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to possess the glory of our Lord
Jesus Christ ."*

Cf. 2 Thes 2:14



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)

*Twenty-fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 19, 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, SEPTEMBER 18

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
 † Jane & Anthony Kasprzyk (Death Anniv)
 † Felino M. de Chavez
 † Miguel Encarnacion

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Rev. Msgr Leo Hudzik
 9:30 am Aria Echeverria (Birthday)
 11:00 am (FBL) † Antonio Rodrigues
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Jose Luis Nogales
 5:00 pm † Melanio Montemayor
 † Martha, Trinidad & Guillermo Cabatic

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Feast of Saints Kim Tae-gon, Pad Chong Ha-sang & companions

12:00 pm † Aidan O'hara

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

12:00 pm † Helen Sisk (Death Anniversary)
 7:00 pm (SP) † Mayid Ambra (Death Anniversary)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

12:00 pm † John Alcibar Nunez (Death Anniversary)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

Feast of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina

12:00 pm † Elizabeth Pierre

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

12:00 pm Gabriel M. Panlilio-Widjaja (Birthday)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:00 am Ava Hope & all NICU Babies at CHOP
 (Special Intention)
 4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
 † Robert E. Fahringer

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

8:00 am † Antonio M. Pineda (Death Anniversary)
 9:30 am † Jose Luis Nogales
 11:00 am (FBL) † Susana Omboy (Death Anniversary)
 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://divinemercuryahway.church/mass-intentions)

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THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

9:00 AM CCD (Virtual)
 10:30 AM RCIA Spanish (101)
 12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)
 1:30 PM BLD Solo Praise (Library)
 6:00 PM Sto. Nino Novena (Church)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

7:00 PM Spanish Bible Class (102)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

7:00 PM RCIA English (104)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

6:00 PM BLD (Church, Aud, Library)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

8:00 AM PGC (101)
 9:00 AM BLD IM (Library)
 1:00 PM Baptism Elias Manuel Gonzalez (Church)
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 4:00 PM BLD DCS (202)

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TO REPORT ABUSE

The Archdiocese of Newark takes very seriously any and all complaints of sexual misconduct by members of the clergy, religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of sexual misconduct to inform the Archdiocese immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse.

To report known or suspected child abuse:
 Contact the Division of Child Protection and Permanency (DCPP) 24-Hour Child Abuse Hotline: **1-877-652-2873**
 And, contact your County Prosecutor:
 Union County (908) 527-4500
 Report can also be sent to:
 Director, Office of Child and Youth Protection
 The Archdiocese of Newark
 171 Clifton Avenue, Newark, NJ 07104



Baptism

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Aiden Ikechukwu Ogbonnaya Odor and Jia Esme Moran.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Archdiocesan Guidelines for Parish Catechetical Programs during Pandemic 2021- 2022

1. Wearing mask indoors is mandatory for all staff, students and visitors of the school (EO#251)
Exemption from wearing mask must be certified by a physician.
2. Parish will ensure that any space used will follow sanitizing procedures to maintain the safety and well being of the students and personnel.
3. Social distancing inside the classroom will be enforced. Seating arrangement is 3 ft apart.
4. Parish will ensure there will be proper ventilation and air circulation inside the classrooms.
5. Building doors will be propped open during student arrival and dismissal. Building doors must remain open during classes.
6. Bathrooms are limited to 3 occupants at a time.
7. Supplies and materials should never be shared. Sanitation of supplies are required between use.
8. Adopt a process to screen staff, catechist and children for symptoms of COVID-19 like fever.
9. Anyone who exhibits signs of illness should be immediately isolated from the rest of the population. For children with signs of Covid, the child's parent or guardian will be notified immediately for pick up from the school.
10. Careful attention must always be given to attendance record and seating arrangements for children at every catechetical meeting to account for children's well being and presence.
11. Anyone who tested positive for COVID must immediately notify the pastor and local health officials.
12. Hand Sanitizing stations are provided in each classroom, entrances, offices and bathrooms.
13. Everyone should wash hands at least 20 seconds every after using the bathroom, blowing their nose, coughing and sneezing.



Praying the Rosary for Life

Please join the virtual "3k Rosary for Life" event on Wednesday, October 13th at 7 PM which is being organized by LIFENET in partnership with Array of Hope. The goal is to have 3,000 people on the call praying for the Protection of Babies in the womb and in reparation for the sin of abortion. Bishop Arthur Serratelli and priests from throughout New Jersey will be leading the prayer. Note: October 13th is the 104th anniversary of the "Miracle of the Sun at Fatima." Our Lady wants us to pray the rosary! Please sign up at www.lifeneteducation.org/3KRosaryforlife.

