



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Mt 18:21-22

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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

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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.

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 13, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Sept. 12	<i>Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Helen McNulty
Sun., Sept. 13	<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
Mon., Sept. 14	<i>The Exaltation of the Holy Cross</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Mary Louise Fisher
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Jessica Gallagher
Tue., Sept. 15	<i>Our Lady of Sorrows</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Dolly O'Rourke
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Rosemary Della Rosa
Wed., Sept. 16	<i>Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Edgar Hess
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Richard Kopacz
Thu., Sept. 17	<i>St. Robert Bellarmine</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Frank Conway
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Nicole Rista-Fitzpatrick
Fri., Sept. 18	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Marjorie (Meg) O'Halloran Blazinski
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Evelyn Taraszkiwicz
Sat., Sept. 19	<i>St. Januarius</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Joseph Szaro
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Edward O'Rourke
Sun., Sept. 20	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	Carole Dean
10:00 am (St. Andrew)	Deceased Members of the Boyle Family
10:30 am (Private)	Maria and Antonio Pineiro
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
1:30 pm (Private)	Manuel Caamaño

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp	Mary Spuma
Wine and Hosts	Carol and Bill Macko

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp	Leo Ferrales
Wine and Hosts	Leo Ferrales

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Marilyn and Daniel Duffy, Marie Swiney



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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:

Elaine Vulcano, Nancy Wilson

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

Due to the early publication deadline for this week's bulletin, the Collection for September 6 will be published next week.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Administrator

Forgiveness is a tricky business. We're very good at presuming the Lord's mercy. We know He will forgive us if we ask Him. But we're very slow to forgive those who offend us. How many personal relationships that have gone astray end in vengeance? Our Lord, in the Gospel, is very clear we must be as merciful and forgiving as He is if we want to enter the Kingdom.

A few weeks ago, I recalled St. Maria Goretti in my Sunday Homily. In that Sunday's Gospel, Jesus told Peter that he needed to start thinking as God thinks, not as the world thinks. St. Maria epitomizes that Gospel. She refused to accept *any kind* of intimate relationship outside the bonds of matrimony as being acceptable, especially rape. She yelled at Alessandro, as he was raping her, "No, it's a sin!" Regardless, Alessandro proceeded to stab Maria leading to her death when she was only 11 years old.

In the years that followed, Alessandro contemplated his crime as he served his jail sentence. One night, Maria appeared to him in his cell and extended her forgiveness as one would expect from a Saint. Once he got out of jail, Alessandro went to visit Maria's mother and seek her forgiveness. She gave it to him, unconditionally. In fact, the two of them went to Christmas Mass together where Alessandro acknowledged his grave sin and sought the forgiveness of God and the parishioners. Alessandro and Maria's mother fostered their relationship and the two of them attended Maria's canonization together in 1950.

Neither Alessandro or Maria's mother are canonized Saints showing us that it is truly possible for sinners to forgive, and to forgive heroically. Let us never tire of asking for the Lord's grace to penetrate our hearts and help us to forgive those who have hurt us deeply.

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.

Stewardship Reflection

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started. – TEW

Why We Do What We Do

Question: Can Catholics be cremated?

Answer: As the practice of cremation becomes more and more common, it's important to know what the Church asks of families who have chosen this for a loved one who has died.

As the US Bishops observe on their website, "Ideally, if a family chooses cremation, the cremation would take place some time after the Funeral Mass, so that there can be an opportunity for the Vigil for the Deceased in the presence of the body." However, if cremation takes place before the Funeral Mass, the cremated remains may be present at the Funeral Mass.

The primary concern is that the cremated remains should be treated with the same respect given to any human remains. The Order of Christian Funerals instructs, "This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, and the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping cremated remains on the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are not the reverent disposition that the Church requires" (no. 417). It is becoming more and more common for parishes or diocese-sponsored cemeteries to include columbaria to house cremated remains in a way that respects Church teaching, allowing family and friends the opportunity to honor the remains of the one they have lost with dignity, reverence, and care.

September 13, 2020

2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book will open on Monday, September 14 at 10:00 am. At this point, we will only schedule 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.

As in years past, each family will be limited to three Masses during the first month. Then, on Monday, October 19, you will be able to arrange for additional Masses. There is no limit to the memorials of the Sanctuary Lamp or Wine & Hosts. The donation for Masses and Memorials is \$10. Please use the form below to facilitate the process. Requests submitted by mail, in the Sunday Collection, or over the phone will be processed at the close of business on Monday, September 14.

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mass Intentions

Name: _____

Date _____ 6:30 am 9:00 am

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Memorials

Name: _____

	<i>Type</i>	<i>Where</i>
<i>Date</i> _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Wine & Host	<input type="checkbox"/> SA
	<input type="checkbox"/> Sanctuary Lamp	<input type="checkbox"/> SM

Name: _____

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Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Full days of school begin Monday. Arrival times will be per our usual; dismissal times will be staggered. After Care begins Monday as well. Upon arriving, staff members and students will have their temperatures taken. Masks must be worn during this procedure and while moving toward respective classrooms. Students will wear their masks in their classrooms and remove them only when given permission by their teachers. Teachers will wear masks and face shields. Students who will be participating in virtual classes must be logged in by 8:10 each morning and wear a school shirt per the uniform code.

Our annual Calendar Raffle begins Monday. Each \$20 ticket affords you 10 opportunities to win a sizable cash prize. Tickets may be purchased from school families or by contacting the office (201-443-8384).

The Week at a Glance

Sun., Sept. 13

Mon., Sept. 14

Tues., Sept. 15

Wed., Sept. 16

Thur., Sept. 17

Fri., Sept. 18

Sat., Sept. 19

Sun., Sept. 20

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming events dependent on parishes fully reopening.

Readings for the Week of September 13, 2020

Sunday: Sir 27:30-28:7/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Monday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

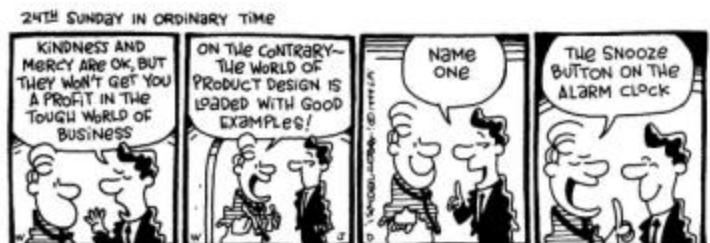
Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

Looking Ahead to Next Week

How different are the Lord's ways from our own! Gracious and good to all, the Lord is equally generous in compassion and love to both those who are quick to respond to His invitation, as well as those who are slow to hear His call. May the Lord Jesus always be our life.



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