



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish."
And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.
- Mt 15:28

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Mon.-Fri.: 6:30am SM 9:00am SA
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Sun.: 7:30am SM 9:00am SA
10:30am SM 12:00pm SA
1:30pm SM (Español)
Holy Days: 6:30am SM 9:00am SA 7:00pm SA

WORSHIP SITES

St. Mary, Star of the Sea
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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 normally celebrated on the 2nd Saturday 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 Theresa 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 4:00 Mass

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Philip Sanders *Administrator*
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August 16, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., August 15	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Helen McNulty
Sun., August 16	<i>Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (Private)	Maria Casalinuovo
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	Jim McGrath
10:30 am (Private)	Anthony Zalewski
10:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Aurora Garcia
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon., August 17	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Samantha Romano
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Catherine Giove
Tue., August 18	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	John Zelinski & family
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Antonio Prosapio
Wed., August 19	<i>St. John Eudes</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Dolly O'Rourke
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Regina Ryan
Thu., August 20	<i>St. Bernard</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Kathryn C. Byrne
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Regina Ryan
Fri., August 21	<i>St. Pius X</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Nicole Rista-Fitzpatrick
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Stephen and Pauline Gallo
Sat., August 22	<i>The Queenship of the BVM</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Kenneth Czachorowski
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun., August 23	<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	Maria and Giuseppe Russo
9:00 am (Private)	Tully and Dittus Families
10:00 am (St. Andrew)	Daniel A. McKillop
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Robert Langon
1:30 pm (Private)	Lazaro Escobar Gonzalez

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Albert Pormann
Brother Maitner

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Florence Hansen, Teresa Nilan, George M. Anderson, SJ, James M. Cramer, Mary LoBue



"It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour. - Mt 15:26b-28

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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, Kathleen Feeley, Maria Fernandez, Irma Gomez, Marilyn Hager, Nancy Herrera, Vanessa Hlavaty, Mason Johansson, Anthony Kotowski, Rebecca LaValle, Celestina Mercedes, Rita Paragone, James Pullaro, Barbara Rotunno, Lorraine Seidel, Theresa Sullivan, Veronica Tirado, Gregory Trapp, Humberto Valdez, Diana Van Allen, John Wilson, Ezequiel Yost

For the Recently Deceased:

Monica Chevalier, Jack LoCascio, Pedro Soria, Thomas Franchi

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.

Faith Giving

As always, thank you for your continued generous support of the Parish, especially during these difficult and uncertain times!

August 9: Sunday Collection \$7359
The Church in Africa \$832

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Administrator

So, here we are at Ferragosto. It's an Italian term that refers to the Festivals of Emperor Augustus during the month of August. Today, the Italians know it as August 15th, usually the beginning of the last two weeks of August set aside for summer vacations. I remember it as the beginning of my seminary days in Rome. Fr. Brian, the current pastor of Our Lady of Sorrows in South Orange, and I arrived just in time to experience blistering Roman summers without air conditioning. We often laugh about those first few days. For our first night in the seminary we were given our own rooms, temporarily. After Night Prayer we retreated to our rooms and tried to sleep. "Tried" is the key word. It must have been at least 90 degrees in our rooms and our windows didn't have screens. In some areas that wouldn't necessarily be so bad, but our neighborhood seemed to be infested with mosquitoes. With mosquitoes swarming around our heads all night and the rector's German Shepherds barking continuously, yep, it was a great start to seminary life! Fr. Brian and I would often ask each other what we'd gotten ourselves into.

As the weeks passed we settled into a routine with our Italian classes and our other activities. Eventually our Philosophy classes started at the beginning of October. Every day we had a specific schedule and the change from one activity to the next was marked by a bell.

There is something comforting about the ringing of a school bell. It reminds us that God's work is being done; the children are learning about God's creation. It could be the predictability of mathematics or the beauty of music. Either way, it is always learning about God. Although The Virus threatens to silence our school bells once again this year, that doesn't mean that learning stops. It might not be as efficient, but it doesn't stop. So let us pray that the kids will be at their desks this year changing from one subject to another at the sound of a bell.

Stewardship Reflection

Every day we are called by Christ to respond in some way. The more practice we have at giving of ourselves freely and living in His presence, the easier it is to discern that call. Once we hear the call, the choice is ours: will we respond with yes or no? We could say that we are not required to say yes because God has given us free will. However, our response speaks much to where we are in our maturity of faith. When we were children, the word "no" used to be one of our favorites. If we continue to say that as we get older, well, that says something about where we are in our walk with the Lord. If we truly are disciples of Jesus Christ and are serious about growing in our faith, we will say "yes." We are not required to say yes, but we say yes because that is who we have become.