Please sign up before Friday, Oct 1, 2021.

* ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK's VACCINE MANDATE

The Archdiocese of Newark have released a mandate regarding vaccine. This is to clarify the teaching of the Church regarding morality of receiving the vaccine against COVID-19 and to articulate the archdiocesan policy on that matter.

The Archdiocese of Newark does not provide exemption from receiving the vaccine based on religious grounds. It is noted that reception of the vaccine can be seen as an act of charity in support of the common good. In a recent public announcement of Pope Francis, he called receiving the vaccine an "act of love." The Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops have issued statements in support of the morality of receiving as have a number of American bishops.

It is not possible for Catholics to claim exemption from vaccination on religious grounds. Catholics may claim personal exemption on grounds of conscience but such decision should consider our Christian responsibility to work for the common good in service to the benefit of all. All unvaccinated Catholics are reminded that they have an obligation to preserve the health of others and themselves by wearing a mask, maintaining social distance, getting tested as necessary and other recommended safety measures.

Pope Francis urges people to receive the vaccine.

Please visit https://www.vatican.va/roman_curia/congregations/cfaith/documents/rc_con_cfaith_doc20201221_nota-vaccini_anticovid_en.html

* 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 Baptism requested outside of the Baptism schedule is a special request. \$50 extra charge for special request Baptism.

* 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 .

* RESPECT FOR LIFE RETREAT

The Archdiocese of Newark Respect for Life Office will be hosting two 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 ap-
pointment 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.

Holy Communion For anyone who are homebound and
would like to receive Holy Communion please call or email
the parish office.



For the Recently Deceased of the Parish

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

Wedding
Congratulations and best wishes to **Alejandro
Arcila & Ingrid Tohana Granada and Pedro Parra
& Romualda Charro-Pastor**. May Christ bless
your marriage with a love that last forever.

Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

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 Apos-
tle Church. The Chapel will celebrate its 25th anniversary on
Dec. 8, 2021. Please dedicate an hour for our Lord. For infor-
mation please visit their website [http://www.sjanj.net/
ministries/perpetual-adoration/](http://www.sjanj.net/ministries/perpetual-adoration/)



Divine Mercy Parish

Worship Apostolate

Rosary Society

Filipino Community Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month

Divine Mercy Ministry of Jesus Vigil Mass on every 4TH
Saturday of the month

Spanish Community Reuniones Hispanas

Eucaristía Dominical 12:30 pm

Bautizos Por favor llamar la oficina de Lunes a Viernes.

Bautismos cada segundo y quatro Sabado del mes

Matrimonio Feligreses registrados tienen que presentar-
se un año antes de la boda.

Reconciliación Cada Martes Despues de la Misa 12:00
pm Y de la 7:00 pm, Cada Miercoles Despues de la
Misa de la 12:00pm

Unción de los Enfermos Por favor llamar a la oficina para
visitas a las casa o hospital.

Mensajeras del Amor de Cristo Visitan los enfermos Diana
Chavez (732)535-0278

Educación Religiosa llamada (732)382-0004

Movimiento Juan XXIII Jueves 8:00 pm Aula #104

Grupo Guadalupano Martes 7:00 pm Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús"

"Grupos Voluntarios Limpian La Iglesia"

Mil Ave Marias - Cada Primera Semana del mes,
Miercoles mañana

Juan XXIII - Cada Segunda Semana del mes, Sábado

Guadalupanos - Cada Tercera semana del mes, Sábado

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signing up at Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and
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SUNDAY REFLECTION**First Reading:** *Wisdom 2:12,17-20*

The just one is put to the test.

Second Reading: *James 3:16—4:3*

James teaches about the wisdom from above.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 9:30-37*

Jesus teaches his disciples that the greatest are those who serve all.

