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A Call to Holiness

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BELIEVE

“Do you believe in
the Son of Man?”

JOHN 9:35B

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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

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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

March 22, 2020

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 **Mass Intentions for the Week**

Sat., March 21 *St. Arcangelo Tadini*
 St. A 4:00 PM Patrick and Anne Boyle

Sun., March 22 *4th Sunday in Lent*
 St. M 7:30 AM Salvatore Spagnolo
 St. A 9:00 AM People of the Parish
 St. M 10:30 AM Joseph Prussak
 St. A 12:00 PM Irene and Andrew Yevchak
 St. M 1:30 PM Alfonso Brito

Mon., March 23 *St. Turibius of Mogrovejo*
 St. M 6:30 AM Kathleen Boyle
 St. A 9:00 AM James Forker

Tue., March 24 *St. Aldemar*
 St. M 6:30 AM Joseph Szaro
 St. A 9:00 AM Mary Beth Reynolds

Wed., March 25 *Annunciation of the Lord*
 St. M 6:30 AM Daniel Kinahan
 St. A 9:00 AM Donna Cabarle

Thu., March 26 *St. Margaret Clitherow*
 St. M 6:30 AM John Zelinski and family
 St. A 9:00 AM Maria Casalnuovo

Fri., March 27 *St. Rupert*
 St. M 6:30 AM Mary Ellen Calverley
 St. A 9:00 AM Pauline Cimboric

Sat., March 28 *St. Venturino of Bergamo*
 St. A 9:00 AM James Graziano
 St. A 4:00 PM Lillian Rizzo

Sun., March 29 *5th Sunday in Lent*
 St. M 7:30 AM Casmir Bandinelli
 St. A 9:00 AM Robert Glenn
 St. M 10:30 AM People of the Parish
 St. A 12:00 PM Anna and Louis Sclafane Family
 St. M 1:30 PM En Accion de Gracias

MEMORIALS

St. A. Sanctuary Lamp Kathleen and John Barry
 St. A. Wine and Hosts Madeline Mc Nutt
 St. M. Sanctuary Lamp
 St. M. Wine and Hosts Joseph Tomasello

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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.



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, He found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is He, Sir, that I may believe in Him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen Him and the One speaking with you is He." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped Him. - Jn 9:35-38

PRAYER REQUESTS

For those serving in the Military:
 Joseph Barbarise, Vincent Barbarise, Brandon Materowski, Joseph Materowski, Brandon Picerno, Shawn Redondo, Jonathan Weeks

For those who are sick and suffering:
 Claudia Adamson, Gladys Astudillo, Hector Brito, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Agnes Cotter, Maria Fernandez, Eulogio Ferrales, Irma Gomez, Marilyn Hager, Jake Hall, Nancy Herrera, Vanessa Hlavaty, Mason Johansson, Anthony Kotowski, Rebecca LaValle, Celestina Mercedes, John Oronzio, Rita Paragone, James Pullaro, Epifania Rivera, Barbara Rotunno, Edward Rydwin, Lorraine Seidel, Sharon Smith, Theresa Sullivan, Veronica Tirado, Gregory Trapp, Humberto Valdez, Diana Van Allen, John Wilson, Ezequiel Yost

For those who have died: Frederick Claridge, Mary Druback, Teresa Nilan



FAITH GIVING

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

3/15	Sunday Collection	\$ 1,536.00
	Grounds and Maintenance	\$ 645.00

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

We are truly living in the strangest of times. Two weeks ago, it would have been hard to imagine that churches would be closed. I completely understand the distress many of you feel about not being able to attend Mass and receive Holy Communion. However, I would like to (re)introduce to you something that has fallen out of use over the past decades – even to the point that those of you who are younger may never have heard of it. It is the possibility of making a Spiritual Communion. It is a praiseworthy practice that is useful even under normal circumstances.

Up until the Middle Ages, the faithful received Holy Communion on a regular basis, much like we do today. However, during the Middle Ages, for unclear reasons, the reception of Holy Communion became very rare. So rare was the reception of Holy Communion that the Fourth Lateran Council (1215) compelled the faithful, under pain of excommunication, to receive at least once a year. In the years that followed, many Saints and reformers encouraged frequent reception of Holy Communion. Finally, in 1905 Pope St. Pius X encouraged daily communion to those in a state of grace. Now, it is true that not everyone can get to Mass every day, but that doesn't mean they are necessarily deprived of the graces available through the reception of Holy Communion. There is such a thing as making a Spiritual Communion and the Catechism of the Council of Trent even included pointers about making a Spiritual Communion.

“When you do not receive communion and you do not attend Mass, you can make a spiritual communion, which is a most beneficial practice; by it the love of God will be greatly impressed on you.” – St. Teresa of Avila, *The Way of Perfection*:

“If we are deprived of Sacramental Communion, let us replace it, as far as we can, by Spiritual Communion, which we can make every moment; for we ought to have always a burning desire to receive the good God. Communion is to the soul like blowing a fire that is beginning to go out, but that has still plenty of hot embers; we blow, and the fire burns again.” – St. Jean Vianney

St. Thomas Aquinas distinguished Spiritual Communion from Sacramental Communion (physically receiving the Eucharist) as, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the most holy sacrament and lovingly embrace Him.”

