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Cf. John 6:63c, 68c



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

Very Rev. Alexander T. Cruz, VF

Pastor, extn 103

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Rev. Jozef Krajnak, Ph.D.

Resident Priest, extn 104

Joseph Keefe (Trustee)

Arlene Mione (Trustee)

*Fifteenth Sunday in
Ordinary time
July 10, 2022*

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
Email: office@divinemercyrahway.church
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Weekly Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 9

4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
† Albert & Margaret Reitemeyer

SUNDAY, JULY 10

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:00 am † Harry Freshcoln
9:30 am † Noelene Wolff
11:00 am (FBL) † Nicolas DeLoretto
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † Oscar Roman Martinez

MONDAY, JULY 11

Feast of Saint Benedict

12:00 pm † Rosa Lovis

TUESDAY, JULY 12

12:00 pm † Antonio Rodrigues
7:00 pm (SP) † Marisol Reyes and
Hector Reyes (Birthday)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

Feast of Saint Henry

12:00 pm † Joseph Peter

THURSDAY, JULY 14

Feast of Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

12:00 pm † Joseph Peter

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Feast of Saint Bonaventure

12:00 pm Nicholas Voyack (Special Intention)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel

9:00 am † Bill Flanagan
4:00 pm (V) People of the Parish &
† Catherine Brazinski

SUNDAY, JULY 17

8:00 am † Dominador Varela
9:30 am † Harry Freshcoln
11:00 am (FBL) Edward C. Rengifo Jr. (Birthday)
12:30 pm (SP, FBL) † John Reitemeyer
5:00 pm (F) † Corazon Barles

Legend: (V) Vigil Mass, (SP) Spanish Mass, (F) Filipino Mass,
(FBL) Facebook Livestreamed Mass @ the parish
FB page [Divine Mercy Parish, Rahway NJ](#)



THIS WEEK AT DIVINE MERCY

SUNDAY, JULY 10

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)
2:00 PM Couples' Retreat (AUD)

TUESDAY, JULY 12

1:00 PM Flamenco (103)
7:00 PM Guadalupano (Church)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 13

7:00 PM Baptism Class English (201)

THURSDAY, JULY 14

7:30 PM John XXIII (201)

FRIDAY, JULY 15

7:00 PM BLD Worship (Church)

SATURDAY, JULY 16

9:30 AM BLD (Aud, 208)
9:30 AM Renewal Lector/Eucharistic Minister (Ch)
11:00 AM BLD ME#54 (Connell Hall)
11:30 AM BLD (206, 103,104)
4:00 PM BLD DCS (202)
7:00 PM Grupo de Carismatico (Connell Hall)

SUNDAY, JULY 17

12:00 PM Food Pantry (Annex Building)
4:00 PM Private Event (Auditorium)

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YOU ARE INVITED TO

FAMILY FUN DAY

JULY 9, 2022

DIVINE MERCY PARISH
AUDITORIUM 1PM-3:45PM
MASS AT 4PM

CONTACT VIA TEXT:
732-535-7609
RSVP BY JULY 6, 2022



Baptism

Friends, let's welcome and pray for the newly baptized of our parish community *Averi Haven Mariano*.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

• 2022 CCD and RCIA Contact Information

Director of Religious Education: Ms. Susie Atienza

Email: dre@divinemercyrahway.church

CCD Coordinator: Ms. Jacqueline Berrios

Email: ccd@divinemercyrahway.church

Spanish RCIA Coordinator: Jaime & Ana Bustos

Email: rcia@divinemercyrahway.church

CCD Phone: (732)382-0004, this phone is available only on certain times please use the email instead.

• Wanted CCD Volunteers

The Parish is looking for volunteers as CCD office assistant and CCD enrollment support.

The CCD assistant must know how to do filing, has excellent communication & organizational skills.

CCD enrollment assistant must be bilingual (English & Spanish), computer literate and have excellent communication skills.

To apply for the CCD volunteer work, please email Ms. Suzie Atienza at dre@divinemercyrahway.church.

By volunteering your time and talent, you will also gain knowledge of the Catholic Faith and meet new friends in the parish.