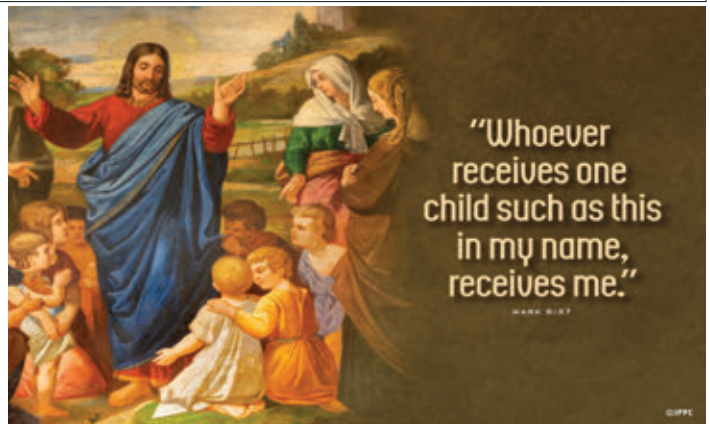
Reflection:**Who Is the Greatest in God's Kingdom?**

Meditation: Whose glory do you seek? There can be no share in God's glory without the cross. When Jesus prophesied his own betrayal and crucifixion, it did not make any sense to his disciples because it did not fit their understanding of what the Messiah came to do. And they were afraid to ask further questions! Like a person who might receive a bad verdict from the doctor and then refuse to ask further questions, they, too, didn't want to know any more. How often do we reject what we do not wish to see? We have heard the good news of God's word and we know the consequences of accepting it or rejecting it. But do we give it our full allegiance and mold our lives according to it? Ask the Lord to fill you with his Holy Spirit and to inspire within you a reverence for his word and a readiness to obey it.

Do you compare yourself with others?

How ashamed the disciples must have been when Jesus overheard them arguing about who among them was the greatest! But aren't we like the disciples? We compare ourselves with others and desire their praise. The appetite for glory and greatness seems to be inbred in us. Who doesn't cherish the ambition to be "somebody" whom others admire rather than a "nobody"? Even the psalms speak about the glory God has destined for us. *You have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor* (Psalm 8:5).

Jesus made a dramatic gesture by embracing a child to show his disciples who really is the greatest in the kingdom of God. What can a little child possibly teach us about greatness? Children in the ancient world had no rights, position, or privileges of their own. They were socially at the "bottom of the rung" and at the service of their parents, much like the household staff and domestic servants.

**Who is the greatest in God's kingdom?**

What is the significance of Jesus' gesture? Jesus elevated a little child in the presence of his disciples by placing the child in a privileged position of honor. It is customary, even today, to seat the guest of honor at the right side of the host. Who is the greatest in God's kingdom? The one who is humble and lowly of heart - who instead of asserting their rights willingly empty themselves of pride and self-seeking glory by taking the lowly position of a servant or child.

Jesus, himself, is our model. He came not to be served, but to serve (Matthew 20:28). Paul the Apostle states that Jesus emptied himself and took the form of a servant (Philippians 2:7). Jesus lowered himself (he whose place is at the right hand of God the Father) and took on our lowly nature that he might raise us up and clothe us in his divine nature.

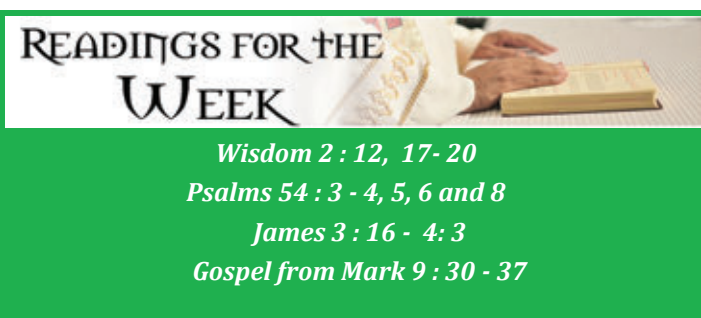
God wants to fill us with his own glory

God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble (James 4:6). If we want to be filled with God's life and power, then we need to empty ourselves of everything which stands in the way - pride, self-seeking glory, vanity, etc. God wants empty vessels so he can fill them with his own glory, power, and love (2 Corinthians 4:7). Are you ready to humble yourself and to serve as Jesus did?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, by your cross you have redeemed the world and revealed your glory and triumph over sin and death. May I never fail to see your glory and victory in the cross. Help me to conform my life to your will and to follow in your way of holiness.

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



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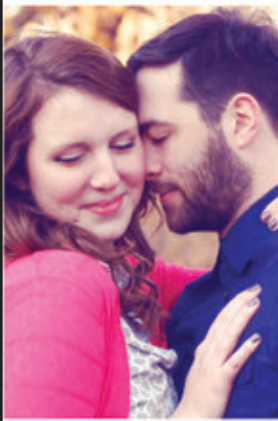
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