



# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

## *A Call to Holiness*

### Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”  
- Mt 16:19

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#### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

**Mon.-Fri.:** 6:30am SM 9:00am SA  
**Sat.:** 9:00am SA 4:00pm SA (Anticipated)  
**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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#### PARISH STAFF

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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 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](mailto: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

## August 23, 2020

## Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish

### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat., August 22</b>	<i>Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
<b>Sun., August 23</b>	<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
<b>Mon., August 24</b>	<i>St. Bartholomew</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Jose Fernandez
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Regina Ryan
<b>Tue., August 25</b>	<i>St. Louis; St. Joseph Calasanz</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Irene Fego
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Ellen and John Gannon
<b>Wed., August 26</b>	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Mario J. DiNapoli
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Arlene O'Donnell
<b>Thu., August 27</b>	<i>St. Monica</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Paul Andrew McKillop
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Pablo Caamano
<b>Fri., August 28</b>	<i>St. Augustine</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Bridget Coughlin
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Maryann Danton
<b>Sat., August 29</b>	<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Ellen and John Gannon
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Grace Allen
<b>Sun., August 30</b>	<i>Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
9:00 am (Private)	Thomas Bukow
10:00 am (St. Andrew)	Michael Inzitari
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Elsie Doria
1:30 pm (Private)	Antonio Aldano

### Memorials

<b>St. Andrew</b>	
Sanctuary Lamp	Richard Dobronsky
Wine and Hosts	Joseph Levine
<b>St. Mary</b>	
Sanctuary Lamp	
Wine and Hosts	

### Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Marie "Dolly" and Edward O'Rourke; Grace Obedzienski;  
Mary O'Leary, Frances Perepeka



*"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then He strictly ordered His disciples to tell no one that He was the Christ. - Mt 16:19-20*

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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 Johanson, 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:

Lisa Ann Constantine, Chester Belenke

### 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!

<b>August 15: The Assumption of the BVM</b>	<b>\$1167</b>
<b>August 16: Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$5530</b>
<b>Grounds and Maintenance</b>	<b>\$4291</b>

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## Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Notes from the Administrator

Every now and then priests receive an emergency call asking them to come and give "Last Rites" to a loved one who has just died. In that moment, the caller is usually hurting tremendously from the shock of their loved one's passing thus making it very difficult to tell them that it would not be possible if the person has already died. The reason is very simple: Sacraments can only be received by living people. The deceased cannot receive Sacraments.

In the case of a sudden and unexpected death, we entrust the departed soul to God's mercy. Certainly He foresaw the person's death and can, therefore, make allowances for the person's inability to receive the Sacraments. In the case of a prolonged illness or danger of death, the administration of the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick should not be delayed. Sometimes, relatives are afraid to call the priest for someone who is dying because they don't want to frighten them. That is a sad case because all through our lives the Sacraments have comforted us in our distress. I think especially about the Sacrament of Penance. How many people can't wait to go to confession after having done something gravely wrong? Knowing that they have separated themselves from God by their sins, they eagerly look forward to receiving His mercy knowing that it is necessary to be in a state of grace in order to go to heaven. When we delay calling a priest for a dying loved one we deprive them of receiving sacramental comfort. It is absolutely an act of love to call for a priest for a dying loved one. God forbid they have a grave sin on their soul that could be forgiven before they pass and we don't call the priest!

As one approaches death it is always wise to put our spiritual affairs in order. Ideally, we would receive the Last Sacraments. These would include Penance, Anointing of the Sick and Holy Communion. Notice, though, that two of those Sacraments - Penance and Holy Communion - require the person to be conscious, which is rarely the case at the point of death. Therefore, it is critical to receive the Anointing of the Sick if the person has become unconscious. If a person is unconscious and, therefore, unable to confess their sins, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick forgives any sin the person may have on their soul. Among other things, the Anointing of the Sick also provides a spiritual healing by which the sick person receives the Holy Spirit's gift of peace and courage to deal with the difficulties that accompany serious illness or the frailty of old age. The Holy Spirit renews our faith in God and helps us withstand the temptations of the Evil One to be discouraged and despairing in the face of suffering and death.

So, when should one receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick? First, it is important to remember that the Sacrament should be received not just when one is ill, but in danger of death. This would include surgical procedures involving anesthesia and severe illnesses that could quickly become fatal. If, after receiving the Sacrament, one recovers and then becomes sick again or finds themselves in danger of death, the Sacrament can be received again. The important thing to remember is to

never, never wait until the last minute because it may prove to be too late.

### Stewardship Reflection

What does it mean to be a good steward? Does it mean to be an active parishioner, or something more? Are we better stewards because we give more in terms of our money and time to our parish, or are we called to do even more than that?

The truth is that stewardship is a way of life. We are not simply called to be active parishioners, but instead be active disciples all the time. In fact, what we learn to do in our parish should serve as preparation for the mission field of the world. What have we really done if we only act like disciples of Jesus Christ while we are assembled with others who claim to be the same?

