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*"One does not live on bread
alone,
but by every word that comes
forth from the mouth of God."*

Matthew 4:46

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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Joseph Keefe (Trustee)

Arlene Mione (Trustee)

***Eighteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
August 1, 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 31**

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
Michael & Krystal Mendoza,
Edna Mancao (Special Intention),
† M. Dowling & Dowling Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1*Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am † Dorothy Sullivan
9:30 am † Pat & Grace Brescia
11:00 am (FBL) Dona Ferrante (Health & Well being)
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Gregoria Julian DeMiranda

MONDAY, AUGUST 2*Feast of Saints Eusebius Vercelli & Peter Julian Eymard*

12:00 pm † Del Valera-Panlilio (Death Anniversary)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

12:00 pm Marie Paz Widjaja (Birthday)
7:00 pm (SP) Rodolfo Santiago Moran
(Conversion & Liberation)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4*Feast of Saint Jean Vianney*

12:00 pm † Patricia Coughlin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5*Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major*

12:00 pm † Eileen Gore

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6*Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord*

12:00 pm † Jadwiga (Hedwig) Kalinowska

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7*Feast of Saints Cajetan, Sixtus II & Companions*

9:00 am Madison Adona DeGuzman (Birthday)
4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
† Michael Gregorio,
† M. Dowling & Dowling Family

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

8:00 am † Rafaelita Caparas (Death Anniversary)
9:30 am † Rocky & Dolores Cassio
11:00 am (FBL) † Pepita Maria Castilla
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Cirina Luna Salazar, † Margarita Salazar
& † Alicia Rodriguez

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass,
(FBL) Facebook Livestreamed Mass @ the parish
FB page [Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ](https://divinemercuryahway.church/mass-intentions)

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**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, AUGUST 1**

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 2

7:00 PM Parish Bible Study (104)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3

7:00 PM Guadalupe (Church)
7:45 PM Hora Sagrada

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

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

SATURDAY, AUGUST 7

12:00 PM Viewing & Funeral of Janice McEwen
4:00 PM BLD DCS (201)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 8

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Statement from Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R.,
Regarding the Hyde Amendment and the Sanctity
of Life**

I am deeply concerned that the proposed federal budget would eliminate the Hyde Amendment, which, for 45 years, has prohibited the use of federal funds for abortion. The Hyde Amendment is credited with saving the lives of millions of children. Now, the powerful pro-abortion lobby and members of Congress are calling for the elimination of this Amendment and the implementation of a policy that would designate billions of taxpayer dollars for elective abortions. Taxpayer-funded abortion represents a failure to recognize the sanctity of human life and promotes a culture in which human life in its most vulnerable moment is perceived as disposable. Such a proposal targets poor women as needing an expedient solution to a complex problem.

Pope Francis has said, "it is troubling to see how simple and convenient it has become for some to deny the existence of a human life as a solution to problems that can and must be solved for both the mother and her unborn child." He notes that abortion "is not a primarily religious issue but one of human ethics."

It is crucially important that we send a strong, clear message that the Hyde Amendment has far-reaching public support and should not be repealed. Members of Congress need to hear from as many of us as possible. Please read the Action Alerts posted by the New Jersey Catholic Conference at www.njcatholic.org/protecting-the-hyde-amendment, and join me in acting before July 16 to send this urgent message to Congress. Sign the petition at www.NoTaxpayerAbortion.com.

Know of my continued prayers for each of you.

Sincerely Yours in Christ the Redeemer,
Cardinal Joseph W. Tobin, C.Ss.R., Archbishop of Newark

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/>



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 **Joanne Reinhart** on Sundays at the Annex Building behind Divine Mercy Church if interested to help. **God bless!**

* **NEW BAPTISM SCHEDULE**

Effective immediately, Baptism in English and Spanish will only be done on the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. 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@divinemercyrahway.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://divinemercyrahway.church/>. For questions please email the CCD coordinator, Janice Marron at ccd@divinemercyrahway.church or the director of religious education Suzie Atienza at susie@divinemercyrahway.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@divinemercyrahway.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 Cur-sillista is like! No obligation! Our theme is :

Journey back to a better you!

Date: Saturday 7/24 **Time:** 8:30-4:30 **Place:** Archdiocesan

Venue: Youth Center, 499 Belgrove Drive, Kearny NJ.

Please register at mycursillo.com, or Call 551-404-5887 for questions.

* **RESPECT FOR LIFE 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

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS



The **Tabernacle Lamp** is being offered for
† Albert F. Reitemeyer.



The **Altar Bread** is being offered for
† John R. Reitemeyer.
The **Altar Wine** is being offered for
† Margaret Reitemeyer



The **Altar Candles** are being offered for
† Albert F. Reitemeyer.



Sacramental Schedule

Confession Weekdays after the 12 pm mass
Saturdays 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or call the priest for
an appointment

Baptism Call or email the parish office to make an appointment with the priest.

Marriage Couples planning marriage must notify the Parish office a year in advance for date and requirements. Call or email the parish office to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick Contact a priest at any time. Hospital visits are still limited due to Covid-19.



Devotions

Eucharistic Adoration

11:00 am Every first Friday of the month

Mary Mother of God

9:00 am Every first Saturday of the month

Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:00 pm Every 4TH Saturday of the month

Our Lady of Miraculous Medal

Novena on Mondays after the 12:00 pm Mass

St. Jude

Novena on Thursdays after the 12:00 pm Mass

St. Joseph for 2021

Novena on Wednesday after the 12:00 pm Mass,
Every 19th of the month



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.



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 or to 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.



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



For the Recently Deceased of the Parish

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION

First Reading: Exodus 16:2–4, 12–15
The Lord feeds the Israelites with manna.