This is the challenge of a stewardship way of life. Have we matured enough to say yes when God calls, regardless of how much our answer may cost us? What matters more to us: what it will cost us or our relationship with Jesus? Some days we will easily be able to say yes. The grace and love He gives us will be plenty

to see us through whatever situation in which we find ourselves. However, we are imperfect beings and there will be days when we are more into ourselves than Him. It is on those days that we find ourselves at a true crossroads of a challenge. The choice is always ours. Hopefully, our faith will be strong enough. His call is never for His own sake. He calls us because the world He created and the Church He instituted need us. They wait just as He does for our response. – TEW

Meet Fr. Johan Betancourt

Fr Johan D. Betancourt was born in Colombia in 1989. His childhood was spent on the farm. He is the eldest of four and the first in his family to graduate from college. From a young age, he was very involved at his home parish, St. Clare of Assisi, located in the city of Pereira, Risaralda. He entered the Seminary of Christ the Priest when he was 16 years of age under the sponsorship of the Archdiocese of Newark where he obtained a degree in Philosophy and classical languages in 2009. He completed his theological formation at Immaculate Conception Seminary at Seton Hall University and was ordained to the priesthood for service to our Archdiocese on May 23, 2015. For the past five years he has been happily ministering at Our Lady of Peace Church in New Providence, NJ. He comes with great joy to continue his pastoral ministry here at BMT Parish where the new chapter of his life begins.

Blessed Miriam Teresa's Cause

Blessed Miriam Teresa is well on her way to being a canonized Saint. The process requires two miracles that can be attributed to her intercession before the Divine Throne. One miracle is required for Beatification and the second for Canonization. We're now waiting for a second miracle. So many of us face dire health situations and we, rightfully so, beg for miracles. I would like to propose that you consider specifically asking Bl. Miriam Teresa to obtain the desired miracle.

First, it's good to pray for her canonization in a general way. Then, we can ask for specific favors. Here are the "official" prayers proposed by the Postulator of her Cause:

Prayer for Canonization

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we, like her, may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love. *Glory be.*

Prayer for Favors

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, for Your own glory and the sanctification of souls, glorify Your servant Blessed Miriam Teresa, by granting to us the graces which we humbly ask through her intercession. *Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be.*

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Why We Do What We Do

Question: Why are Catholics expected to give money to the Church?

Answer: Offering money and other goods to God and the Church is, before all else, a statement of gratitude. We see this when we look at how our spiritual ancestors showed their gratitude to God for the gifts they had received (e.g. Genesis 14:18-20 and Genesis 28:16-22). One of the ways they offered thanks to God was through a practice called “tithing,” in which 10 percent of a person’s goods (crops, livestock, money, etc.) were given back to God.

Today, the practice of tithing – giving 10 percent – is still common in many Protestant communities, but it is not required for Catholics. Instead, the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches us that, “The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to [their] own abilities” (no. 2043). This means that, although we are not bound to practice “tithing” in the traditional sense, we do share a responsibility to share our money or other resources with our parish community. Like our spiritual ancestors, we give as a sign of our gratitude for the many gifts that God has given to us. Beyond this, we also share our resources with other Catholic organizations to help them finance their ministries, to continue and grow their outreach to the poor and the needy, and to provide just wages for their employees.

How much we give depends on our individual circumstances, but since we share a responsibility for the programs, outreach, and health of our parish community and Catholic organizations, this question gives us a wonderful opportunity to ask some important questions about the quality of our giving and what our priorities are. Remember, we are only stewards of our time, talents, and treasures and as the First Letter of Peter reminds us, “As each one of you has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God’s varied graces” (4:10).



Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Our Home and School Association is having a Dine Around Virtual Raffle. One winner will receive seven gift certificates to local restaurants and stores (Sarelli's, San Vito's, Piccolino, LaBranche Café and Bistro, Mama Rosa, Palermo Deli, Harry's Liquors); the total value of this prize is \$500. Each ticket to enter the raffle is \$10 and is payable via cash or check (contactless drop-off at school), or by using Venmo (@MJ-Loiacono). Please provide an email address in order to receive your ticket number. The Facebook Live Drawing will be Wednesday, August 19 at 10am.

Registrations for the 2020-2021 school year are being accepted. The necessary forms are available on our website for download/printing. Registration papers and fee may be brought to school during office hours; there is a no-contact protocol in place. Interested new families who would like to tour the school, please call the office (201-443-8384) to schedule an appointment.

Parents, Flynn O'Hara is offering weekly discounts and possible free shipping on all phone and online orders. Information is available on their website: flynnohara.com.

Mark Your Calendar

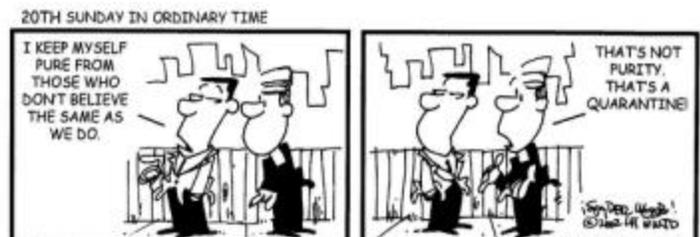
Upcoming events dependent on parishes reopening.

Readings for the Week of August 16, 2020

Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Mt 22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Mt 23:1-12
Next Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

Looking Ahead to Next Week

As Eliakim is given authority as master of the palace, so does Jesus confer upon Peter authority to bind and loose. To Jesus, who promised to be with His Church for all time, be glory for ever and ever.



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