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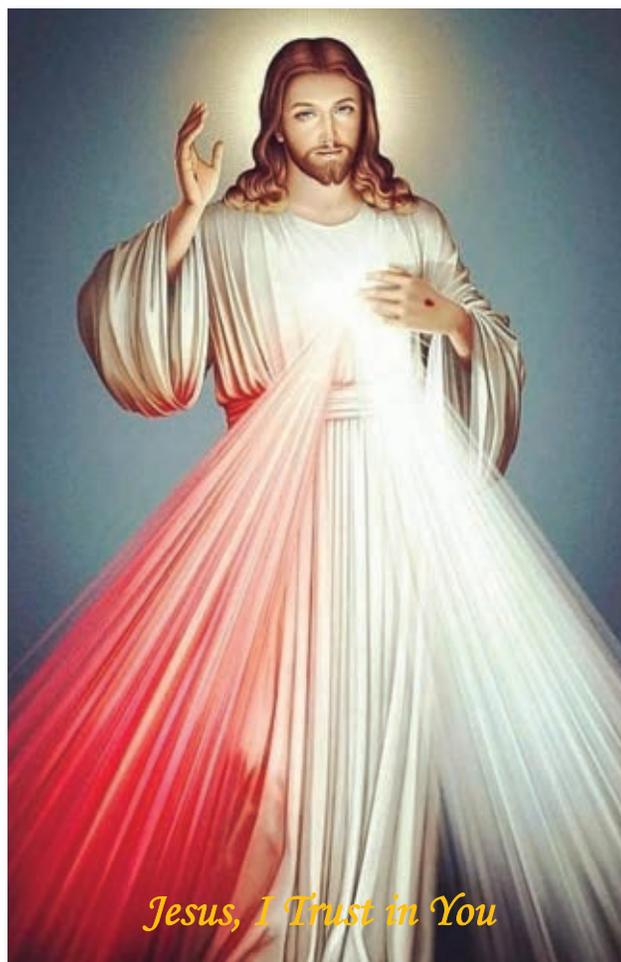
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"Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come."

Mark, 13:33



Jesus, I Trust in You

The Perfect Prayer in time of Covid19

*Eternal God, in whom mercy is endless and the treasury of compassion 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 confidence, submit ourselves to Your holy will, which is Love and Mercy itself.
Amen.*



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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(Trustees)

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2020

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

Hours: Mon to Fri, 9 am - 3 pm

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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28** (*Vigil Mass*)

4:00 pm (V) † Scott Hudzik

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29*First Sunday of Advent*

8:00 am † Mary Bunk & Johnny Coughlin

9:30 am † Vincent Badalis

11:00 am (FBL) † Recaredo Hernandez

12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Paulina Rivas

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 30*Feast of Saint Andrew the Apostle*

12:00 pm Tony Bayle (Birthday)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:00 pm People of the Parish

7:00 pm (SP) † Gregoria Julian DeMiranda

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2

12:00 pm Concetta L. Barone (Special intention)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3*Feast of Saint Francis Xavier*12:00 pm † Ascania Camil, Altagrace Camil,
Guy Lafortune**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4***Feast of Saint John Damascene*12:00 pm † Joscelyn Lafortune, Camille Lafortune
and Jean Robert Lafortune**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5**

9:00 am † Ellenor Capili Ajose (Eternal Repose)

4:00 pm (V) † Mary Pileggi

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:00 am † Francisco Garay

9:30 am † Dr. Blas Rayos

11:00 am (FBL) † Yuhas Family

12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Mary Georgine Rayos

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass
(FBL) Facebook Livestreamed Mass @ the parish
Facebook page [Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ](https://www.facebook.com/DivineMercyParishRahwayNJ)

MASS INTENTIONS ONLINE

The offering of mass intentions for 2021 is now open. Mass intention requests are now accessible through our webpage. Mass offerings and available dates for mass intentions are now visible at <https://divinemercyrahway.church/mass-intentions>. Credit cards and bank transfers are accepted mode of payments for offering. Anyone who has problems using the internet and not comfortable with online payments can still visit the parish office from 9am to 3pm, Mon to Fri.

**THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY****SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 29**

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1

12:00 PM Start of Novena for our Lady of Guadalupe

7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

7:00 PM RCIA English Class (104)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 PM John XXIII (Church)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

11:00 AM HOLY HOUR (First Friday Devotion, Church)

6:00 PM BLD (Church)

6:30 PM Rosary KOC (Adoration Room)

7:00 PM Guadalupano

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 59:00 AM Advent Recollection for Volunteers &
Catechist

5:00 PM Sto. Nino Novena (Church)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)

Check Events & News @ <https://divinemercyrahway.church>**ARCHDIOCESE OF NEWARK
DIRECTIVES for PHASE 3**

As of **June 21, 2020**, The Church is open for **SUNDAY Masses**. Only **50% capacity** of the Church or **70 people** are allowed inside the Church.