• CCD Registration SY 2022 - 2023

CCD enrollment will start June 15, 2022. New procedures for enrollment will take effect this year. Students are now required to register for classes online. No more paper enrollment this year. Classes will start on September 11, 2022.

• How to register for CCD

Registration is done only through an [online link](#).

CCD QR Code



⇒Using your smart phone, scan the QR Code above & it will take you to CCD registration page.

⇒If your phone is not able to scan the code you can go to our website <https://divinemercyrahway.church/ccd>

⇒Click the box that says **PROGRAM INFORMATION** to register.

⇒If you have difficulties or in need of registration advise based on your specific situation, please visit the CCD office on:

Sundays 12:00PM - 2:00PM (From June 26 - July 31).

Wednesdays 4:00PM - 6:00PM (from June 22 - July 31)

• Devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Starting July 6, 2022 the devotion to Our Lady of Perpetual Help will be said every Wednesday after the 12 pm mass. It will be added to the list of our regular parish devotions.



• CCD REGISTRATION FEES

Regular fees for parishioners are as follows (until July 31, 2022):

Particulars	Fee
Non-sacramental	\$130
First Communion	\$180
Confirmation	\$200

Regular fees for non-parishioners are as follows (until July 31, 2022):

Particulars	Fee
Non-sacramental	\$180
First Communion	\$230
Confirmation	\$250

Discounts for 2nd and 3rd child will be calculated automatically when you register. Credit card & installment payments are accepted. For those with financial difficulty please contact the CCD coordinator or the Director of Religious Education.



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.

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

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, John & Margaret Reitemeyer.



Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord.
(Psalms 33:12).

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Pastor's Message to Divine Mercy Rosary Society

Dear Members,

For so many years you have dedicated your time, service and prayer for our Church. This year as you end your fruitful journey as one of our parish religious group, I would like to express our gratitude on behalf of the whole Divine Mercy Community. I also would like to thank you all for your \$825 donation to the Church.

I would like to impart to all members living and deceased fraternal blessings. May God's blessing be with you all through the intercession of our Blessed Virgin.

Sincerely in Christ,
Very Rev. Alexander T. Cruz (Pastor/Dean)



The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program of the parish is now accepting registrations for the Fall Session that will begin on September 2022. **This is both given in English and Spanish.** The last day for RCIA registration is August 15, 2022. English class will start on August 30, 2022 in room 104. Spanish class will start on Sept 4, 2022 (103). Please visit the parish website for information, requirements & fees. <https://divinemercyrahway.church/rcia>

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. Please send inquiries to dre@divinemercyrahway.church & rcia@divinemercyrahway.church.

Susie Atienza (DRE) - dre@divinemercyrahway.church

Jaime & Ana Bustos - Spanish RCIA Coordinator

Email: rcia@divinemercyrahway.church

Dearest Parishioners,

Peace be with you!

I would like to bring to your attention the heating system problem of the church. Last spring our heating system have reached its end of life and was declared condemned by heating companies after a thorough assessment and review. Several estimates were obtained from HVAC companies and the estimated cost of the **new heating system** is **\$275,000**.

Due to the urgency of this project, I am once again appealing for your kindness and generosity to please help our parish undertake this very important project. Whatever amount you can donate will be certainly appreciated and will go a long way to making our church a more comfortable place of worship when fall and winter season rolls in this year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone as well for the support you have provided to this parish for our past projects. I am confident that with your help and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we will be able to have a warm place to gather during the colder months.

As of this writing the total donation for the new heating system is **\$4,500**.

DONORS**DONATION**

Zenda Bowley	-	\$500
Genevieve Norante	-	\$500
Didith Quitola	-	\$100
Martin Donaldson	-	\$1,000
Citsay Family	-	\$100
Ann Ferguson	-	\$1,000
Emilia Cruel	-	\$150
Rose Rosales	-	\$100
Susan Barone	-	\$50
Kathleen Robinson	-	\$500
Robert Evans	-	\$500

Please join me in praying for the success of this campaign. May our Good Lord bless you and your families always. Thank you very much.

Sincerely in Christ,

Very Rev. Alexander T. Cruz (Pastor)

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

12:30 pm Novena on Mondays after the Mass

St. Jude

12:30 pm Novena on Thursdays after the Mass

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

12:30 pm Novena on Wednesdays after the Mass



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.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

First Reading: *Deuteronomy 30:10-14*

Moses reminds the people that God's commandments are not remote but are already in their hearts.

