



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.”
- Mt 16:24b-25

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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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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*
Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly *Weekend Associate*

Philomena Coco *Faith Formation*
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August 30, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., August 29 *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Grace Allen

Sun., August 30 *Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*

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

Mon., August 31 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Mary) Jose Fernandez

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Regina Ryan

Tue., September 1 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Mary) Mary Louise Fisher

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Antoinette Paczkowski

Wed., September 2 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Mary) Mary LoBue

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Ramona Barreiros

Thu., September 3 *St. Gregory the Great*

7:30 am (St. Mary) Lisa Constantine

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Elsie Doria

Fri., September 4 *Weekday in Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Mary) Mary Louise Fisher

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Milann Gilson

Sat., September 5 *St. Teresa of Kolkata*

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Abraham Ortiz

4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Edward and Marie O'Rourke

Sun., September 6 *Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:00 am (St. Andrew) Caterina Doria

10:00 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*

10:30 am (Private) Salvatore Ajosa

12:00 pm (St. Andrew) Patrick & Anne Boyle

1:30 pm (Private) Antonio Aldano

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp

Wine and Hosts

Mary Spuma

James Doolan

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp

Wine and Hosts

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Mary A. Caldarone, Cioci Adeline, Grandma Kotowski, Jim Mulligan



"Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life?" - Mt 16:24b-26

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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, Mitchell Seidel, Theresa Sullivan, Veronica Tirado, Gregory Trapp, Humberto Valdez, Diana Van Allen, John Wilson, Ezequiel Yost

For the Recently Deceased:

Anthony DePaolo, Matthew Madea, Barbara Reilly, and Mary Spuma

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 23: Sunday Collection

\$5371

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Administrator

There was truly something remarkable about that woman. Something that caused everyone to stop and take notice. It certainly wasn't her height; she was relatively short. It wasn't her fancy clothes; she wore the same outfit every day. It wasn't her Olay complexion; she wore the years of love on her face. What was it, then? It was the transparency with which she radiated the love of Christ.

When we look at the calendar of the Feast Days of Saints, some Saints catch our attention more than others. I suppose some of that has to do with how familiar we are with their story. St. Teresa of Kolkata (Calcutta changed the spelling of their name in 2001 to more accurately reflect the proper pronunciation) is certainly one of those Saints. Sometimes, when I mention her to the school students, they might have a vague idea of who she is, but their idea of her is nothing like our memories of her.

St. Teresa was introduced to us during the age of mass media. She seemed to be everywhere, traveling the world, calling world leaders to task for their misuse of power with regard to the most defenseless among us. No one had the courage to challenge her. She caused members of the elite ruling class to squirm simply by being in her presence because they knew she spoke the truth. Who will ever forget the day she spoke at the National Prayer Breakfast surrounded by so many pro-abortion politicians? She had enviable courage!

During that breakfast, St. Teresa presented a penetrating analysis of what ails modern day society. What she said that day was prophetic: "Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want. This is why the greatest destroyer of love is abortion." And "if we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other." Taken together, these two statements go a long way to help explain the violence and unrest we are witnessing in our country.

In the early twentieth century, America's ruling class vigorously promoted Eugenics encouraging the reproduction of those people deemed superior and discouraging the reproduction of those deemed inferior. The discouragement came in the form of birth control, forced sterilization, and abortion. Woodrow Wilson signed a law as governor of New Jersey mandating the sterilization of the feeble-minded. Oliver Wendell Holmes, a US Supreme Court Justice, declared forced sterilization laws to be constitutional. Hitler was the most famous and extreme eugenicist. Aside from Hitler's Jews, who was identified as less desirable? Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, identified "morons, mental-defectives, epileptics" as prime candidates for forced sterilization. A second, larger group, would include the illiterate, unemployables, paupers and criminals. In the early 19th century, blacks certainly met those criteria. Uneducated and penniless when they were emancipated they had to fight against all odds to get ahead in a country that was absolutely against their upward mobility. As such, they were prime targets for Margaret Sanger. She was keenly aware that what she

was proposing could easily be seen as an attempt to exterminate the Negro population. In fact, she wrote in a letter in 1939, "the most successful educational approach to the Negro is through a religious appeal. We don't want the word to get out that we want to exterminate the Negro population, and the minister is the man who can straighten out that idea if it ever occurs to any of their more rebellious members." Now, whether her goal was extermination or not it isn't clear. But what is clear is that the white ruling class was unmistakably interested in controlling the population growth of those they considered undesirable. This is pure, unadulterated structural racism.

