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*"May The Father of our Lord  
Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes  
of our hearts, that we may  
know what is the hope that  
belongs to our call."*

*Ephesians 1:17-18*

*Jesus, I Trust in You*

### ***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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**Joseph Keefe** (Trustee)

**Arlene Mione** (Trustee)

***Fifteenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
July 11, 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, JULY 10**

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &  
 † Helen and Joseph Hudzik  
 † John Angelo

**SUNDAY, JULY 11**

*Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am † Carole Durnak Cooper  
 9:30 am † Dominick & Mary Cassio  
 11:00 am (FBL) Monica & Robert Kirschmann  
 (Wedding Anniversary)  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Emilia Izquierdo & Manuel Robles

**MONDAY, JULY 12**

12:00 pm † Eileen Gore

**TUESDAY, JULY 13**

*Feast of Saint Henry*

12:00 pm † Bob Green  
 7:00 pm (SP) † Dillinger & Kargol Family

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**

*Feast of Saint Camillus de Lellis*

12:00 pm Flora Bayle (Birthday)

**THURSDAY, JULY 15**

*Feast of Saint Bonaventure*

12:00 pm † Manuel Robles (Death Anniversary)

**FRIDAY, JULY 16**

*Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel*

12:00 pm † Gualberto Caneos

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**

9:00 am † William J. Daniel  
 4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &  
 † William Flanagan

**SUNDAY, JULY 18**

8:00 am † Dominador Varela  
 9:30 am † Antonio Rodrigues  
 11:00 am (FBL) † Eugenia Dionisio (Death Anniversary)  
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Francisco Figueroa  
 5:00 pm Sioc Family (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://www.facebook.com/divinemercyparish)

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



**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY**

**SUNDAY, JULY 11**

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

**MONDAY, JULY 12**

1:30 PM BLD SPM (Library)  
 7:00 PM Parish Bible Study (104)

**TUESDAY, JULY 13**

7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 14**

7:00 PM Baptismal Class (English)

**THURSDAY, JULY 15**

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

**FRIDAY, JULY 16**

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

**SATURDAY, JULY 17**

4:00 PM BLD DCS (201)

**SUNDAY, JULY 18**

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

**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 **Sabrina McGriff & Juno Talag.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK

Updated Directives During the Covid-19 Pandemic  
For the weekend of July 3-4, 2021

## Introduction

Given the reinstatement by the Bishops of New Jersey 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 25 directives.

**Still in effect:** 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, although unvaccinated persons should continue to maintain a safe distance from others.

As of June 28, all indoor gathering limits were lifted.

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.

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

All ministries may return to full service – altar servers, lectors, ushers, greeters and extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. Masks are no longer required for all vaccinated ministers, including those distributing Communion (Priests, Deacons, and EMs). However, masks may be worn for those who prefer to wear one during the liturgy.

## COMMUNION

Communion on the tongue is now permitted. Pastors may accommodate this as needed in their particular parish.

At this time, Communion from the cup should not be distributed to the assembly.

- Priests, concelebrants, and deacons should receive from separate chalices.
- The cup may be given to the bride and groom at a nuptial mass from a separate chalice.
- In cases where an individual can only receive from the cup, a chalice may be prepared in advance for Communion.

## SIGN OF PEACE

The invitation to share the Sign of Peace should continue. Parishioners could be reminded that it is not required to touch during the sign of peace.

## \* 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](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. 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. Fees are now regular rates. 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](mailto:ccd@divinemercurahway.church) or the director of religious education Suzie Atienza at [susie@divinemercurahway.church](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:Cheryl.riley@rcan.org), [elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org](mailto:elvinedoderaquelin@rcan.org)

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**ALTAR SERVERS**

Vaccinated altar servers, age 12 and over, altar servers may resume their role with permission of their parents or guardians. If they are under the age of 12 and are not yet eligible for vaccination, they should wear masks. A parental permission form for altar servers under the age of 18 is required for those assisting in livestreaming Masses. Please see the form following the directives. The form can also be accessed through the Catechetical Office at:

[https://rcanmy.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/catechetical\\_office\\_rcan\\_org/\\_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BE1CBDE0A-B5C8-418B-89CF-DB2B7A965086%7D&file=Catechetical%20Digital%20Policies%20FINAL%20\(Permission%20Form\).docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true](https://rcanmy.sharepoint.com/:w:/r/personal/catechetical_office_rcan_org/_layouts/15/Doc.aspx?sourcedoc=%7BE1CBDE0A-B5C8-418B-89CF-DB2B7A965086%7D&file=Catechetical%20Digital%20Policies%20FINAL%20(Permission%20Form).docx&action=default&mobileredirect=true)  
Please ask the office or Ms. Susie Atienza for the consent form.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Ushers may take up the collection at the proper time or baskets may be placed at the entrance of the church for the collection.

**PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

The procession to present the gifts of bread and wine and the collection can be resumed.

**BAPTISMAL FONTS**

Baptismal fonts and holy water receptacles may be filled.

**BAPTISM**

One vessel (or more) of fresh water should be blessed and used for baptizing.

**Music**

Vaccinated music ministers (cantors, choirs, etc.,) do not require masks or shields. Music ministers who are not vaccinated should wear a mask. All musical instruments are permitted.

**OUTDOOR MASSES**

Outdoor Masses may continue as needed.

**SANITIZING**

The cleaning and sanitizing of churches and common spaces should be done regularly. It is not required after every liturgy.

