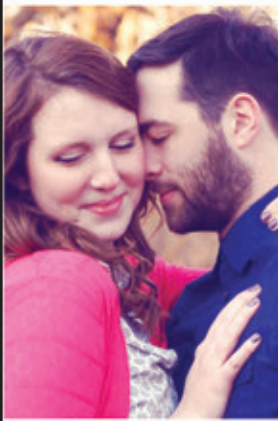
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