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*The Perfect Prayer in time of
Covid19*

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is
endless and the treasury of com-
passion inexhaustible, look kindly
upon us, and increase Your mercy
in us, that in difficult moments,
we might not despair nor become
despondent, but with great confi-
dence, submit ourselves to Your
holy will, which is Love and
Mercy itself.
Amen.*

New Mass Schedule Effective June 21, 2020

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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*The Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
July 12, 2020*

Parish Membership

Our parish embraces diversity. We may come from different origins but we are one in faith, love & 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: Monday to Friday
9 am - 3 pm

Email: office@divinemercyrahway.church

Tel (732)388-0082, (732)388-0083
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Divine Mercy Parish Community

Worship Apostolate meets in Room 104

Rosary Society meets four times a year

Filipino Community Mass every 3rd Sunday of the month with the Filipino Choir, 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm at the Church

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

Spanish Community **Reuniones Hispanas**

Eucaristía Dominical 12:30 pm

Bautismos Por favor llamar la oficina de Lunes a Viernes.

Matrimonio Feligreses registrados tienen que presentarse 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 (732)535-0278

Educación Religiosa Llamada (732)382-0004

Movimiento Juan XXIII Jueves 8:00 pm Parish School #104

Grupo Guadalupano Martes 7:00 pm Iglesia

Grupo Juvenil "Angeles de Jesús" Sábado 4:00pm - 6:00pm Aula 202

Grupo de Oración Sábado 7:00 pm Connell Hall

"Grupos Voluntarios Limpian La Iglesia"

Mil Avemarias - Cada Primera Semana del mes, Miercoles manana

Juan XXIII - Cada Segunda Semana del mes, Sábado

Guadalupanos - Cada Tercera semana del mes, Sábado

Grupo de Oracion— Cada Cuarta semana del mes, Sábado

DUE TO COVID 19 ALL MEETINGS ARE TEMPORARILY SUSPENDED. MEETINGS WILL START TO RESUME SEPTEMBER 2020.

CDC and Archdiocesan Guidelines in Celebrating Mass during Pandemic

1. Everyone **MUST WEAR MASK** all the time while inside the church.
2. Front of every **available seats** are marked with a **WHITE CROSS**. Seats without the white cross should be left vacant.
3. To follow and maintain social distancing **70 to 80 people only** will be allowed inside the church.
4. Keep social distancing at all times (**6 feet apart from each other**) Couples and families living in one roof may seat next to each other
5. **NO SHAKING OF HANDS** and **NO KISSING** during the giving of the sign of peace. **NOD** and **WAVING of HANDS** are the methods acceptable in giving the sign of peace.
6. Use the **middle aisle** to receive **Holy Communion**. Stay on the floor markings to keep social distancing. Use the left or right aisle to return to the pew.
7. **Communion by hands** are highly recommended and encouraged at this time.
8. Anyone who feels the need to step out of the church during mass for a moment to breath may do so and may return to the seat after.
9. The **Chapel** at the left side of the church will be used as extension of the church during mass and will open for people with special condition and to those in need of space and flexibility. The chapel has a **maximum capacity of 6 people** at this time. Communion will be served to all occupants by a Eucharistic minister.
10. Please maintain social distancing when leaving the church.
11. **Congregating after mass** inside the church is not allowed.
12. Please follow all the guidelines religiously.

Thank you very much for your cooperation and understanding.



Sacramental Schedule

Confession Saturdays 3:00 pm to 4:00 pm or call the priest for an appointment

Baptism Call the parish office to make an appointment with a priest

Marriage Couples planning marriage must notify the Parish rectory a year in advance for date and requirement. Call the Parish Office to make an appointment with a priest.

Anointing of the Sick Contact a priest at any time.

Holy Communion For anyone who are homebound or confined in hospitals and would like to receive Holy Communion please contact the parish office or rectory.

GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

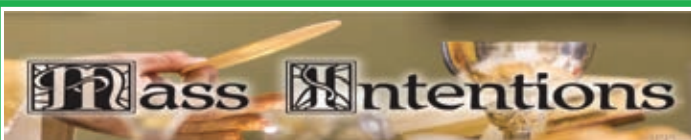
The **Tabernacle Lamp** is being offered for † Albert F. Reitenmeyer.

The **Altar Bread** is being offered for † John R. Reitenmeyer.

The **Altar Wine** is being offered for † Margaret Reitenmeyer

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



**SATURDAY, JULY 11 (Vigil Mass)**

4:00 pm (V) † Leonor Lavarez Calapatia

SUNDAY, JULY 12**The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:00 am † Helen & Joseph Hudzik

9:30 am † Beverly Johnson

11:00 am † Felipe Garcia Jr.

