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EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Mon.—Fri.: 6:30am St. Mary, 9:00am St. Andrew

Sat. 9:00am SA, 4:00pm SA (*Anticipated*)

Sun.: 7:30am SM, 9:00am SA 10:30am SM,
12:00pm SA, 1:30pm SM (*Spanish*)

Holy Days: 6:30am SM, 9:00am SA, 7:00pm SA

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Peter Wehrle	<i>Pastor</i>
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WORSHIP SITES

St. Mary, Star of the Sea
326 Avenue C

St. Andrew the Apostle
2 West 4th Street

RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00pm—4:00pm, St. Andrew
or by appointment

BAPTISM

Children of registered parishioners are eligible for the Sacrament of Baptism which is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday of the month (alternating between St. Mary and St. Andrew) except during the Lenten season. Contact the parish office via email at baptism@BMTParish.org.

PASTORAL CARE FOR THE SICK

Any parishioner unable to attend Mass may contact the rectory to make arrangements to receive the Eucharist at home.

MARRIAGES

Arrangements should be started at least one year in advance for the necessary preparation. Parish registration of either the Bride or Groom is required.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Registration is required of all who wish to consider themselves to be parishioners at Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish. *Census forms and collection envelopes are available at the office.*

DEVOTIONS

St. Jude Novena:
Mondays after 6:30 Mass

Miraculous Medal Novena:
Tuesdays after 9:00 Mass

Morning Prayer:
Weekdays after 6:30 Mass,
Weekdays before 9:00 Mass

Communal Rosary:
Weekdays after 9:00 Mass

1st Saturday Eucharistic Adoration:
3:00—4:00 (*St. Andrew*)
Benediction following the 4:00 Mass

 **Mass Intentions
for the Week**

Sat., March 9 *St. Frances of Rome*

St. A 4:00 PM Patrick Maratta

Sun., March 10 *1st Sunday in Lent*

St. M 7:30 AM Salvatore Spagnolo
St. A 9:00 AM People of the Parish
St. M 10:30 AM Sclafane and Collins fam.
St. A 12:00 PM James O'Donnell
St. M 1:30 PM Mary Dash

Mon., March 11 *St. John Ogilvie*

St. M 6:30 AM John Zelinski and family
St. A 9:00 AM Brendan Pearson

Tue., March 12 *Bl. Angela Salawa*

St. M 6:30 AM John and Joan Zelinski
St. A 9:00 AM John Ormsby

Wed., March 13 *St. Leander of Seville*

St. M 6:30 AM Mary and Patrick Carroll
St. A 9:00 AM Dean Pelliccio

Thu., March 14 *St. Maximilian*

St. M 6:30 AM Ralph Masutti
St. A 9:00 AM Edgar Hess

Fri., March 15 *St. Louise de Marillac*

St. M 6:30 AM Calogero Gucciardino
St. A 9:00 AM Frances Cicchetti

Sat., March 16 *St. Clement Mary Hofbauer*

St. A 9:00 AM Anna Marie Squillante
St. A 4:00 PM Edward O'Rourke and family.

Sun., March 17 *2nd Sunday in Lent*

St. M 7:30 AM Barbara English
St. A 9:00 AM Anthony Ambrosio
St. M 10:30 AM People of the Parish
St. A 12:00 PM Damian Morkevich
St. M 1:30 PM Margaret Buckley

MEMORIALS

St. A. Sanctuary Lamp Robert Russo
St. A. Wine and Hosts Edgar Hess
St. M. Sanctuary Lamp Thomas Fienan
St. M. Wine and Hosts Thomas Fienan

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP KITCHEN

Lou and Helen Ambrosio, Louise Ambrosio, Daniel Bialt, Lois Biondi, John Buzinkai, Patrick Tierney

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

Saint Michael Archangel,
defend us in battle,
be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil;
may God rebuke him, we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell
Satan and all the evil spirits
who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



*The devil said to Him, "All this will be Yours, if you worship me."
Jesus said to him in reply, "It is written: You shall worship the
Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve."
Lk 4:6a, 7-8*

CONGRATULATIONS

On Friday, 3/1 at 12:00, ticket #237 was pulled for our monthly calendar raffle. Congratulations to Nancy Dean, who won the \$1,000 prize! There is still \$9,000 to be won. The next drawing is on Monday, 4/1 at noon.

LENTEN DEVOTIONS

Each Wednesday at 7pm, all are invited to join us for our Lenten Holy Hour at St. Andrew. This will consist of a period of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament when the priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will conclude the evening with Vespers and Benediction. All are invited to come and join us for some quiet time with our Lord.

Bilingual Stations of the Cross will take place each Friday during Lent at 7pm in St. Mary Church. Come and journey with us as we follow in the footsteps of Christ on His way to Calvary.

ROSARY SOCIETY NEWS

The Bl. Miriam Teresa Rosary Society invites all to an afternoon of fun! We will be exercising our inner Picasso with City Girl Paints by creating our own wooden Easter Crosses. The cost is \$35 that includes all supplies, refreshments, raffles and lots of fun. The event will take place next Saturday, 3/16 from 2 – 5 in the Andrian Room at St. Andrew School. For more information, contact Connie at 201-339-3714.

