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*"My sheep hear my voice, says
the Lord;
I know them, and they follow
me."*

John 10: 27

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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***Sixteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 18, 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, JULY 17**

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
† William Flanagan

SUNDAY, JULY 18*Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

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 (F) Sioc Family (Special Intention)

MONDAY, JULY 19

12:00 pm † Eileen Gore and
† Donald Pante

TUESDAY, JULY 20*Feast of Saint Apollinaris*

12:00 pm † Jose Luis Nogales
7:00 pm (SP) † Benjamin Galvez Valenzuela

WEDNESDAY, JULY 21*Feast of Saint Lawrence of Brindisi*

12:00 pm Edward & Gladys Rengifo
(Wedding Anniversary)

THURSDAY, JULY 22*Feast of Saint Mary Magdalene*

12:00 pm Rainier Diego (Birthday)

FRIDAY, JULY 23*Feast of Saint Bridget*

12:00 pm Brian Hernandez (Birthday)

SATURDAY, JULY 24

9:00 am † Justo Cruel
4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
† Carolyn Z. Salata

SUNDAY, JULY 25

8:00 am † Camillo & Maria Gerbino
9:30 am † Yuhas Family
11:00 am (FBL) Edward Rengifo (Birthday)
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

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.nj)

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

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, JULY 18**

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

MONDAY, JULY 19

7:00 PM Parish Bible Study (104)

TUESDAY, JULY 20

7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

THURSDAY, JULY 22

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

FRIDAY, JULY 23

6:30 PM BLD (Church, Aud, Library)

SATURDAY, JULY 24

12:00 PM Baptism Madylay R. & Seth M. (Church)
3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
4:00 PM BLD DCS (201)

SUNDAY, JULY 25

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

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 **Madylay Reyes & Seth Macedo**.

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.

* BAPTISM SCHEDULE

Effective June 2021, Baptism in English will be on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month only. Baptism in Spanish is on the 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 .

* CCD PROGRAM 2021 - 2022

Registration for CCD is now open. Fees are now set to regular rates. Start of classes is on Sept. 12, 2021. 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 a an eight part session that began 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.

* ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK CURSILLO MOVEMENT

Want to recharge your personal Faith Journey? Want some support from your brothers and sisters in Christ? COME TO THE CURSILLO DAY OF RENEWAL It's a day of faith, prayer, food, fun and friendship. Come see what being a Cursillista is like! No obligation! Our theme is : **Journey back to a better you!**

Date: **Saturday 7/24 Time: 8:30-4:30** Place: Archdiocesan Youth Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny NJ. Please register at mycursillo.com, or Call 551-404-5887 for questions.

* 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

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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:

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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 @ St. John the Apostle

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@divinemercuryahway.church or to susie@divinemercuryahway.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.

**Stress in Your Marriage!**

Do you feel lost, alone or bored in your marriage?

Are you frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse?

Are you constantly fighting? Or, do you simply shut down?

Have you thought about separation or divorce?

Does talking about it only make it worse?

...Retrouvaille is a Lifeline to Help Couples Heal and Renew their Marriages. The program consists of a weekend experience for married couples (no group discussions) with six follow-up sessions.

UPCOMING WEEKEND: **August 13-15, 2021**

TO REGISTER or for more information: Call Rich & Annette Colasuonno 732-236-0671 or email 3024@retrouvaille.org



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: *Jeremiah 23:1-6*

The Lord promises to shepherd his people Israel.

Second Reading: *Ephesians 2:13-18*

Christ has reconciled us with God and united us in peace.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 6:30-34*

Jesus invites his disciples to rest after their ministry, and Jesus is moved with pity for the crowds who pursue them.

Reflection

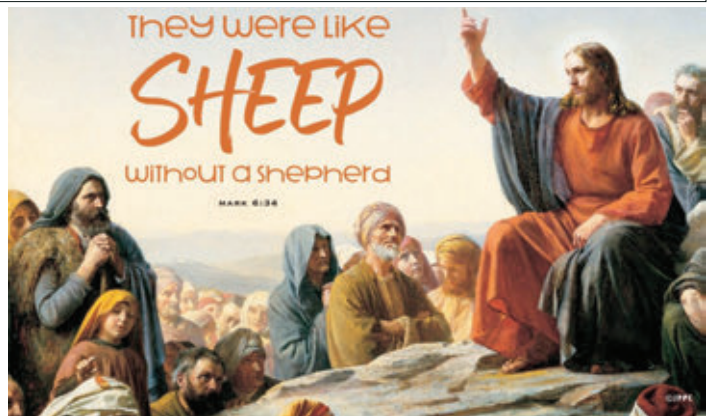
Dr. Scott Kurtzman, chief of surgery at Waterbury Hospital, was on his way to deliver an 8:00 a.m. lecture when he witnessed one of the worst crashes in Connecticut history. A dump truck, whose driver had lost control, flipped on its side and skidded into oncoming traffic. The resulting accident involved twenty vehicles; four people died.

