



# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

## *A Call to Holiness*

### Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



### 23<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother.”  
- Mt 18:15

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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

#### PARISH STAFF

**Rev. Philip Sanders** *Administrator*  
**Rev. Johan Betancourt** *Parochial Vicar*  
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#### WORSHIP SITES

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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

September 6, 2020

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### Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat., Sept. 5</b>	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Edward and Marie O'Rourke
<b>Sun., Sept. 6</b>	<i>Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	Caterina Doria
10:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
10:30 am (Private)	Salvatore Ajosa
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Patrick & Anne Boyle
1:30 pm (Private)	Antonio Aldano
<b>Mon., Sept. 7</b>	<i>Labor Day</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Antoinette Soriano
<b>Tue., Sept. 8</b>	<i>Nativity of the BVM</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Timothy Coughlin
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Nicole Giorgio
<b>Wed., Sept. 9</b>	<i>St. Peter Claver</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Ray Davern
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	William Kellner
<b>Thu., Sept. 10</b>	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	John and Joan Zelinski
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Joseph Ochs
<b>Fri., Sept. 11</b>	<i>Patriot Day</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Victims of September 11 Attacks
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Victims of September 11 Attacks
<b>Sat., Sept. 12</b>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Mary</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Sr. Ann Edgar Hess
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Helen McNulty
<b>Sun., Sept. 13</b>	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	Grace Teschlog
9:00 am (Private)	James P. Forker
10:00 am (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12:00 pm (Private)	George Cordano
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Petra Gonzalez

### Memorials

<b>St. Andrew</b>	
Sanctuary Lamp	Thomas Connelly
Wine and Hosts	Renee Maitner
<b>St. Mary</b>	
Sanctuary Lamp	Victims of 9/11
Wine and Hosts	William Kellner

### Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Irene Ballance, Chester Belenke, Domingo Casais, Ciocci Leena, Linda Killmer, James Mulligan, Marie "Dolly" O'Rourke, Edward Rydwin and Sharon Smith



*"If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have won over your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, so that 'every fact may be established on the testimony of two or three witnesses.'" - Mt 18:15-16*

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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:

Irene Ballance

### 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 30: Sunday Collection**

**\$5243**

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## Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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### Notes from the Administrator

This weekend, we welcome Fr. Johan Betancourt to our parish family. Fr Johan 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.

### Stewardship Reflection

I have been blessed to be a member of my parish community for 28 years. For much of that time I was serving as a member of the parish staff, but it was still the community that I call home. I have been fortunate to be able to remain in that parish even as my life has encountered new chapters and callings. I am so grateful to God that I have been able to grow, be nourished, and find companionship in a parish for this long of a time.

It is a natural tendency for human beings to desire belonging to something bigger than themselves. Not everyone is fortunate enough to find the community, big or small, that fulfills that need. Unfortunately, that means that many communities suffer from not having the benefit of the gifts, skills, and talents that any member can offer. Communities are in many ways living organisms that move and breathe based upon the individuals who form that body. A community is truly the sum of its parts. Your parish community reflects you and everyone else in that community. The more each member gives to the community, the stronger that community finds itself. If you hold back, your community suffers, and you gain little. I know firsthand what being a part of a community can mean to a person. I would be no one at all – and you would not be reading this – if it weren't for the life I have had in my parish community. – TEW

### 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.

### Parish Office Closed

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day.

### 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.

### 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.

### Winner! Winner!

Congratulations to Frank Picerno. He won \$1000 in this month's Calendar Raffle.

January	Barbara Keohane
February	Hilda Wehrle
March	Phil Coco and Vivian Crespo
April	Claire Kowalski
May	Rufina Binlayo
June	Annette and Dennis Collins
July	Clare Gannon
August	Barbara and Christie Grzymko
September	Frank Picerno

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## **Why We Do What We Do**

**Question:** Are Catholics allowed to donate their organs?

**Answer:** Yes, Catholics are allowed to donate their organs. In fact, the Catechism of the Catholic Church praises this practice when it notes that, “Organ donation after death is a noble and meritorious act and is to be encouraged as an expression of generous solidarity” (no. 2296).

The Church has a series of guidelines for health care providers called The Ethical and Religious Directives for Catholic Health Services. This document helps us see organ donation as an act of charity, but it also reminds us that we have to be sure that donations of organs by living donors do not “sacrifice or seriously impair any essential bodily function and the anticipated benefit to the recipient is proportionate to the harm to the donor” (no. 30); trained medical professionals can help to make this assessment. In other words, the removal of the organ must not bring about death. In the case of organ donation at the end of life, we must be sure of the intentions of the donor or of their proxy are always respected, and that the dignity of the human body is always respected.

In the end, we can look to Pope Saint John Paul II and his encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, where he noted that organ donation is a beautiful act of expressing the culture of life, when “performed in an ethically acceptable manner, with a view to offering a chance of health or even of life itself to the sick who sometimes have no other hope” (no. 86).

## **Census 2020**

Every 10 years, the Federal Government conducts a census to determine how many people are living in the US and where they are living. Among other things, the census is used to determine congressional districts and federal funding for cities and states. The census has been underway since earlier this year. The deadline for counting is rapidly approaching. Counting will conclude by the end of September so that the final count can be presented to Congress in December, as required by law. The Mayor’s Office has asked us to appeal to everyone to make sure you have participated because if the population of the City of Bayonne is under-counted, the city stands to lose millions of dollars in federal funding.

You can participate either on-line or over the phone.

If you want to be counted on-line, you can either go to the City of Bayonne website, [www.bayonnenj.org](http://www.bayonnenj.org) where you can find a link to the Census 2020 website, or you can go directly to [www.2020census.gov](http://www.2020census.gov).

If you prefer to be counted by telephone, you can call 844-330-2002 (English) or 844-468-2020 (Spanish).

It’s time to stand up and be counted!

**ASCA News**

We have a busy week ahead of us as school reopens. Faculty and staff will meet Tuesday for their yearly Inservice. Orientations are scheduled for parents of students in Pre-K3, Pre-K4, Kindergarten, and for those who are new to All Saints Catholic Academy. Please refer to the yearly calendar for times. Parents whose children will begin the school year virtually are asked to go to school between 3:30pm and 6:30pm to pick their child(ren)'s books and supplies.

The first day of school for students in grades Kindergarten through 8 is Wednesday. Though arrival time is 7:45, parents may bring their children to school beginning at 7:00 for Before Care. Dismissal will be 12 Noon all week for these students. There will be no After Care this week.

Students in Pre-K3 and Pre-K4 will begin school Thursday; their arrival time is 9:00 and dismissal will be at 11:00. They will follow the same schedule Friday.

Sr. Rita and her faculty and staff are excited to begin a new year, ASCA's 13th! Though we are in uncertain times and school will look very different, we will not stray from our dedication to our students and their families. We will continue to provide a nurturing, Christ-centered, learning environment. Our students will continue to be academically strong and see mistakes as opportunities for growth. We will maintain our belief that we are to be the hands of Christ and be sure to put it into practice. The changes that we need to implement due to the current health crisis will serve to help us to adapt and become more resilient.

**Readings for the Week of September 6, 2020**

- Sunday: Ez 33:7-9//Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20
- Monday: 1 Cor 5:1-8//Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23
- Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday: 1 Cor 10:14-22/Lk 6:43-49
- Next Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

**Looking Ahead to Next Week**

As the Lord is kind and merciful, so should we be forgiving toward one another. Our forgiveness is to be without limit and so reflect Christ's eternal love. He alone is the Lord.





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