The Annual Citywide Rosarian Communion Breakfast will take place on Sunday, 4/7. We will begin with Mass at 9am at St. Andrew followed by a brunch at the Chandelier. Tickets are \$36 at the Parish Office. All women are invited to attend.

FAITH GIVING

As always, we thank you for your continued generous support of Bl. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish.

03/03	Sunday Collection	\$ 11,681.00
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Last Wednesday we began the season of Lent. Our faith tells us that Jesus possessed the dual natures of being true God as well as true Man. It is interesting that the first Sunday always focuses on the temptation of Christ by Satan. Were our Lord not also true man, the temptations would mean nothing at all. We are called to strive, like Jesus, to resist Satan's call. In the Liturgy of the Hours, at Night Prayer each Tuesday, we are reminded: "Stay sober and alert. Your opponent the devil is prowling like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, solid in your faith. (1 Pt 5:8-9)" Sadly, there are many in this world who do not heed this advice from St. Peter and the devil has even found his way into Holy Mother Church.

This is a frightening reality that has brought real harm to so many of God's children and caused many others to lose faith. How are we to move forward? The season of Lent is a time for all of us to stop and look into the mirror. All of us need to ask the question: "How am I doing in avoiding temptation?" Am I staying sober and alert? Am I following the example set by Christ. It is through prayer, fasting and almsgiving that we remain connected to Him who is the Way, the Truth and the Life.

While it may not be apparent through the media's presentation of the situation, our local Church has been working for many years in trying to deal with the problem of those who have, for whatever reason, fallen into temptation. In our Archdiocese, people have worked diligently to create a safe environment in which to worship, learn, and gather in our parishes, schools and other pastoral settings. We are all committed to build on the efforts of the past and continue to improve upon them. I invite everyone to visit the website healing.rcan.org. Here you will find a wealth of information on the concrete policies that have been in place to afford protection to those most vulnerable as well as how to move forward when abuse is suspected.

Don't be fooled, the devil is active in our world today. He seeks to break the relationship we have with our Lord who loves us. As he tempted God's own Son in the desert with promises of wealth and power, so too does he prey on us. We all express genuine sorrow and regret that many who put their trust in a member of the Church have had that trust profoundly betrayed. During this season of Lent, let us all pledge to pray for the healing of those who have been harmed and also that we can all strive to resist temptation so as to live always as we were created, in the image and likeness of God, our heavenly Father!

CALLING ALL YOUTH

Our parish Youth Group, Rising Apostles, would like to invite all young people between the ages of 13 and 18 to our "Movie Night" on Friday, 3/15, from 6:30- 9:00 in the Robinson Hall at St. Vincent Church (46th St. and Ave. C.) We will be viewing Mel Gibson's film "The Passion of the Christ." Refreshments will be served. Please bring your friends. Permission slips are available at the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP CORNER

All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for ---and generous in sharing--- the abundance God has poured into my life?

SHARING GOD'S BLESSING

This past weekend another 16 families made pledges of \$5,700 to the 2019 Annual Appeal. That brings our total pledges to \$40,395 from 150 families. The average gift is just shy of \$300. This means that we have already reached 86% of our parish goal of \$50,499. At present we have 1836 registered families which means that only 8% of our parishioners are participating. I encourage you to view the 3 video vignettes by visiting RCAN.org/Stories. These are told by Lauren, Shakree, Marcos and his wife Glenda, people whose lives have been changed by the generosity to the appeals of years past. You can make a pledge right there on the website or by using one of the brochures that are available at both of our worship spaces. Please consider making a pledge to assist the great works of the Archdiocese of Newark through a contribution to the 2019 Sharing God's Blessings Annual Appeal.

LENTEN REFLECTIONS

As you know, Bl. Miriam Teresa Parish has provided a free subscription to FORMED.org. This wonderful resource is now also available as an app for your tablets and phones. To access your subscription, go to FORMED.org website and create your free account using the parish code: 8V6MZ7.

A series of Lenten reflections can help you to experience the Catholic faith in a whole new way. Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox. Don't miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. These reflections are available in both English and Spanish.

SPRING FLEA MARKET

Our Spring Flea Market is back by popular demand and will take place on Saturday, 5/11. Contracts for table rentals will be available beginning on Monday, 3/18 at 10am. The cost is \$25 for a 6' table. We will also have a few parish tables. Donations of gently used household items and clothing (no furniture) can be brought to the parish office during regular business hours.

