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*"I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*

*John 6:51*

### *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  
Body and Blood of Christ  
June 06, 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, JUNE 5**

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

*The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ*

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)

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

12:00 pm † Estrella R. Cruz

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

12:00 pm † William J. Daniel  
7:00 pm (SP) Mary Rose Mancao Go &  
Patrick Rosal (Conversion)

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9**

*Feast of Saint Ephrem*

12:00 pm Sotomayor Family (Special Intention)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10**

12:00 pm Genavae L. Hanselman (Special Intention)

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11**

*The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

12:00 pm James Samuel Sotomayor (Special Intention)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

*Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary*

9:00 am Rainier & Rosemarie Diego  
(Wedding Anniversary)  
4:00 pm (V) † Mr & Mrs Thomas Mulaney  
& People of the Parish

**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

8:00 am † James McCarthy (Death Anniversary)  
9:30 am † Frank Yuhas  
11:00 am (FBL) † Amelia Aulert (Death Anniversary)  
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) Gladys Rengifo (Special Intention)

**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)

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**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 6**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

**MONDAY, JUNE 7**

7:00 PM Bible Study (104)

**TUESDAY, JUNE 8**

7:00 PM Guadalupe (Church)

**THURSDAY, JUNE 10**

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

**FRIDAY, JUNE 11**

7:00 PM BLD (Church)

**SATURDAY, JUNE 12**

10:00 AM Baptism Class Spanish (103)  
1:00 PM Altar Server Training (Church)

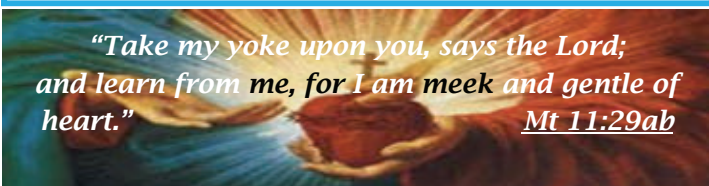
**SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

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.

## \* BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Effective June 2021, Baptism in English will be on every 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month only. Baptism in Spanish is on every 4th Saturday of the month only. Please note that a baptism date is set depending on the availability of the priest. All other Baptism requested outside of the Baptism schedule is a special request. Special request baptism has an extra charge of \$50 for parishioners and non-parishioners.

## \* 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).

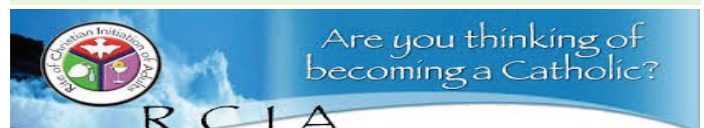
The Obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the corona virus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One 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*



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (**RCIA**) is now accepting registrations for the Fall Session that will begin in September 2021. **This is both given in English and Spanish.**

RCIA is the process by which adults are fully initiated into the Catholic faith community, intended for anyone over the age of 18 and could be any of the following unbaptized, a baptized Christian from another denomination, a baptized Catholic but has not received the Sacraments of Holy Communion & Confirmation and those who want to learn and grow in the Catholic Faith.



Please remember to include our parish in your prayers. Everyone can remit 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.

**SUNDAY REFLECTION****Reading I: Exodus 24: 3-8**

Moses, as leader, ratifies the Covenant between God and the people. The blood of the animal is splashed on both the altar and the people as the sign of this union.

**Reading II: Hebrews 9: 11-15**

Just as the Hebrew high priest had the right of access to the Holy of Holies because he bore the blood of the sacrificial animals with him, so Jesus the High Priest of the New Covenant, by the shedding of His Blood has access to the heavenly sanctuary.

