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forever."*



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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Joseph Keefe (Trustee)

Arlene Mione (Trustees)

***Eleventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 13, 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, JUNE 12**

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 13*Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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)

MONDAY, JUNE 14

12:00 pm David J. DeGuzman (Birthday)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

12:00 pm Stella Joy (Birthday)
7:00 pm (SP) † Aurelio Hernandez

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 16

12:00 pm † Dr. Frank Charles Barone (Death Anniv)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

12:00 pm † Paul Campbell

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

12:00 pm Mary Rose Mancao Go & Patrick Rosal
(Conversion)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

9:00 am † Jose Luis Nogales
4:00 pm (V) † Nancy Barisano &
People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

8:00 am † Carmine Alfano
9:30 am Noelene & Fred Wolff
(Wedding Anniversary)
11:00 am (FBL) † Antonio Rodrigues
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Albert Reitemeyer
5:00 pm (F) † Rolly Hernandez

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)

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

**Baptism**

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Olivia Ana Mercado*.

**For the Recently Deceased of the Parish**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let's pray for the soul of *Mildred Golaszewski*. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon her. May she rest in peace Amen.

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, JUNE 13**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

MONDAY, JUNE 14

6:00 PM BLD DCS Meeting (Library)
7:00 PM PPC Meeting (104)

TUESDAY, JUNE 15

6:30 PM BLD (Library)
7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

THURSDAY, JUNE 17

1:00 PM Flamenco (103)
7:30 PM John XXIII (203)
8:00 PM BLD Singles (Connell Hall)

FRIDAY, JUNE 18

7:00 PM BLD (Church, Aud, Library)

SATURDAY, JUNE 19

5:00 PM Father's Day Raffle

SUNDAY, JUNE 20

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

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. 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,

1st Prize: 65" Flat Screen TV	\$513.00
2nd Prize: Refrigerator 4.5 cu	\$211.00
3rd Prize: Barbeque Grill	\$195.00
4th Prize: Vacuum Bissell Power Force	\$59.00
5th Prize: 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 or the director of religious education Suzie Atienza at 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).

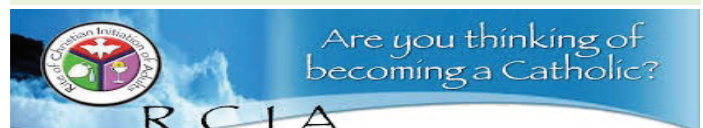
The Obligation does not apply to those who are ill; those who have reason to believe that they were recently exposed to the corona virus or another serious or contagious illness; those who are confined to their home, hospital, or nursing facility; or those with serious underlying health conditions. One 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**First Reading:** *Ezekiel 17:22-24*

I, the Lord, bring low the high tree and lift high the lowly tree.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 5:6-10*

The lives of all are to be revealed before the tribunal of Christ.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 4:26-34*

The reign of God is like a mustard seed.

Reflection

Meditation: What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

The transforming power of the Word of God.

The Lord of the Universe is ever ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his life-giving Word and Spirit? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to the Lord Jesus and allow his word to take root in us, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells within us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

The cross of Jesus is the Tree of Life

Peter Chrysologous (400-450 AD), an early church father, explained how the "tree of the cross" spread its branches throughout the world and grew into a worldwide community of faith offering its fruit to the whole world:

It is up to us to sow this mustard seed in our minds and let it grow within us into a great tree of understanding reaching up to heaven and elevating all our faculties; then it will spread out branches of knowledge, the pungent savor of its fruit will make our mouths burn, its fiery kernel will kindle a blaze within us inflaming our hearts, and the taste of it will dispel our unenlightened repugnance. Yes, it is true: a mustard seed is indeed an image of the kingdom of God. Christ is the kingdom of heaven. Sown like a mustard seed in the garden of the virgin's



womb, he grew up into the tree of the cross whose branches stretch across the world. Crushed in the mortar of the passion, its fruit has produced seasoning enough for the flavoring and preservation of every living creature with which it comes in contact. As long as a mustard seed remains intact, its properties lie dormant; but when it is crushed they are exceedingly evident. So it was with Christ; he chose to have his body crushed, because he would not have his power concealed...

Christ became all things in order to restore all of us in himself. The man Christ received the mustard seed which represents the kingdom of God; as man he received it, though as God he had always possessed it. He sowed it in his garden, that is in his bride, the Church. The Church is a garden extending over the whole world, tilled by the plough of the gospel, fenced in by stakes of doctrine and discipline, cleared of every harmful weed by the labor of the apostles, fragrant and lovely with perennial flowers: virgins' lilies and martyrs' roses set amid the pleasant verdure of all who bear witness to Christ and the tender plants of all who have faith in him. Such then is the mustard seed which Christ sowed in his garden. When he promised a kingdom to the patriarchs, the seed took root in them; with the prophets it sprang up; with the apostles it grew tall; in the Church it became a great tree putting forth innumerable branches laden with gifts. And now you too must take the wings of the psalmist's dove, gleaming gold in the rays of divine sunlight, and fly to rest for ever among those sturdy, fruitful branches. No snares are set to trap you there; fly off, then, with confidence and dwell securely in its shelter. (SERMON 98)

Do you allow the seed of God's word to take deep root in your life and transform you into a fruit-bearing disciple of Jesus Christ?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and transform me into the Christ-like holiness you desire. Increase my zeal for your kingdom and instill in me a holy desire to live for your greater glory. Amen.

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK*Ezekiel 17 : 22 - 24**Psalms 92 : 2 - 3, 13 - 14, 15 - 16**2 Corinthians 5 : 6 - 10**Gospel from Mark 4: 26 - 34*

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