**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.
2. **Social distancing** should be strictly observed while inside the church (**6ft apart from each other**).
3. **NO MASK NO ENTRY**. Mask should be worn inside the church at all times
4. Parishioners should take their temperature before coming to Mass. **Anyone showing symptoms of sickness must stay home**.
5. Parishioners are asked not to congregate after all Masses and should leave the church immediately unless they plan

Prayers of the Faithful (November 29)

"That we don't take our time on earth for granted and look at each day as a gift from GOD."

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dearest Parishioners,

My report regarding the Roof (Church & Rectory), Ceiling & Wall Repairs. Initially this project is only to repair the leaking portion of our church and rectory roof and replace the rotting portion of the church walls and ceiling due to leaks. I was very confident when I first talked to the roofer that the church fund will suffice. However as the repair went on more problems with the church roof were discovered. The roof of the church has reached its life of 35 years and repair will not solve the leaks. A replacement of the entire half of the roof was highly recommended by the roofer. The original estimate for repair was 15,750 but when the second proposal came, an additional \$11,900 is needed to cover the replacement of the roof. This leaves me with no alternative but to appeal to your generosity once again and ask for your financial assistance and prayers in helping us meet this goal. I understand that these are difficult times but we need to take care of the Lord's house for us and for future generations. The total cost of this project is \$27,650. As of **November 19, 2020** the total donation for this project is \$6,250.

DONORS

Arlene Mione - \$500	Robert Sivitsky - \$500
Brenda Bonvillain - \$200	Peter Romeo - \$500
Jose & Angela Osorio - \$300	Janice Fech - \$250
Frank & Joan DePaolo - \$100	Maria Wilms - \$500
Genevieve Norante - \$500	Mary Riccardi - \$100
Familia Barbar y Charro - \$100	Anonymous 1 - \$250
Joe & Kathy Keefe - \$100	Justo Cruel - \$150
Margareth Glemaud - \$100	Robert & Debra - \$400
Soledad Varela - \$500	Anonymous 2 - \$100
Filipino Choir - \$200	Emily Cruel - \$200
Alan & Patricia Dolansky - \$500	Dorothy Yuhás - \$200

Thank you very much for your continued support and generosity. May God bless you all.

Yours in Christ,
Rev. Alexander T. Cruz



It's with great pleasure that we announce the appointment of our pastor Rev. Alexander T. Cruz as the new Dean of Union County Southeast, Deanery #24 beginning Dec 1, 2020. He will be the leading the deanery for six parishes in Clark, Linden and Rahway. Let us congratulate and send our prayers and blessings to the Very Rev. Fr. Alexander T. Cruz.



Baptism

Let's welcome and pray for the newly Baptized of our parish community *Abraham Silva Rivera, Chloe Eva Olle, and Arlet Guadalupe Ponce Jacinto.*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Divine Mercy Parish (FUNDRAISING RAFFLE)**

1st Prize: 65" Flat Screen TV	\$513.00
2nd Prize: GE Refrigerator Haler 4.5 cu	\$211.00
3rd Prize: Barbeque Grill	\$195.00
4th Prize: Vacuum Bissell Power Force Bagless	\$59.00
5th Prize: Oscillating Tower 3-Speed Fan	\$25.00

Drawing: Dec. 26, 2020 | 5:00 PM | Church Auditorium

Winners need not be present.

No substitution of the offered prize will be made, and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.

Tickets: \$5.00 each

All proceeds will go directly to DM building repair. Look for Marion (Mickey) Andreko @ the 8 am mass on Sundays and in all weekday masses if interested. Her email is mandreko1@comcast.net.

Checks should be made out to **DIVINE MERCY PARISH**

- HOSPITAL VISITS**

This is to inform everyone that **Robert Wood Johnson Hospital** has recently issued an advisory that hospital visits will be limited due to the pandemic. NO Eucharistic ministers are allowed to give Holy Communion to patients at the moment. For the spiritual needs of your sick family members, please call our hospital Chaplain, Fr. Jozef Krajnak Ph.D. at 732-877-6835.

- COVID-19 REMINDER**

We are calling the attention of everyone to please do not congregate inside the church after mass for your safety. COVID19 cases in our parish is rising. Please follow safety instructions inside the church.

- CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE**

Our parish will have a *Giving Tree* for Christmas. It will have cards as décor and each card will have information of a child such as age, gender, size & request. Feel free to take a card and sponsor a gift for a child. Place your gifts under the tree until December 22. Let's make at least one child happy this Christmas. Please contact Josephine 732-2591882 or Diana 732-5350278 for any questions.

- SIMBANG GABI 2020**

Our parish will have Simbang Gabi or 9 Novena Masses before Christmas day. It's a Filipino tradition in preparation for Christmas Day. The schedule will be posted at our webpage <https://divinemercyrahway.church/announcements> and here on the bulletin. The Novena Mass will start on December 15, 2020 @ 6:00 pm.



Please remember to include our parish in your prayers.

Everyone can still send weekly offerings for our Parish by signing up at Parish Giving online. It is fast, secure and easy.

