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A Call to Holiness

BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA DEMJANOVICH PARISH



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:2

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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

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

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Philip Sanders *Administrator*
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly *Weekend Assistant*
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March 29, 2020

 **Mass Intentions for the Week**



Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said to him, "Yes, Lord. I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who is coming into the world." - Jn 11:25-27

Sat., March 28 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Lillian Rizzo
Sun., March 29 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Andrew) 1:30 pm (St. Mary)	<i>5th Sunday in Lent</i> Casmir Bandinelli Robert Glenn People of the Parish Anna & Louis Sclafane Family En Accion de Gracias
Mon., March 30 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mary Ellen Calverly William and Sophie Jursza
Tue., March 31 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Vito Spagnolo Bill Striffolino
Wed., April 1 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mary Ann Fritzen Ellen and John Gannon
Thu., April 2 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mary Ellen Calverly Arthur Keenan
Fri., April 3 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> Mary Ellen Calverly Patrick and Anne Boyle
Sat., April 4 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Lenten Weekday</i> En Accion de Gracias James Rehill
Sun., April 5 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Andrew) 1:30 pm (St. Mary)	<i>Palm Sunday</i> Teresa and Antonio Doria Ellen Duffy Michel Inzitari People of the Parish Salvador Altamirano

MEMORIALS

St. Andrew Sanctuary Lamp Wine and Hosts	Bartholomew Long Deceased Members of the Boyle Family
St. Mary Sanctuary Lamp Wine and Hosts	Joseph Toscano

FOOD PANTRY AND SOUP KITCHEN

Richard Betz, Teresa Nilan, Muriel Romeo

FAITH GIVING

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

3/22	Sunday Collection	\$ 670.00
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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: Dorothy Sanniola, Carmelo Fantino, Amelia Massarelli, Elizabeth Shyne

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office is currently closed until further notice. Please call before coming to the office. The voicemail greeting is updated regularly. If you have an emergency, follow the voice prompts.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR'S DESK

A Lent like no other... "an absurd Lent". Or, so it would seem. But Bishop Antonio Napolitini of the Diocese of Cremona in Italy says that our Lent this year is "in a certain sense perfect". He continues: "Lent is not about the beauty of custom," but about Jesus' forty days in the desert fighting the devil. It is about "the profound mystery of the evil, death and despair that exist." It is about our fight to overcome them. In conclusion, he says, Lent "is also about the presence of the Lord who is there [in the desert]. We must recognize his presence."

Bishop Napolitini had spent 10 days in the hospital with the virus which gave him pause to think. It should also give us pause to think.

Certainly, most of the fatalities attributed to the virus were among the elderly and those with preexisting conditions. But that is not exclusively true. Some young and healthy have fallen ill. I just heard of a 44 year old police officer this morning who is on life support. And so, what are we thinking about this Lent?

Lent is supposed to focus our attention on our spiritual lives. It is supposed to remind us that "we are dust, and unto dust we shall return". It is supposed to call us to conversion, to "repent and believe in the Gospel". Those are some of the first words we hear on Ash Wednesday when we receive ashes. We are urged to turn away from a culture that leads to death and turn our face to the Lord, the merciful Lord who offers eternal life in exchange for fidelity. What better time is there than this, our perfect Lent?

I say it all the time. Being a Christian and a disciple of Jesus is not easy and not always attractive. But so many of our predecessors have dedicated themselves and lived wholeheartedly for the Lord. Today, they, the Saints, share the eternal crown of glory. The Good Lord was merciful to them, forgiving them their sins and giving them strength each day to fight against and overcome the evil in their lives. He will do the same for us. We must never despair!

St. Paul writes that because of our Baptism, "we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in our hope of sharing the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." Rm 5:1-5.

These are certainly trying times and isolation can lead to despair, but despair is the work of the devil. Let us always turn to the Lord, convinced of his nearness to each of us!

DO WE HAVE YOUR EMAIL ON FILE?

The virus has shown that alternative means of communication are essential for a parish. The Sunday Bulletin is no longer the primary means unless you download it from the parish website every week. A great alternative is email. But that depends on us having your email address. If you have not received an email from the parish this past week and would like to be included on our

email distribution list, please send you email address to secretary @BMTParish.org and we'll update your parish registration .

ONLINE GIVING

I am very grateful for those who have dropped their envelopes off at the Parish Office. As you can see by this week's collection on the previous page, the deposit was very small. I am very appreciative of the economic uncertainty facing each family. However, if you are able to maintain some level of regular giving, it would be tremendously appreciated. The obvious option is to drop your envelopes in the mail slot at the Parish Office. However, a more convenient, *and even more sanitary*, means is to contribute through our Online Giving program.

Donating is simple, safe, and secure and takes less than five minutes. You'll be able to give to any of our collections and view complete financial records at any time. Set up a one-time or recurring donation by following these three easy steps:

1. Click on the "Donate" link from the parish website: BMTParish.org.
2. Select the collection you wish to donate to and click to make a donation.
3. Enter your payment information.

That's it. You can return at any time to edit your donation or to view your financial records. If you have any problems or would like us to help you set this up, you can contact us at the office and we can assist you.

Frequently Asked Questions:

Q: Which payment methods are accepted?

A: Contributions from checking accounts, savings accounts, debit cards, and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express) are all accepted.

Q: Do parishioners receive receipts for their donations?

A: Yes, all contributors enrolled for online giving will receive receipts via e-mail.

Q: What if parishioners feel uncomfortable not having something to physically drop into the collection basket?

A: WeShare provides printable donation slips that can be placed into the collection basket.

Q: Is WeShare safe?

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MARCH 29, 2020

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“Jesus said to her, ‘Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?’” Jn 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We go to church on Sunday. We volunteer for events at our parish. But when life gets hard, the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe, do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, being thankful for the gifts we have been given, we really do see that God is providing all that we need. It opens our hearts to see God's active presence in our daily lives.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Understandably, many are interested in the status of upcoming events that are essential to the life of a parish. These include Easter and First Holy Communion. We are still waiting for directives from the Archdiocese and Civil authorities as to whether these events can be held publicly. Please check the parish website for timely updates.

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

Religious Education Classes

Hudson County Serra Society Seminarian Mass/Dinner

CATHOLIC WISDOM

If you like the world and you take sin, relationships, our Father, and His Church lightly, you're saying that Jesus' death on the cross was in vain. We are to become the new man, renewed in our minds and living in Christ.

- Steve Ray

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.

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ASCA News

At the direction of the State of New Jersey and the Archdiocese of Newark, school has been closed. In addition to the students' books, we have been utilizing Google Classroom, Classworks, STEMscopes, and a variety of other resources to facilitate our online teaching and learning. We will be observing the following schedule:

March 30-April 7: Online learning

April 8-17: No Online learning (Holy Week and Easter Break)

April 20: Anticipated return to school.

THE WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun., March 29

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

Mon., March 30

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

Tues., March 31

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

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

Wed., April 1

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

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

Thurs., April 2

7:00PM Choir Practice **Cancelled**

Fri., April 3

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

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

Sat., April 4

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

4:00PM Soup Kitchen **Cancelled**

Sun., April 5

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

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

4/12 Easter
4/19 First Communion Celebration
5/8 Confirmation

Readings for the Week of March 29, 2020

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45
Monday: Dn 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14 - 27:66

LOOKING AHEAD TO NEXT WEEK

Jesus humbling himself out of love for us, did not shield his face from buffets and spitting, but offered his life on the cross. He relied on his Father's love..

THE SUNDAY OF LENT



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