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Cf. Jn 17: 17b, 17a



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-Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
September 26, 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 25

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
 † Robert E. Fahringer
 Rosmena Y. Flores (Birthday)
 † Virgilio Yparraguirre (Death Anniversary)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Twenty-SIXth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Feast of Saint Vincent de Paul

12:00 pm Genavae L. Hanselman (Special Intention)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

Feast of Saints Wenceslaus, Lorenzo Ruiz & Companions

12:00 pm James Samuel Sotomayor (Special Int)
 7:00 pm (SP) † Dillinger Kargol Family

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Feast of Saint Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

12:00 pm † Rodalyn Adona P. Diego

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

Feast of Saint Jerome

12:00 pm Lilian Bayle (Birthday)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

Feast of Saint Therese of the Child Jesus

12:00 pm † Rosario Lim Varela

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

9:00 am † Edwin & Catherine Packard
 (Special Intention)
 4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
 † Cecilia Flanagan

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

8:00 am † Robert B. Linton III
 9:30 am Steven Morales (Special Intention)
 11:00 am (FBL) Christopher Marron Brown &
 Christopher Brown (Birthday)
 12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Albert Reitemeyer

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass,
 (FBL) Facebook Livestreamed Mass @ the parish



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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)

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

7:00 PM Spanish Bible Class (102)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

7:00 PM RCIA English (104)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 2

8:00 AM PGC (101)
 10:00 AM BLD COS Meeting
 3:00 PM Divine Mercy Chaplet (Church)
 4:00 PM BLD DCS (202)
 5:00 PM Sto. Nino Novena (Filipino Community)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3

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)

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



Baptism

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community **Elias Manuel Gonzalez**.

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_notavaccini_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 Oct. 22-24, 2021 (Spanish). For details please call 973-497-4350 or email

Cheryl.riley@rcan.org, elvinedoderaquelinfo@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 **Anna Cox & Clarence Kowaleski**. Eternal rest
grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light
shine upon them. May they rest in peace. Amen.



**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 cele-
brate its 25th anniversary on Dec. 8, 2021. Please dedicate
an hour for our Lord. For information please visit their web-
site <http://www.sjanj.net/ministries/perpetual-adoration/>



Please remember to include our
parish in your prayers.
Everyone can remit weekly offer-
ings to our Parish by
signing up at Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and
easy. Thank you and be safe. God bless.



**New Jersey Catholic Bishop's Statement on Na-
tional Recovery Month
September 15, 2021**

"September is National Recovery Month, a time
during which we celebrate those who have
achieved recovery and continue our support of
those still working toward it. During this time, we, the Catholic
Bishops of New Jersey, are renewing our commitment to help-
ing those suffering from various forms of addiction and we are
calling on all Catholics and people of good will to join us in
praying for, supporting, and encouraging those working to-
ward recovery."

Too often, those suffering from an addiction erroneously be-
lieve that they have failed and are unworthy of love, dignity,
and respect. As a result they suffer in solitude. It is a stigma
that engulfs their lives and hinders recovery.

"The Catholic Church in New Jersey is committed to removing
this stigma. Every day, our Catholic Charities agencies and
various social service programs do tremendous work providing
comprehensive addiction services. These efforts are rooted in
the belief that all people are created in the image and likeness
of God and deserving of a better life filled with His love."
To access these resources parishes can go to [https://
njcatholic.org/substance-abuse](https://njcatholic.org/substance-abuse).

**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 necessi-
ties. 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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

First Reading: *Numbers 11:25-29*

The Lord bestows his spirit on the seventy elders.

Second Reading: *James 5:1-6*

James chastises the rich.

Gospel Reading: *Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48*

Jesus teaches that whoever is not against him is for him.

Reflection:

Meditation: Do you rejoice in the good that others do? Jesus reprimands his disciples for their jealousy and suspicion. They were upset that someone who was not of their company was performing a good work in the name of Jesus. They even "forbade" the man "because he was not following us". Jesus' reply is filled with wisdom: "No one who does a mighty work in my name will be able soon after to speak evil of me." Are we not like the disciples when we get upset at the good deeds of others who seem to shine more than us? Paul says that "love is not jealous... but rejoices in the right" (1 Corinthians 13:4,6).

Love does not envy others

Envy and jealousy, its counterpart, are sinful because they lead us to sorrow over what should make us rejoice - namely, our neighbor's good. The reason we may grieve over our another's good is that somehow we see that good as lessening our own value or excellence. Envy forms when we believe that the other person's advantage or possession diminishes or brings disgrace on us. Envy is contrary to love. Both the object of love and the object of envy is our neighbor's good, but by contrary movements, since love rejoices in our neighbor's good, while envy grieves over it.

The love of God frees us from envy and jealousy

How can we overcome envy? With the love that God has put into our hearts through the gift of the Holy Spirit (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit purifies our heart and frees us from our disordered passions, such as envy, jealousy, greed, and bitterness. God's love is a generous and selfless love which is wholly oriented towards our good. The love that God places in our hearts seeks the highest good of our neighbor. God's love purifies and frees us from all envy and jealousy - and it compels us to give generously, especially to those who lack what they need.

Love gives freely and generously in kind deeds

Every one in need has a claim on us because they are dear to God who created them in his own image and likeness (Genesis 1:26-27). God created us in love for love. We are most free and happy when we love as he loves. The love and charitable help we show to our neighbor also expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant mercy and kindness of



God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to those in need would not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Are you grateful for God's mercy and kindness towards you and are you ready to show that same kindness and generosity towards your neighbor? **Those who show kindness and charity will be greatly rewarded**

Who in their right mind would want to lose their reward and then be deprived of joy in the end? We have been given the greatest of rewards - God himself who is perfect love and source of abundant life and unending happiness. Paul the Apostle tells us that "God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit" (Romans 5:5). God's love purifies our hearts and compels us to express kindness and charity towards our neighbor who is created in the image and likeness of God. We were created in love for love. The charity we show to our neighbors in their need expresses the gratitude we have for the abundant goodness and kindness of God towards us. Jesus declared that any kindness shown and any help given to the people of Christ will not lose its reward. Jesus never refused to give to anyone in need who asked for his help. As his disciples we are called to be kind and generous as he is. Do you allow the love of Christ to transform your heart that you may treat your neighbor with loving-kindness and mercy?

Avoiding evil and the near occasion of sin

Was Jesus' exaggerating when he urged his followers to use drastic measures to avoid evil and its harmful consequences (Mark 9:42-47)? Jesus set before his disciples the one supreme goal in life that is worth any sacrifice, and that goal is God himself and his will for our lives which leads to everlasting peace and happiness. Jesus warns his disciples of the terrible responsibility that they must set no stumbling block in the way of another, that is, not give offense or bad example that might lead another to sin. Do you set a good example for others to follow, especially the young?

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit that I may radiate the joy of the Gospel to others. May your light and truth shine through me that others may find new life and joy in you, and freedom from sin and oppression. Amen

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

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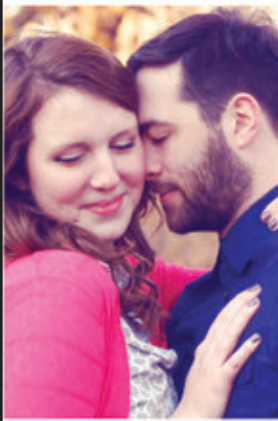
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