**PARISH MEETINGS**

Parish meetings in person may resume. Those vaccinated are not required to wear masks for indoor meetings nor are they required to maintain social distancing. The same recommendations for Mass apply to those not vaccinated.

**Perpetual Adoration**

You are invited to visit our Lord Jesus, present in the Blessed Sacrament any time of the day or night at St. John the Apostle Church. The Chapel will celebrate its 25th anniversary on Dec. 8, 2021. Please dedicate an hour for our Lord. For information please visit their website <http://www.sjanj.net/ministries/perpetual-adoration/>



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.

**CCD Program Call for Volunteers**

Utilize your skills that you've been blessed with to do God's work! Volunteers are needed to help as a Catechist, teacher assistant, office help and technical help, to name a few. If interested, please send an email with your contact information to [ccd@divinemeracyrahway.church](mailto:ccd@divinemeracyrahway.church) or to [susie@divinemeracyrahway.church](mailto:susie@divinemeracyrahway.church) and someone will reach out to you. Once approved, you must submit a volunteer application, undergo a background screening and obtain certification in the workshop, Protecting God's Children, that will be offered at a later date TBA.

Deadline for the submission of application is August 15, 2021.



**For the Recently Deceased of the Parish**

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, let's pray for the soul of *Franc Bianculli & Stuart Santiago*. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.

**Parish Raffle Winners**

**June 19, 2021**

- |                      |                         |                |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------|
| <b>1st (#0818)</b> - | 65" Television-         | Lucy Geogy     |
| <b>2nd (# )</b> -    | Refrigerator 4.5 cu. ft | Richard Slater |
| <b>3rd (# )</b> -    | Barbeque Grill          | Mary Riccardi  |
| <b>4th (#1711)</b> - | Vacuum Bissell          | Joyce Javier   |
| <b>5th (#1464)</b> - | Tower 3 Speed Fan       | Barry Sadlon   |

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



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: *Amos 7:12-15*

The prophet Amos is sent from Bethel.

### Second Reading: *Ephesians 1:3-14 (shorter form 1:3-10)*

Paul teaches that we were chosen for Christ before the creation of the world.

### Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:7-13*

Jesus instructs his disciples and sends them to preach repentance.

### Reflection

Millions of them are made every day, and just as many millions of people are most likely annoyed by them. I refer to so-called “robo calls.” You, like me, may well have another name for them that does not belong here nor in church. Obviously plotted to try and sell us something we don’t really need, these calls are also sometimes used by charitable groups seeking donations for worthy causes.

There is a particularly heinous subdivision of some electronic intrusions called “scams”, which are coldly calculated to bilk the unsuspecting of their funds. All of it is the bane of us who simply want our phones to be connected to family and friends and/or our legitimate needs for products and services.

The collective Scripture Readings today are all about a calling of a different nature entirely, although for some people they may be unwanted. I mean the call from God to do something for Him, often enough bearing a certain amount of challenge to our comfort. Even great saints have struggled with these.

Amos, whose book we read today, seems on the face of it to be a bit shocked by God’s choice of him. Nor is he entirely thrilled by the prospect. I wager he would have been glad to return to his sheep and his “dressing of sycamores” whatever that entailed. But he is a good man, a man with the right set of priorities, and having been banished from his homeland by an egoistic priest named Amaziah, Amos goes off to do the will of his God.

St. Paul, another of God’s chosen, answers his calling and thinks of it as a blessing from God the Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. He humbly accepts his call in the right attitude and tells his audience in Ephesus to rejoice in their adoption by the Father and the fact that they “exist for the praise of His glory.” We all know that St. Paul never had it easy in responding to his call.



On to Mark’s gospel, where we find Jesus assigning the Twelve He has already called to go out, two by two, for their first “field mission.” He reminds them not to bring excess baggage for their material comfort, but to concentrate on their mission and above all, trust in God.

Well, we know the content of the Bible has been fixed for some time, although the message it sends is for all time. The mission and message of the Church perdure to this very day. A calling goes out to each one of us from the same Jesus who started it all with its foundation on St. Peter and his calling. God’s call to us is hardly random or mechanical. Its purpose is to reveal to the world the message it needs to hear. One which generates a peace and satisfaction to the human heart that the things of this world simply cannot.

I believe we know deep down the truth of this belief. At a certain point in life we realize that all this striving, this compulsion of competition, this push for power, wealth, honor and fame is all just “sound and fury” as Mr. Shakespeare wisely pointed out. What God wants you and me to realize also that we have our mission, our calling. It is mysterious, yes. It can also be irksome. But it is a good above all others. Here are the great Saint John Henry Cardinal Newman’s thoughts on this matter that I have found helpful for so many years.

*“God has created me to do Him some definite service: He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place while not intending it—if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore I will trust Him. Whatever, wherever I am I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. In sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends; he may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink; hide my future from me. – still He knows what He is about.”*

God love you and give you His peace.

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

*Amos 7 : 12 - 15*

*Psalms 85 : 9 - 10, 11 - 12, 13 - 14*

*Ephesians 1 : 3 - 14 or 1 : 3 - 10*

*Gospel from Mark 6 : 7 - 13*

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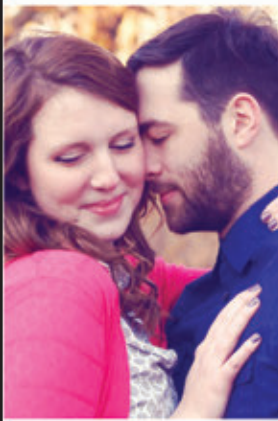
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