12:30 pm (SP) † Albert Reitenmeyer

MONDAY, JULY 13**Feast of Saint Henry**

12:00 pm † Eugenia C. Dionisio

TUESDAY, JULY 14**Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

12:00 pm † Julitte Sanchez

7:00 pm (SP) People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15**Feast of Saint Bonaventure**

12:00 pm † Paul Polini

THURSDAY, JULY 16**Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

12:00 pm † William Flanagan

FRIDAY, JULY 17

12:00 pm † Margaret Horling

SATURDAY, JULY 18**Feast of Saint Camillus de Lellis**

9:00 am Johannes Hanselman (Special Intention)

4:00 pm (V) † Eugenia C. Dionisio

SUNDAY, JULY 19

8:00 am † Maria & Camillo Gerbino

9:30 am † Thomas Yuhas

11:00 am † Ramon Entrina Sr.

12:30 pm (SP) † Margaret Reitenmeyer

5:00pm (F) Giancarlo & Kayla Protacio (Birthday)

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass**FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIVES OF THE
ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK****Welcome to PHASE 3****Started June 21, 2020**

- The Church will be reopened for **SUNDAY Masses**.
- Includes everything that reopened and all directives on Phase 2 and Phase 1
- Only **50% capacity** of the Church or **70 people** only are allowed inside the Church excess will be turned away.

**STRICT OBSERVANCE OF THE CARDINAL'S DIRECTIVE
BELOW FOR REOPENING IS WITHOUT EXCEPTION**

1. Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days will remain in effect. No one will be required to attend Mass when public celebrations resume.
2. Attendance will be limited to 20% for Phase 2 & 50% for Phase 3.
3. **Social distancing** should be strictly observed while inside the church (**6ft apart from each other**).
4. **NO MASK NO ENTRY**. Mask should be worn inside the church at all times
5. Parishioners should take their temperature before coming to Mass. Anyone with any symptoms of sickness must stay home.
6. Liturgical changes will be in placed. For **Phase 3** during the Sunday masses the following will be in placed;
 - ⇒ Duration of mass
 - 8:00 am English Mass
(30 minutes only, no music)
 - 9:30 am & 11:00 am English Mass
(45 minutes only, 4 Hymns)
 - 12:30 pm Spanish Mass
(45 minutes only, 4 Hymns)
 - ⇒ **Hymns** includes the Entrance, Offertory, Communion and Recessional Songs.
 - ⇒ The following will be **recited** only the Gloria, Alleluia, Mystery of Faith, Amen.
7. Sanitation will be done every after mass but no one should expect that they will be any safer from germs than in other public spaces.



Please remember to include our parish in your prayers. Everyone can still send weekly offerings for our Parish by signing up @ Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and easy. Thank you and be safe everyone. God bless.

**For the Recently Deceased of the Parish**

Friends let's pray for the soul **Leonel Soto & Ellen Carandang**. Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace Amen.





THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

Welcome to Phase 3

SATURDAY, JULY 11

12:00 pm First Reconciliation & Rehearsal
6:00 pm Confirmation Batch 1

SUNDAY, JULY 12

11:00 am RCIA Confirmation
12:00 pm Food Pantry (Annex)

TUESDAY, JULY 14

7:00 pm Guadalupe (Church)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

12:00 pm First Communion (Church)
6:00 pm Confirmation Batch 2

All parish schedules are now posted at the Parish web Site <https://divinemercyrahway.church> Events & News.



Dedication of St. Mark's Bell

August 15, 2020

Saturday after the Vigil Mass

The original corner stone of St. Mark's Church is part of the current memorial which has the year 1871 inscribed on the stone. 1871 was the year when the church was built. Some of the original bricks from the church were also used to build the current memorial.

The memorial is dedicated in honor of all former priests and parishioners of St. Mark's Church from the year 1871 to 2019.

Everyone is invited to join!



Baptism

Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our Parish community **Anthony Barahona, Isaac Barahona & Camila Barahona.**

Rite of Confirmation

*July 11 & 18, 2020, 6:00 PM Vigil Mass
Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway, NJ*



Presider:

Reverend Father Alexander T. Cruz, Pastor

God Bless Our 2020 Confirmation Recipients

Melany Alejandra Abarca Carmona	Sury Valery Mendoza Guadamud
Brian Javier Abreu*	Noel Alexis Morales
Idalma R. Aguilar	Mario Cesar Neira
Madelin U. Aguilar	Elkin Ariel Paredes
Jhan Nicole Sabatan Alino	Noguera
Alexis Gabriel Arbaiza	Bryan Andres Pravia
Juan Berrios	Brenda E.C. Quintanilla
Emanuel Joan Campos	Alanys Rivera
Sergio Samuel Campos	Cesar Alexander Rodriguez
Eslaine Fernandez	Leticia Rodriguez
Kelsey M. Guillen	Nicholas Fernando
Joao Jose Julca	Romero
Nancy Lopez Ruiz	Jessica Nicole Torres
Christopher Joseph Marron-Brown	Kiara Michelle Torres
	Helen Melissa Urias
	Rivas