Thank you and be safe everyone. God bless.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE 2020

Confessions

Monday to Friday @ 12:30 pm
Saturdays @ 3:00 pm

Masses

December 24

Vigil Mass - 4:00 pm
Misa de Vigilia - 7:00 pm (Spanish)
Birth of Jesus - 10:00 pm

December 25 (Christmas Day)

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 12:30 pm (Spanish)

December 31 (New Year's Eve)

6:00 pm

January 1 (New Year's Day)

12:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 7:00 pm (Spanish)

Advent Prayer

Lord Jesus,

Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.

We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,

We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.

We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.

We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!"

Amen.

- Henri J.M. Nouwen

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.



For the Recently Deceased of the Parish

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



Wedding

Congratulations and best wishes to **Jessy Rodriguez & Jessica Fernandez** and **James Terry & Evelyn Salazar**. May Christ bless your marriage with a love that last forever.

CDC and Archdiocesan Guidelines in Celebrating Mass during Pandemic

1. Everyone **MUST WEAR MASK** all the time while inside the church.
 2. The front of every **available seat** is marked with a **WHITE TAPE**. Seats without the white tape 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 acceptable means of 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 hand** is 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 afterwards.
 9. The **Chapel** at the left side of the church will be used as extension of the church during mass and will be open for people with special condition and 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 parishioners by a Eucharistic minister.
 10. Please maintain social distancing when leaving the church.
 11. **Congregating after the mass** inside the church is not allowed.
 12. Please follow all the guidelines religiously.
- Thank you very much for your cooperation**



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 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. Hospital visits are still limited due to Covid-19.

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

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Reading I: Isaiah 63: 16-17, 19; 64: 2-7

The prophet quotes a psalmist who cries out like a despairing man, and implores God's intervention. He admits that God has abandoned the sinner to his guilt.

Reading II: I Corinthians 1: 3-9

Paul declares himself to be an authentic apostle by virtue of his calling. Using his regular salutation signifies God's goodness and His many gifts. He thanks God especially for His gifts to the Corinthian community.

The Gospel: Mark 13: 33-37

"Not knowing the day nor the hour" is Mark's reason for exhorting vigilance. Jesus expands His meaning to go past the pending destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple to include all Jews and Jewish Christians.

Reflection

One day, while filing away papers, the secretary of President John F. Kennedy found this note, written in the president's own hand. It read: "I know there is a God—and I see a storm coming. If He has a place for me, I believe that I am ready." Our Lord's warning this weekend to be ready, and President Kennedy's readiness to serve, invite me to ask: "How ready am I to put myself at God's service for whatever God may ask me to do?"

Today begins Advent: a new season and a new Liturgical Year. It is a short season, often cut off from a full four weeks by the secular calendar. It is as if there's such a thing as "Lent Lite," since it asks us to do penance and fast in preparation for the great Feast of Christmas.

Of course, one nod to the world around us and the media that frame it, and you would believe that this is the season for shopping, decorating, and even baking. None of those is bad in itself. But if any of it robs us of some quiet time for reflection and prayer, then we have wasted Advent time.

In fact, this First Sunday of the season traditionally pulls us away from thoughts about the annual celebration of Christ's first coming to make us reflect on His second one. That is very much an unknown entity, even though it is inevitable.

The whole point of Advent is not to exclude our pre-Christmas fun, but to remind us of life's serious side.



It's time to get ready for the next life as President Kennedy believed himself to be.

Nor does Advent ask us to pretend that Christ has not already come to us. It is rather telling us that Christ wants to come closer to us. One day in the unknown future, framed in the Book of Revelation as one of fire raging and trumpets blaring, Jesus will come back as He promised He would, to judge us all and decide our eternal fate.

In the meantime, we are asked to remember the fact of His wanting to come closer to us. In fact, we should desire to be one of His points of entry into the world, always being attentive to what's coming, rather than just to opt for a settled and comfortable life. This means that we actually facilitate the coming of God's world into our own that began some 2,000 years ago with Christ. Now each of us has a part to play. In other words, each of us must so live that it doesn't matter when the end comes because our whole life is a preparation for it.

In this context, it is remarkable what insight comes to us by way of that twenty-something Little Flower who is Saint Therese of Lisieux. Once she wrote this: "*Let us go forward in peace, our eyes upon heaven, the only one goal of our labors.*"

God love you and give you His Advent peace!

Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

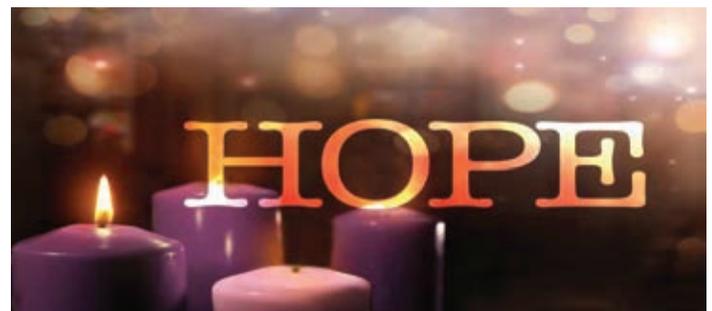
READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Isaiah 63 : 16B - 17, 19B; 64 : 2- 7

Psalms 80 : 2 - 3, 15 - 16, 18 - 19

1 Corinthians 1 : 3 - 9

Gospel from Mark 13 : 33 - 37



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