Second Reading: *Colossians 1:15-20*

Jesus is the head of the body, the Church.

Gospel Reading: *Luke 10:25-37*

The parable of the Good Samaritan

Reflection

The first thing to notice about this familiar story of the Good Samaritan is the question that provokes it as Jesus' answer. An expert in religious law asked Jesus the most important of all questions: "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The Jewish answer was clear: obey God's will as expressed in God's law. But God's laws were many. There were civil laws that governed public life in Israel. There were liturgical laws that governed religious worship and sacrifices. There were many moral laws about how to deal with other people. And there were the Ten Commandments, written by the finger of God himself on two stone tablets on Mount Sinai and given to Moses. Finally, there were the two great laws that summarized the Ten Commandments: love God with all your heart and your neighbor as yourself. Jesus had just said that to obey those two commandments was to obey all of the law. And the lawyer agrees with Jesus. So, it looks like as if he is totally right, and wise, and on the way to heaven. But then the lawyer, being a lawyer, demands a definition of "neighbor", the key term in the contract. Luke adds that he asked Jesus this question "to justify himself." That probably doesn't mean he was a proud and self-righteous Pharisee but that he wanted to be sure he was on the right path, so he asked Jesus about the meaning of the questionable term.

The assumption or implication here is that not everyone is our neighbor. Most Jews thought the Samaritans, who hated the Jews, did not worship at Jerusalem, and rejected some of the truths God has revealed to the Jews, could not be their neighbors and of course neither could pagan polytheists and idolaters. And that makes sense. "Neighbor" is a concrete specific word. And that means it must have concrete, specific limits. In other words, the question "Who is my neighbor" really means "Who isn't my neighbor?"

Jesus' answer reverses the relationship between him and the lawyer. The questioner and the questionee exchange places.



Instead of giving the lawyer the answer he demanded, Jesus' answer demands from the lawyer his answer to the question: Are you a good neighbor? Jesus' parable demands that the lawyer be a neighbor. He must answer the question now, instead of asking it, and he must answer by his deeds, not just his thoughts and words: "Which of these three in your opinion, was neighbor the robber's victims?" Jesus' answer does not tell us who to pin the label of "neighbor" on but tells us to pin it on ourselves by our actions. Jesus was asked to satisfy the lawyer's curiosity, to fill the lawyer's passive, receptive mind; and instead, he challenges the lawyer's will and life and moral action. He takes the noun "neighbor" and turns it into a verb. We are not just to know neighbors; we are to become neighbors. We are to create a neighbor-hood.

Knowing is important, of course, but mainly because it shapes acting. We do not inherit eternal life in heaven by passing an exam in theology, important as theology is. We get there by loving God and whatever neighbor God puts in our life.

If you were to ask Jesus how God wants you to live, he might reply, "Have you ever met a saint? Do you at least know some of the lives of the saints?" And if you say yes, he would reply, "Then know the answer." The lawyer's question "But who is my neighbor?" had a false assumption: that he didn't already know the answer to it. What is missing is not knowing the truth but doing the truth.

This is exactly what Moses says in today's reading from Deuteronomy. The knowledge of God's will, the knowledge of good and evil, "is something very near to you, already in your mouths and in your hearts; you only have to carry it out." We know the two great commandments; now is the time to start obeying them, no matter what we feel and no matter what the obstacles and the difficulties and the excuses. When you start making excuses, that proves that the time has come to do the thing you are making excuses for not doing.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, may your love always be the foundation of my life. Free me from every fear and selfish-concern that I may freely give myself in loving service to others, even to the point of laying my life down for their sake.

Prayer from <https://www.dailyscripture.net/daily-meditation/>
Reflection excerpted from Kreeft, Dr. Peter, *Food for the Soul, Word on Fire Catholic Ministries, 2021*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Deuteronomy 30 : 10-14

Psalms 69 : 14, 17, 30 - 31, 33 - 34, 36, 37 or

Psalms 19 : 8, 9, 10, 11

Colossians 6 : 15 - 20

Gospel from Luke 10 : 25 - 37

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