* First Communion

Congratulations

to the following RCIA Candidates



Cecilia Acevedo
Jimmy Celis
Guiliana Celis
Erick Paredes

Luis Garcia
Arnulfo Rosales
Darwin Averos

*Welcome into the Family of Faith.
May God's constant presence be your peace.*

SUNDAY REFLECTION

One of life's persistent questions is "What if?" If we answer by looking back on our lives, we could face heaps of regret. If we gaze into the future, we may get carried away with our day-dreams or forget about the contingency of all things. But once in awhile, we get pleasant answers to the question, well-grounded and uplifting. Case in point: this weekend's Gospel passage. The unspoken variant is this: "What if Jesus were to explain some of His parables?" Fortunately for us, here He did.

As always, we admire Jesus' ingenuity as a teacher, using what is familiar to His audience at the time, in this case some rural workers. But as part of the Divine Word referred to by Isaiah, what Jesus said is addressed to a much wider audience than the original one. That happens to include you and me.

Now, some of us may actually have been sowers, at least when we spread grass seed on threadbare patches of our front lawn. Therefore the result of our sowing is also a bit chancy. We marvel when the seed catches on. Not so for (dare I call Him?) "Farmer Jesus!"

Perhaps because we have heard this parable many times, we pivot right to its application. Of the four landing places for the seed, we ask, "Which one am I?" Here we must guard against being cavalier about our answer. We may conclude that because we're hearing the parable at Mass, we have the right to say "I must be that good soil." Or, we could go in the opposite direction and hastily condemn ourselves for being "rocky soil" or even "thorns."

May I humbly suggest that, if you're anything like me, you have been all four types at various points in life. Our spiritual lives always seem to be "works in progress." That's because they are. It's a matter of two steps backwards for every one step forward." Of course, with no sarcasm meant, you just may be one of those hidden saints that have always been part of the Church, even though you would never say so about yourself.

But for the majority of us there is usually this bouncing back and forth. That could make me worry, which Our Lord said elsewhere is foolish. I am grateful that the Holy Spirit gives us St. Paul, one very transparent saint. He freely admits his progress and regression in the matter of his behavior. But note what Paul writes to us in today's Second Reading: "*I consider the sufferings of this present time as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us.*" Our very vacillation is a form of suffering. (So is coping with all the effects we have endured of Covid 19, although that is subject for another reflection.)



So, taking St. Paul's words to heart, we do not have to waste our time worrying about our eternal glory being in jeopardy because of our unintended relapses. As long as we repent and rise up to try again, we will see God face to face and experience a peace and joy unmatched by anything here on earth.

As for questions like "What if?" the evangelist Vance Havner (d. 1986) wrote this: "*There are a lot of questions the Bible doesn't answer about the Hereafter. But I think one reason is illustrated by the story of a boy sitting down to a bowl of spinach when there's a chocolate cake at the end of the table. He's going to have a rough time eating that spinach when his eyes are on the cake. And if the Lord had explained everything to us about what's ours to come, I think we'd have a rough time with our spinach down here.*"

Reading I: Isaiah 55: 10-11

This passage, which closes the so-called "Book of Comfort," finds us hearing the Lord make a proclamation about how His Word operates. It never fails in attaining His purpose(s).

Reading II: Romans 8: 18-23

Through the Holy Spirit, we as Christians become God's children, destined for eternal glory living with Him.

The Gospel: Matthew 13: 1-23, or 13:1-9

Jesus makes a definite appeal to a rural audience of workers. His parable of the sower contains an invitation to all His past and present hearers to reflect on it and make a self-application.

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Isaiah 55 : 10 - 11

Psalms 65 : 10, 11, 12 - 13, 14

Romans 8 : 18 - 23

Gospel from Matthew 13 : 1 - 23 or 13: 1 - 9



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The #WHATSMYNAME Movement asks everyone
to simply ask drivers "What's my name?" before
entering their vehicle to make sure it is the car they
are supposed to enter.

#WHATSMYNAME

In Remembrance of Samantha Josephson



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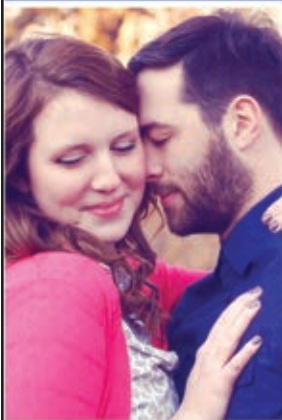
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