Second Reading: Ephesians 4:17, 20–24
Christians become a new creation in Christ.

Gospel Reading: John 6:24–35
Jesus teaches the crowds that he is the “bread of life.”

Reflection

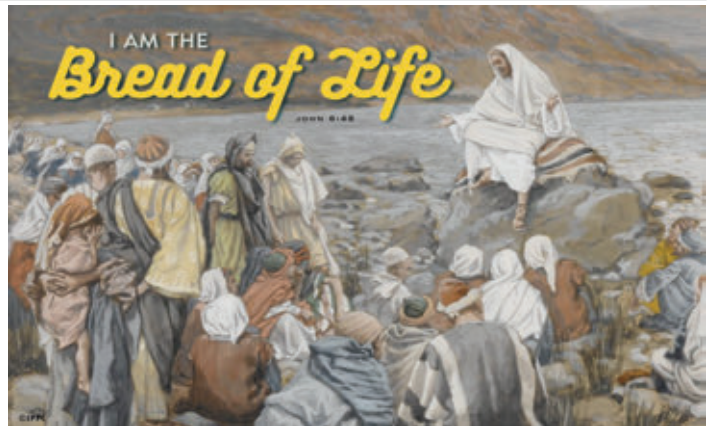
Money. Sadly, to many minds at any time that’s really what makes the world go ‘round. Speaking of same, I found out recently that there are around 180 different types of currency in the world. These include the Albanian “lech” and the Moroccan “dirham” and the Zambian “kwacha.” But most of us are more likely to know the slang terms for the US dollar than any of those. Do you know where at least 2 of those terms come from, namely “bread” or “dough?”

We’ve all heard those, even though their usage may have largely faded from our conversations, but is very much alive in vintage gangster movies. It all sprang from our basic need for nutrition, which is something very important. The term “breadwinner,” used commonly from the 1940s onward, took this idea and ran with it. The term “bread” was directly tied with someone who earned money. From there, it’s easy to see how “bread,” and subsequently “dough” came into common usage.

Such thinking would have been completely foreign to that long ago crowd of 5,000 men (not counting women and children) gathered around Jesus on that fine day long ago. For them, bread was almost a sacred thing. Certainly it was part of their basic and simple diet. Bread is mentioned 492 times in the original languages of the Bible, and so it is easy to see how important bread was to everyday life in those times. To reduce it to slang for something so mundane as money would have been unthinkable for them.

A huge crowd had followed Jesus, even though He needed a rest. Why did they? Because they had seen the “signs” (John’s chosen synonym for “miracles”) that Jesus had performed for the sick. Perhaps unable to express it, they had also followed Him because of an inner hunger for truth. The truth about life; its purpose and its terminus; and how best to live the time in between.

For now He would take care of their stomachs. Later, Jesus would care for their souls by offering them the whole Truth. Christian missionaries always build a well, or a feeding kitchen or a medicine dispensary before they start to preach.



Note that all 4 evangelists record this event, because they saw it as so pivotal a moment. It was the guarantor of the Eucharist, a far greater miracle that would feed all the succeeding generations into the millions including ourselves. Time, space, and numbers are no obstacles to God’s will or His word. Believing that enables our thoughts to focus on the Mass, the quiet miracle among us that often isn’t so named or listed among others like Lourdes, Fatima or Guadalupe.

Simple but supernatural. Invisible change more real than rain. Jesus still cares for His people and nourishes us with spiritual food and drink using the instruments of bread and wine. The Eucharist is the Church’s one true treasure, so easily available to us in the so-called “First World” that we must guard against apathy and pray for our sisters and brothers in the so-called “Third World” who either do not have easy access to it, or none at all. With persecution added.

Here are some thoughts on all of this from the great Saint Thomas More, the English chancellor who was executed by the very same Henry VIII who had picked him for the office, but had to silence Thomas for his opposition to Henry’s claim to be head of the Church in England. He is responding by letter to a friend about what the Eucharist means for him: *“Your reasons for wanting me to stay away from Holy Communion are exactly the ones which cause me to go so often. My distractions are great, but it is in Communion that I recollect myself. I have temptations many times a day; by daily Communion I get the strength to overcome them. I have much very important business to handle and I need light and wisdom; it is for this reason that I go to Holy Communion every day to consult Jesus about them.”*

God love you, and give you His peace.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

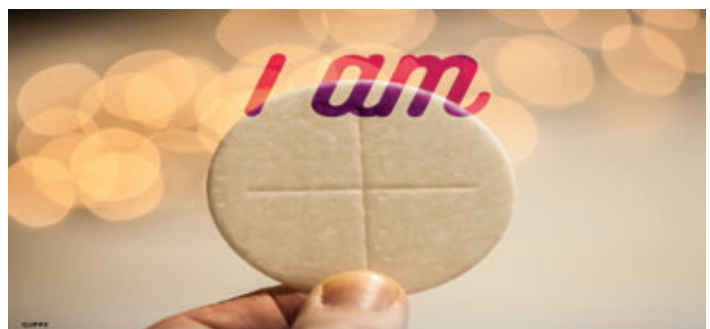
READINGS FOR THE
WEEK

Exodus 16 : 2 - 4, 12 - 15

Psalms 78 : 3 - 4, 23 - 24, 25, 54

Ephesians 4 : 17, 20 - 24

Gospel from John 6 : 24 - 35



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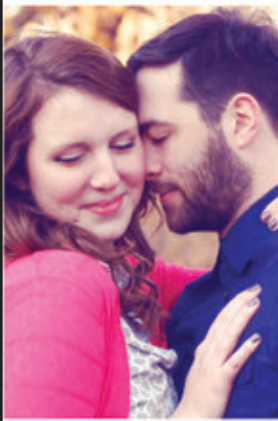
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