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those serving in the Military:

Emerson Fandialan, Michael Gallagher, Joseph Materowski, Brandon Picerno, Lindsey Redondo, Shawn Redondo

For those who are sick and suffering:

Michelle Burns, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Loretta Cerullo, George Dewarn, Lillican DiLorenzo, Gilda Mendoza, William Hauser, Nancy Herrera, Mason Johanson, Alice Koenig, Mary Lee, Maria Mercedes, Frederick Muntzer, Mary Louise Pedde, Silvia Perez, Charles Protnicki, Angelica Rodriguez, Barbara Rotunno, Samia Said, Dolores Swokla, Eileen Swokla, Mary Tobolski, Ezequiel Yost,

For those who have died:

Margaret Penney

MARCH 10, 2019

ASCA NEWS

The students at All Saints Catholic Academy will be taking the Iowa Assessments this week. There is no studying necessary for this. The only preparations they should be making beyond getting a good night's sleep and having a healthy breakfast is to bring in sharpened #2 pencils. This is the last year the Archdiocese of Newark will be using the Iowa Assessments. MAP Growth testing will replace it beginning in 2020.

Irish Heritage is being recognized this week. Our vestibule will be adorned with artifacts and mementos on loan to us from our school families. Friday's Tag Day has a "green" theme.

Our Al Richard's Easter candy sale has begun. If you would like to place an order, please call the school office.

ASCA will be holding an Open House for prospective families each Wednesday morning of March from 9-11am. Registration for the 2019-2020 has begun and classes are filling quickly. Sr. Rita has already received inquiries about our 2020-2021 school year! Registration information may be found online at www.ascabayonne.org or by calling the school office at 201-443-8384.

BINGO!

Each Friday evening at 7:30pm the BINGO games begin at All Saints Catholic Academy. Over \$1,400.00 in cash prizes are given away every week. Bring a friend to have some fun and try your luck! You must be 18 years old to play and the doors open at 6:00pm. If you'd like to volunteer to help with BINGO, contact the parish office.

SUPPORT VOCATIONS

The Hudson County Serra Society, an organization fostering vocations to the priesthood and religious life, is having their Annual Seminarian Mass and Dinner on Tuesday, 3/26. Msgr. Gregory Studerus, Episcopal Vicar of Hudson County will celebrate the Mass here at St. Mary Church at 6pm. Dinner will follow at the Chandelier Restaurant. This year the Serra Society will honor Sr. Patricia Stringer, OP and will also posthumously honor Patricia Haggerty and Bob McNutt. The cost of the dinner is \$60/person. For tickets and information, please contact Michael at MABruz@verizon.net or 201-463-2380.

SAINTS ALIVE

The next time you recite the Creed at Mass, think of St. Leander of Seville. He introduced the practice in the VI Century. It was a way to reinforce faith and work against Arianism, which denied the divinity of Christ. Leander's own family was heavily influenced by Arianism, but he himself grew up to be a fervent Christian. He entered a monastery as a young man and spent three years in prayer and study. At the end of that tranquil period he was made a bishop. For the rest of his life he worked strenuously to fight against heresy. The death of the anti-Christian king in 586 helped Leander's cause. He and the new king worked hand in hand to restore orthodoxy and a renewed sense of morality. Leander succeeded in persuading many Arian bishops to change their loyalties. Leander died around 600.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., March 10

8:45—11:30 Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 (ASCA)

Mon., March 11

4:00pm Legion de Maria (St. Joseph Room)

Tues., March 12

6:30—8:00 Religious Ed. Gr. 7-8, RCIT (ASCA)

7:00pm Grupo de Oracion (St. Joseph Room)

Wed., March 13

4:00—5:30 Religious Ed. Gr. 3-6 (ASCA)

6:30pm Girl Scouts (Andrean Room)

7:00pm Serra Society (St. Joseph Room)

7:00pm Lenten Holy Hour (St. Andrew)

Thurs., March 14

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (St. Mary Church)

Fri., March 15

6:30pm Youth Group Movie Night (St. Vincent)

7:00pm Stations of the Cross (St. Mary Church)

7:30pm Bingo (ASCA Cafeteria)

Sat., March 16

9:00—11:30 Food Pantry Distribution (St. Joseph Room)

2:00pm Rosary Society Paint Party (Andrean Room)

4:00pm Soup Kitchen (ASCA Cafeteria)

Sun., March 17

8:45—11:30 Religious Ed. Gr. 1-6 (ASCA)

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- 03/26 Serra Seminarian Mass and Dinner
- 04/21 Easter
- 04/28 First Communion
- 04/30—05/4 Parish Carnival
- 05/11 Spring Flea Market
- 05/13 Confirmation

Readings for the Week of March 10, 2019

Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26

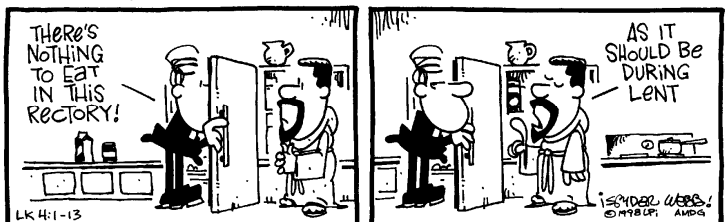
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Phil 3:17—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Abram's faith is sealed with a covenant initiated by God, our light and our salvation. The transfiguration of Jesus prefigures the transformation in glory to which we are called by our sharing in the paschal mystery—the dying and rising of Jesus.

1st SUNDAY OF LENT





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