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Jesus, I Trust in You

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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***Thirteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
June 27, 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 26

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
 † Carl & Veronica Stravinski (Death Anniv)
 † Francisca Diaz (Death Anniversary)
 † Mercy Magalong Claravall

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † William Healy
 9:30 am † George, Emily & George Jr Grogan
 11:00 am (FBL) † Souls in Purgatory (Special Intention)
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

MONDAY, JUNE 28

Feast of Saint Irenaeus

12:00 pm † Eileen Gore

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

Feast of Saints Peter & Paul

12:00 pm † Flora Bayle (Death Anniversary)
 7:00 pm (SP) † Espinoza Izquierdo Family

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

First Martyrs of the Church of Rome

12:00 pm † Michael Mucksavage

THURSDAY, JULY 1

12:00 pm † Janina Dubis

FRIDAY, JULY 2

12:00 pm † Vicente A. Caparas (Death Anniversary)

SATURDAY, JULY 3

9:00 am † Robert Dolan
 4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
 † Nancy Barisano

SUNDAY, JULY 4

8:00 am † Salvatore, Richard & Joseph Gerbino
 9:30 am Robin Widjaja (Birthday)
 11:00 am (FBL) † Rev Joseph M. Quinlan
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Bill & Mary Kladek

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 27

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)
 1:30 PM BLD SPM (Library)

MONDAY, JUNE 28

6:30 PM BLD (Church)
 7:00 PM Parish Bible Study (104)

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

7:00 PM Guadalupe (Church)

THURSDAY, JULY 1

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

FRIDAY, JULY 2

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

SUNDAY, JULY 4

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.



Baptism

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Penelope Quinn Diaz* and *Cali Zen Fernandez*.

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 offered for the People of the Parish. The Vigil mass will be designated as a community mass. Multiple Mass intentions will be accepted for all Vigil masses. Mass intentions for community mass will only be posted on the bulletin but not on the website. Please call or email the office to offer mass intentions for a community mass.

* **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 Baptisms requested outside of the Baptism schedule is a special request. Special request baptism has an extra charge of \$50.

* **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. Fr Jozef Krajnak is on vacation until July 14, 2021 so please call the office instead at 732-388-0082.

* **CCD PROGRAM 2021 - 2022**

Registration for CCD is now open. Discounts are available for early registration. Credit cards are now accepted.

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.

* **PARISH BIBLE STUDY**

Everyone is invited to participate in the Parish first Bible Study Series: Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible by Jeff Cavins, PhD. It is an eight part session that begins on June 21, 2021 and every Monday thereafter until August 9, 2021. It starts at 7:00 PM EST and will be held at Room 104. There is a \$10 donation for booklet materials. For registration, please send an email to Ms. Suzie Atienza @ susie@divinemercurahway.church.

* **RETREAT**

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect for Life Office will be hosting 2 Rachel's Vineyard retreats to heal the wounds of abortion. Dates are Sept. 10-12, 2021 (English) & Oct. 22-24, 2021(Spanish). For details please call 973-497-4350 or email Cheryl.riley@rcan.org, elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org

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.



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.

Parish Raffle Winners

June 19, 2021

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| 1st prize | - 65" Television- | Lucy Geogy |
| 2nd prize | - Refrigerator 4.5 cu. ft | Richard Slater |
| 3rd prize | - Barbeque Grill | Mary Riccardi |
| 4th prize | - Vacuum Bissell | Joyce Javier |
| 5th prize | - Tower 3 Speed Fan | Barry Sadlon |

Please bring the half of the ticket and a valid ID to claim the prize.



For the Recently Deceased of the Parish

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



SUPPORT OUR SOUP KITCHEN



Our Parish has a feeding program for the poor every Sunday @ 12:00 pm. Any act of kindness and generosity to help this program will be very much appreciated. Please keep them in your prayers. Please reach out to **Jeanne O’ Connor** and/or **Jeanne Reinhart** on Sundays at the Annex Building behind Divine Mercy Church if interested to help. **God bless!**



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: *Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24*

Death entered the world through the work of the devil.

Second Reading: *2 Corinthians 8:7,9,13-15*

As Christ became poor for our sake, so must we share with those in need from our abundance.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 5:21-43 (shorter form, Mark 5:21-24,35b-43)* Jesus heals a woman afflicted with a hemorrhage and raises Jairus's daughter from death.

Reflection

Meditation: Do you approach the Lord Jesus with expectant faith or with skeptical doubt? People in desperate or helpless circumstances were not disappointed when they sought Jesus out. What drew them to Jesus? Was it hope for a miracle or a word of comfort in their affliction? What did the elderly woman who had suffered miserably for twelve years expect Jesus to do for her? And what did a grieving father expect Jesus to do for his beloved daughter who was at the point of death? Jesus gave hope where there seemed to be no human cause for it because his hope was directed to God. He spoke words of hope to the woman (*Take heart, daughter!*) to ignite the spark of faith in her (*your faith has made you well!*).

Ephrem the Syrian (306-373 AD), an early church Scripture scholar and author of hymns and commentaries, reflected on the miracle of the woman who was healed of her flow of blood:

"Glory to you, hidden Son of God, because your healing power is proclaimed through the hidden suffering of the afflicted woman. Through this woman whom they could see, the witnesses were enabled to behold the divinity that cannot be seen. Through the Son's own healing power his divinity became known. Through the afflicted woman's being healed her faith was made manifest. She caused him to be proclaimed, and indeed was honored with him. For truth was being proclaimed together with its heralds. If she was a witness to his divinity, he in turn was a witness to her faith... He saw through to her hidden faith, and gave her a visible healing."

Jesus also gave supernatural hope to a father who had just lost a beloved child. It took considerable courage and risk for the ruler of a synagogue to openly go to Jesus and to invite the scorn of his neighbors and kin. Even the hired mourners laughed scornfully at Jesus. Their grief was devoid of any hope. Nonetheless, Jesus took the girl by the hand and delivered her from the grasp of death.



Peter Chrysologus (400-450 AD), an early church father who was renowned for his preaching at Ravenna, comments on this miracle:

"This man was a ruler of the synagogue, and versed in the law. He had surely read that while God created all other things by his word, man had been created by the hand of God. He trusted therefore in God that his daughter would be recreated, and restored to life by that same hand which, he knew, had created her... He [Jesus] who laid hands on her to form her from nothing, once more lays hands upon her to reform her from what had perished."

In both instances we see Jesus' personal concern for the needs of others and his readiness to heal and restore life. In Jesus we see the infinite love of God extending to each and every individual as he gives freely and wholly of himself to each person he meets. Do you approach the Lord with confident expectation that he will hear your request and act?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, you love each of us individually with a unique and personal love. Touch my life with your saving power, heal and restore me to fullness of life. Help me to give wholly of myself in loving service to others. Amen

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Wisdom 1 : 13 - 15, 2 : 23 - 24

Psalms 30 : 2, 4, 5 - 6, 11, 12, 13

2 Corinthians 8 : 7, 9, 13 - 15

Gospel from Mark 5 : 21 - 43 or 5 : 21 - 24, 35b - 43



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