**The Gospel: Mark 14: 12-16, 22-26**

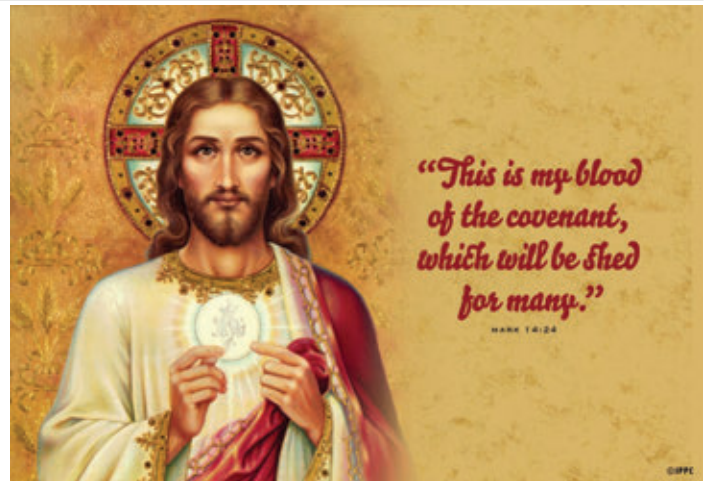
Jesus had pre-arranged the room in the upper story of a house in Jerusalem. Mark connects the bread and wine at the meal with Jesus' imminent death.

**Reflection**

This weekend's Readings tell us it is suddenly Holy Thursday again, the night that changed the world. They take us back to the Last Supper just where we left it, without much time to celebrate the miraculous change brought to the bread and wine that had passed around that famous table. Yes we acknowledge the events of this first night of the Triduum, which also featured the washing of feet. But we were collectively conscious of Christ's imminent death coming in a matter of hours the next day. It hardly seemed right to be celebrating anything.

But now, on this side of the Resurrection, it is truly right and just that we give full recognition, honor, and thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us. It is the Church's true and greatest treasure: the Body and Blood of Christ, "Corpus Christi" in the traditional Latin name of today's feast. It is not our real estate, nor the tangible valuables in painted art or sculpture. Not even the Gospels themselves have the first rank. For this sacrament is Christ Himself: Body, blood, soul and divinity.

Simply put, it all began when the real Jesus took real bread and wine and identified Himself with them. With centuries of Church history behind us, concomitant with the development of her doctrine and devotion, more could be said and has been. Saints male and female, together with popes and theologians have had their say, and we can all benefit from them. But the fact remains that we start with the remarkably simple ritual gesture done by a Man who was facing death.



It happened on a night two thousand plus years ago in the upper room of a borrowed house in the city of Jerusalem amid that city's most hectic time of year, the annual Passover. It happened in a world lit only by fire. But the greater fire of mutual love between mankind and God has stayed lit, despite the tempests of war and human folly ever since.

In his new book, *Things Worth Dying For*, Charles J. Chaput, OFM Cap., retired archbishop of Philadelphia, posed questions about the Church to a broad selection of his many friends. To the question "What gives you the most joy about the Church?" A convert, husband, and father answered this way: "*The Eucharist, without question...The Church gives me a home with spiritual peers I never had before and is more of a family than I ever experienced. Most of all, the Church gives us the sacraments, and they've allowed me to encounter Jesus with greater intimacy than I ever knew.*" Converts get us to snap out of any stupid stupor that the easy availability of the Eucharist can induce.

Of course, as members of the living Church, present in the world with all her strengths and weaknesses, we have to remember that other meaning of "Corpus Christi", namely that we are also the Body of Christ, with Him as our Head. Mystical yes, but exceedingly real. Immediately we should feel a certain "yoke" on our shoulders, that of living what we believe. When we truly love Christ, that yoke really is easy; that burden really is light. Our task is no more nor less than exhibiting that transparency, which on another level is a fashionable idea these days.

God love you, and give you His peace.

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

*Exodus 24 : 3 - 8*  
*Psalms 116 : 12 - 13, 15 - 16, 17 - 18*  
*Hebrews 9 : 11 - 15*  
*Gospel from Mark 14:12 - 16, 22 - 26*



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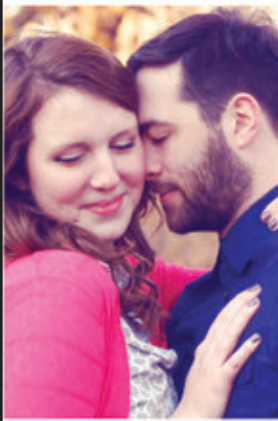
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