



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Are you envious because I am generous?’ Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last.”
- Mt 20:15-16

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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 20, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat., Sept. 19	<i>Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
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
Mon., Sept. 21	<i>St. Matthew</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Kathryn C. Byrne
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Rosemary Della Rosa
Tue., Sept. 22	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	John Zelinski and family
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Evelyn Taraszkiwicz
Wed., Sept. 23	<i>St. Pius of Pietrelcina</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Barbara Zajac
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Regina Morley
Thu., Sept. 24	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Marjorie (Meg) O'Halloran Blazinski
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Kathryn Churik
Fri., Sept. 25	<i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Chester Belenke
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Robert Protocollo
Sat., Sept. 26	<i>Sts. Cosmas and Damian</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Rose Swanson
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	John and Joan Brown
Sun., Sept. 27	<i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (Private)	Maria Casalnuovo
9:00 am (Private)	Anne Dittus
8:00 am (St. Andrew)	Theresa Augustyniak
10:00 am (St. Andrew)	Barbara Sangastiano
12:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Mary Spuma
Kathryn Churik

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Harry Babitch, Honor Benson, Eugene Kaminski, John Kopil,
Bobby Riccardi, Mary Spuma



"He said to one of them in reply, 'My friend, I am not cheating you. Did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what is yours and go. What if I wish to give this last one the same as you? Or am I not free to do as I wish with my own money? Are you envious because I am generous?' Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:13-16

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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 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:

Honor Benson, Carmen Castro Ortega, Jeanette Kelly, John Kopil, Thomas Mason, Alicia Panczysyn, Rita Vinci

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!

Sept. 6:	Sunday Collection	\$7606
Sept. 13:	Sunday Collection	\$4835

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Administrator

The readings on Labor Day weekend were about fraternal correction. They're tough readings, especially the one from the prophet Ezekiel. It is a clear warning to priests, especially, to teach the faith in its fullness, no matter how difficult, or risk losing your soul. There are no two ways about it! A few days after that Sunday, someone said to me, "So, I hear you got pretty political with your homily on Sunday." To respond to that perception, I offer the following reflection.

As a priest, I am very conscious not to preach politics. Never once have I endorsed a politician or political party from the pulpit. That does not mean that I have not criticized statements made by politicians that grossly distort or misrepresent Christ's teaching. That's the solemn duty of a priest. Nor does it mean that some people have incorrectly interpreted what I have said as being political. That is an inherent risk in preaching.

The Church has the God-given right, mission and responsibility to speak about faith and morals. The Church exists for the sole reason of transmitting the faith, forming consciences and celebrating the Sacraments. All three are the means of our sanctification. All three of these are the means of building the Kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

Now, government and politics has the purpose of regulating public life through the enactment and enforcement of laws that apply to citizens of all faiths. Laws, by their very nature, are expressions of morality. Ideally, they properly express the moral law of God. For example, it is illegal to steal. Sometimes they express a morality based on human ideas rather than Divine Law. Adultery is clearly immoral according to the Divine Law, and while it is illegal in some states it is actually legal in others. So, the question must be asked, if a law permits immoral behavior, who wrote and enacted the law? The quick answer is someone whose conscience has not been formed according to the Divine Law. If they are Catholic, one must wonder whether their priest made any attempt to help them form their conscience according to Christ's moral teaching. Perhaps he did but the legislator chose to ignore the teaching. It's also possible that the legislator bowed under pressure for money or power. Regardless, the most important question is how will that person account for their behavior when they appear before the Just Judge at the moment of their death? It is one thing for a person to commit adultery, but it is a whole other thing for a person to enact legislation giving license to others to commit that sin. The legislator shares in the responsibility of not just the single act of adultery, but all of the acts of those who think it is legal. So, it becomes clear that priests and politicians will face a tough exam on judgment day. That was precisely the lesson of the Prophet Ezekiel. Priests will be judged harshly for not teaching the faith in its fullness and abdicating their responsibility to form the consciences of those entrusted to their care; they may even lose their souls.

The unfortunate reality in our country is too many believe that the moral goodness of all public policies is more-or-less equal. But that is not true. Some sins are intrinsically evil, such as abor-

tion, while others are not, such as petty theft. Both are clearly wrong, but abortion can never be justified for any reason whatsoever while a starving homeless person could be justified in stealing an apple if they hadn't eaten in days.

Most people accuse a priest of preaching politics when he addresses topics which the population at large is debating. The Church has an important and necessary voice in the public square. I think most people squirm because they have a hard time reconciling the present state of their conscience with the teaching of Christ. Struggling and squirming is good because it means the Spirit is at work trying to help us build the Kingdom of God on earth.

First Holy Communion

Last year's second graders who were not able to receive their First Holy Communion because of the pandemic will do so on Saturday, Oct. 24. Letters have been sent to the parents regarding the details.

Confirmation

Confirmation candidates who were supposed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation last May will do so on Saturday, Nov. 7. Letters will be sent soon to the parents regarding the details.

Temporary Sunday Mass Schedule Change

Beginning the first weekend of October we will expand our current Sunday Mass schedule as follows.

Saturday	4:00PM	St. Andrew	English
Sunday	7:30 AM	St. Mary	English
	9:00 AM	St. Andrew	English
	10:30 AM	St. Mary	English
	12:00 PM	St. Mary	Spanish

Super 50/50 Raffle

Long before we canceled the carnival, we printed tickets for 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.

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.

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2021 Mass Book

The 2021 Mass book opened on Monday, September 14. At this point, we are only accepting 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. You may use the form below to submit requests by mail, in the Sunday Collection, or over the phone.

Requested by _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Mass Intentions

Name: _____

Date _____ 6:30 am 9:00 am

Name: _____

Date _____ 6:30 am 9:00 am

Name: _____

Date _____ 6:30 am 9:00 am

Memorials

Name: _____

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

Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Our first full week of school is behind us. Though it is challenging to simultaneously have in-person and virtual classes, each day is better than the one before it. Thank you to the teachers, students, and parents for their cooperation and patience. We are looking forward to a wonderful year filled with academic successes, growth in our faith, and participation in service.

Our annual Calendar Raffle continues. 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. 20

Mon., Sept. 21

Tues., Sept. 22

Wed., Sept. 23

Thur., Sept. 24

Fri., Sept. 25

Sat., Sept. 26

Sun., Sept. 27

Readings for the Week of September 20, 2020

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

Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Mt 9:9-13

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9-12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Jesus was obedient to the Father, even to death on a cross. We need never fear if we turn away from the path of virtue for the Lord is ever ready to forgive us, if we but repent. Remember, the Lord's compassion and kindness are from of old.



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