Kurtzman immediately shifted into trauma mode. He worked his way through the mangled mess of people and metal, calling out, "Who needs help?"

After about ninety minutes, when all sixteen victims had been triaged and taken to area hospitals, Kurtzman climbed back into his car, drove to the medical school, and gave his lecture — two hours late.

Over the years, Kurtzman has stopped at a half dozen crashes and assisted at three. "A person with my skills simply can't drive by someone who's injured," says Kurtzman. "I refuse to live my life that way." (*Excerpt from "1001 Illustrations that Connect"*)

Dr. Kurtzman's example gives us a glimpse into the intensity of Jesus' compassion for others as described in verse 34 of [today's Gospel](#), "his heart was moved ..." A brief study into the Greek word used here can be helpful for us: σπλαγχνίζομαι (*splagchnizomai*) describes compassion as coming from the "inward parts," coming from the heart, liver, lungs, etc., as well as from one's emotions like affectation, pity, tenderness. In other words, Jesus did not merely feel a fleeting sentimental concern for the vast crowd. He felt a movement from his interior that strongly compelled him into action to meet the needs of the people. What was the need to be met? Certainly, bread for their hungry stomachs, but more importantly, their souls hungered for the word of life, so Jesus generously supplied. But in the context of this Gospel passage, there is one tiny detail worth noting that makes all the difference: the apostles and Jesus were trying to get away to rest after ministry! In other words, the crowds interrupted their plan for respite after a time of ministry. The apostles were tired and were heading "to a deserted place to rest



a while."

Interruptions. That's the key here. We all make our plans for the day, and we start to check off the items from the to-do list. One by one, we go about our day with our plans scribbled on a sticky note or on some app on our phone. And then it happens: that pesky interruption. Something happens that was not expected in our day that all of a sudden demands our attention. Maybe it's a phone call from the school secretary saying that your child is sick; maybe your flight is delayed, and you're stuck on the tarmac; maybe your mom is calling you with inconsolable tears. Any number of unforeseeable events can dramatically change the direction and mood of the day, and yet it is unavoidable. My heart usually becomes instantly filled with grumbling, not pity. Yes, sometimes there can be a feeling from within my interior, and usually it's stress and anxiety, not compassion compelling me towards action. I have imagined what the personal responses of the apostles were at the situation. How did they respond? I bet that at least one of them might have responded the way I can to interruptions, ranging from, "How dare you interrupt me right now? Can't you see I'm important and very busy?" to "C'mon man! Are you kidding me? I was just about to enjoy my coffee and cinnamon roll!"

For most of us, our interruptions aren't usually of the extraordinary, life-threatening kind, as in the story of Dr. Kurtzman. Rather, our interruptions are a part of the normal daily living in a modern setting. They happen at work, at home, at church, on vacation, on the commute to work or school, etc. Interruptions can be a source of irritation, and they can be an invitation to bless. We have the power to choose which!

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, open my eyes of faith to see

Your illustrations of love

in the interruptions of my life today.

*Lord, help me see these moments
as opportunities to love and to accept*

Your love and the love of others.

*Help me share the good news of Your
great love with everyone I know.*

*Slow me down, so that I can receive
and give to others.*

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

*Reflection by Bro. John-Marmion Villa
<https://4lpi.com/blog/blessed-interruptions/>*

READINGS FOR THE
WEEK

Jeremiah 23 : 1 - 6

Psalms 23 : 1 - 3, 3 - 4, 5, 6

Ephesians 2 : 13 - 18

Gospel from Mark 6 : 30 - 34

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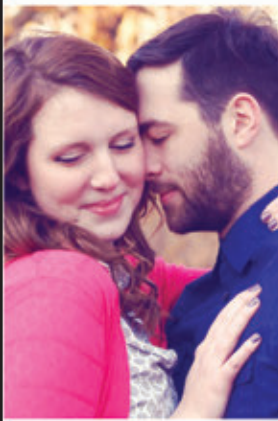
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