Most recently, Benedict XVI recommended making Spiritual Communion in *Sacramentum caritatis*:

“Even in cases where it is not possible to receive Sacramental Communion, participation at Mass remains necessary, important, meaningful and fruitful. In such circumstances it is beneficial to cultivate a desire for full union with Christ through the practice of Spiritual Communion, praised by Pope John Paul II and recommended by saints who were masters of the spiritual life.”

So, how do you make a Spiritual Communion?

As with Sacramental Communion, it is necessary to be in a state of grace. Make a good examination of conscience. If you are aware of any grave sin, go to confession. Receiving Holy Communion in a state of sin is fruitless and even damaging to a soul.

Once you are in a state of grace, you could use one of a few standard prayers. Here is one from St. Alphonsus Liguori:

“My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.”

Making a Spiritual Communion can be done at any time of the day, as many times as you like and anywhere you like.

“If you practice the holy exercise of Spiritual Communion several times each day, within a month you will see your heart completely changed.” – St. Leonard of Port Maurice

My brothers and sisters, we may be deprived of the possibility of receiving the Holy Eucharist under these strange circumstances, but that does not mean that we are deprived of God's grace that He can, and does, give through Spiritual Communion.

Be assured of my daily prayers for each of you.

POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER FOR PROTECTION AND HELP

“O Mary,
you always shine on our path
as a sign of salvation and of hope.

We entrust ourselves to you,
Health of the Sick,
who at the cross took part in Jesus' pain,
keeping your faith firm.
You...know what we need,
and we are sure you will provide
so that, as in Cana of Galilee,
we may return to joy and to feasting
after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love,
to conform to the will of the Father
and to do as we are told by Jesus,
who has taken upon Himself our sufferings
and carried our sorrows to lead us,
through the cross,
to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge,
Holy Mother of God.
Do not disdain the entreaties of those of us who are in trial,
but deliver us from every danger,
O glorious and blessed Virgin.”

MARCH 22, 2020

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*“Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the Lord looks into the heart.”
1Samuel 16:7*

How often do we invest our time, talent and treasure in creating an appearance that does not matter at all to God? We strive to impress with our clothing, home, career, possessions, car and other marks of distinction. But none of these illusions of greatness will impress God. Instead, He will look into our hearts to see how much we loved Him, how much we loved others and how we showed that love by the way we used our time, talent and treasure here on earth.

SCHEDULE CHANGES

The following event has been **postponed**:
The Knights of Columbus Communion Breakfast.

The following events have been **cancelled**:

Wednesday Lenten Holy Hour
Stations of the Cross
Legion de Maria
Grupo de Oracion
Choir Practice
Bingo

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CARNIVAL RIDE TICKETS

The Carnival is quickly approaching and we're looking forward to another great event. As in year's past, we are selling discounted Ride Tickets before the Carnival begins. Single tickets during the carnival are \$1.25. The discounted Advanced Sale Tickets are 15 tickets for \$10 or half-priced. Ride tickets are great additions to Easter Baskets! Get them while supplies last!

TRIP TO WIND CREEK CASINO

BMT is running a bus trip to the Wind Creek Casino in Bethlehem, PA on Sunday, April 26th. The cost is \$35. The casino will be giving \$25 in slot play. The bus will depart from St. Andrew School parking lot at 10:00AM sharp and return approximately 7:00PM. A lite breakfast will be served. We will also have 50/50 and prize raffles. If you do not like to gamble, you can enjoy shopping at the outlet mall, which is connected to the casino, or enjoy a meal at one of the many restaurants. To reserve your seat, please call Maria at 201-437-6014. All proceeds from this trip will benefit the Sr. Charlene Schmidt and Fr. Foye Scholarship Fund. If you are unable to make the trip but would like to make a contribution to this scholarship, monetary donations will be accepted. Please place your envelope in the collection basket labeled "Schmidt/Foye Scholarship Fund" or drop off your envelope at the parish office.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., March 22

8:45-10:15 *****No Religious Ed*****

Mon., March 23

4:00PM Legion of Mary **Cancelled**

Tues., March 24

6:30-8:00 *****No Religious Ed*****

7:00PM Grupo de Oracion **Cancelled**

Wed., March 25

4:00-5:30 *****No Religious Ed*****

7:00PM Lenten Holy Hour (St. Andrew) **Cancelled**

Thurs., March 26

7:00PM Choir Practice **Cancelled**

Fri., March 27

7:00PM Stations of the Cross (St. Mary) **Cancelled**

7:30PM *****No Bingo*****

Sat., March 28

10:00-12:00 Baptism Preparation (St. Joseph Room)

4:00PM Soup Kitchen **Cancelled**

Sun., March 29

8:45-10:15 *****No Religious Ed*****



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

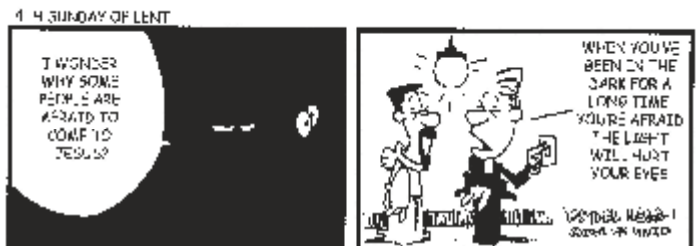
- 4/12 Easter
- 4/19 First Communion Celebration
- 4/28-5/2 Parish Carnival
- 5/8 Confirmation

Readings for the Week of March 22, 2020

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41
Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47
Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Jesus is our resurrection and our life. Because He has given us of the Spirit, we are no longer dead because of sin, but alive. In Jesus is the fullness of redemption.



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