What is so fascinating is that things still haven't changed. The liberal (mostly white) ruling class decries racism, as well they should, but they will go to their death defending abortion which is inherently racist. The pro-abortion Guttmacher Institute reports that year in and year out, black babies are almost three times more likely to be aborted than white babies. Legalized abortion is a piece of the structural racism problem in our country. How can we claim to be fighting racism when we can't bring ourselves to turn our backs on abortion? No one can credibly claim to be against racism if they support abortion. Legalized abortion is, in many cases, legalized eugenics. Abortion is the violent means whereby parents can rid themselves of someone they don't want, especially if prenatal tests show that the baby is less than "perfect". And, so, quoting St. Teresa again, "if we accept that a mother can kill even her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?"

St. Teresa spent her life working among and loving those people many others would call undesirable. She famously told the story about a man they recovered from the gutter, half eaten by worms. After having the worms removed, "I have lived like an animal in the street," he said, "but I am going to die as an angel, loved and cared for." St. Teresa showed us, through our TV's, that there is something sublimely beautiful about unconditionally loving all people. And she is unmistakably correct. If we cannot accept the fact that we are brothers and sisters in the human family and that we belong to each other, then we will never cease inflicting violence on one another and we will have no peace. Our streets will continue to run with blood and our cities will burn. We need to be taught, and we need to believe, that violence is not the means of getting what we want. We need to recognize that all lives are precious and that we belong together. If we can begin to love one another, without exception, then we will truly see the coming of the Kingdom on earth, as It is in heaven. St. Teresa of Kolkata, pray for us!



August 30, 2020

Daily Mass Schedule

On Tuesday, September 8, we will return to our usual Daily Mass Schedule. Daily Mass will be offered Monday through Friday, at 6:30 am at St. Mary's and Monday through Saturday at 9 am at St. Andrew's. The Sunday Mass schedule will remain as it is for the time being.

2021 Mass Book

We still have a few Mass intentions available for 2020. Once they have been taken, we will open the 2021 Mass Book. However, please note that when we do open the 2021 Mass Book, we will initially only be taking intentions for weekday Masses. This is because the Sunday Mass schedule is still very fluid due to the pandemic. Our current Mass attendance trends do not support the need for five Masses on Sunday morning. So, rather than accept more intentions than can be celebrated publicly, it seems to be more prudent to see what kind of Mass schedule will be necessary to support the needs of the parish as we work our way through the coming year. We will provide sufficient notice when we are ready to accept intentions for Sundays and Holy Days.

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. You should begin receiving the tickets in the mail in early September.

Congratulations and Welcome!

Last Sunday, London Viola Tierney received the greatest gift any parent can give their child: New Life in Christ. London, the daughter of Amy and Justin Tierney, received the Sacrament of Baptism.

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.

Parish Office Hours

The Parish Office will resume normal business hours on Tuesday, September 8. The office will be open Mon. through Fri. 9:30-6:00.

Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Parents, please refer to the school's website to see the tentative yearly calendar as it contains pertinent information regarding the dates for the opening of school. Orientation for parents of Pre-K3, Pre-K4, and Kindergarten students will take place on Tuesday, September 8 at 3:30pm and 6:30pm; attend the time that is more convenient for your schedule. An orientation for families who are new to the All Saints Catholic Academy community will be held at 6:30pm on September 8.

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.



Readings for the Week of August 30, 2020

Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27
Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Looking Ahead to Next Week

May our hearts not be hardened, but may we turn from our sin. In our love for one another, we may be called to confront our brother and sister for the wrong they may be doing.



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