The choice before us is to give of ourselves in all aspects of our day and life. The call of Jesus will come in our everyday lives with our co-workers, family, and friends more often than it will within our parish community. First, if we can't become good stewards when we are among those who proclaim Jesus as Lord, how will we be able to do so when we are with those who are non-believers? Second, when our muscles of gratitude, generosity, and graciousness are strengthened within our parish community, we are more able to meet the challenges of this world. However, we do not become good stewards by accident. We must always choose to live this way. What will you choose? - TEW

### Thank you, Fr. Andrew!

Since last September, Fr. Andrew Njoku has faithfully celebrated the Friday morning Masses for us so I could have a day off. He has also celebrated privately many of the Sunday Masses that we were not able to accommodate on our reduced schedule. Since Fr. Johan will be joining us full-time on September 1, we will not be needing Fr. Andrew's assistance on a regular basis except to celebrate some of the private Sunday Masses. I am very grateful for Fr. Andrew's commitment and dedication. Let us keep Fr. Andrew in our prayers.

### Religious Education

Registration for Religious Education classes is open. Parents should have received an email with the registration forms attached. Please note that the Archdiocese is requiring all students to learn at home with the help of their parents this year. In order to obtain the early-registration discount, be sure to register before the end of September. Classes begin the week of October 4.

### Congratulations!

Louis Soscia received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Sunday at the 10 am Mass. Congratulations Lou!

### Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will resume normal office hours after Labor Day. The office will be open Monday through Friday, 9:30 am - 6 pm.

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## Why We Do What We Do

**Question:** Why are only men allowed to be priests or deacons in the Church?

**Answer:** One of the most misunderstood teachings of the Church is that only men can be ordained as priests and deacons. Critics see it as a way of strengthening a patriarchal system in which women have little or no voice. Others would point to the fact that Jesus specifically chose only men to be apostles even though some of His closest collaborators were women.

But neither of those two arguments really address the reason. They reduce the priest to being a mere functionary. The primary reason is that when a person is ordained to the ministerial priesthood, they are incorporated into the person of Christ, the Head of the Church, such that, during the celebration of the Sacraments, among other things, Christ works through the priest. It is Christ who celebrates the Sacraments. Therefore, it would be very disconcerting for Christ, who absolutely had a male body, to be working through someone with a female body.

This was certainly the perspective of St. John Paul II who, in his 1994 apostolic letter, *Ordinatio Sacerdotalis*, closed the discussion on the possibility of ordaining women as priests. In the letter, he acknowledged the dignity of women and their call to share in the life and mission of the Church, but he concluded by solemnly declaring that “the Church has no authority whatsoever to confer priestly ordination on women and that this judgment is to be definitely held by all the Church’s faithful” (no. 4).

## Super 50/50 Raffle

Long before we canceled the carnival, we organized the Super 50/50 Raffle which normally takes place during the carnival. Rather than throw the tickets away, we applied for an amended Raffle License which allows us to use the previously printed tickets but have the drawing on an alternative date. The drawing will now take place at the Parish Office at noon on October 12, 2020. The Super 50/50 is a significant fund raiser for the parish. Last year, the winner took home \$8530. We are hoping this year’s prize will be significantly higher. The Super 50/50 Raffle benefits the BMT Parish Grounds and Maintenance Fund and All Saints Catholic Academy.

## On the Lighter Side

An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster. In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, “Oh, my God! Help me!”

At once, everything froze in place and, as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, “I thought you didn’t believe in me?”

“Come on, God, gimme a break!” the man pleaded. “Two minutes ago, I didn’t believe in the Loch Ness monster either!”

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## Bayonne, NJ

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### ASCA News

Due to COVID-19, the Scholarship Fund for Inner City Children is re-opening their registration window for one week, August 19-26. Please check All Saints Catholic Academy's website ([www.ascabayonne.org](http://www.ascabayonne.org)) for the links to apply. Applications must be done online and require specific documentation. If applying, please be sure your application is complete as no amendments may be made after August 26.

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](http://flynnohara.com).

### The Week at a Glance

Sun., August 23  
Mon., August 24  
Tues., August 25  
Wed., August 26  
Thur., August 27  
Fri., August 28  
Sat., August 29  
Sun., August 30

### Readings for the Week of August 23, 2020

Sunday: Is 22:19-23/Rom 11:33-36/Mt 16:13-20  
Monday: Rv 21:9b-14/Jn 1:45-51  
Tuesday: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Mt 23:23-26  
Wednesday: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Mt 23:27-32  
Thursday: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Mt 24:42-51  
Friday: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Mt 25:1-13  
Saturday: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Mk 6:17-29  
Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

Following the Lord means nothing less than the cross: offering ourselves with Jesus as a living sacrifice and not conforming ourselves to this world. Following Him will entail derision and scorn, yet the Lord is our help.



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