



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him.”
- Mt 21:32

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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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Rev. Philip Sanders *Administrator*
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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 27, 2020

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Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat., Sept. 26 | <i>Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 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 Casalinuovo |
| 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> |
| Mon., Sept. 28 | <i>St. Wenceslaus; St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions</i> |
| 6:30 am (St. Mary) | Marjorie O'Halloran Blazinski |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | Kevin Clancy |
| Tue., Sept. 29 | <i>Sts. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael</i> |
| 6:30 am (St. Mary) | Leo Ferrales |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | William Adamson |
| Wed., Sept. 30 | <i>St. Jerome</i> |
| 6:30 am (St. Mary) | Michael T. Mahon |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | Mary Beth Reynolds |
| Thu., Oct. 1 | <i>St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus</i> |
| 6:30 am (St. Mary) | Chester Belenke |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | Muriel Romeo |
| Fri., Oct. 2 | <i>The Holy Guardian Angels</i> |
| 6:30 am (St. Mary) | Donald Cymbor Sr. |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | Kevin Clancy |
| Sat., Oct. 3 | <i>Weekday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | Rose Swanson |
| 4:00 pm (St. Andrew) | <i>Pro Populo</i> |
| Sun., Oct. 4 | <i>Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> |
| 7:30 am (St. Mary) | Cathleen McCusker |
| 9:00 am (St. Andrew) | Irene and Andrew Yevchak |
| 10:30 am (St. Mary) | Patrick & Anne Boyle |
| 12:00 pm (St. Mary) | Donald Cymbor, Sr. |
| 1:30 pm (Private) | Petra Gonzalez |

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Sheila Sweeney
Mary Beth Reynolds

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Edward and Gregory Blicharz, Mike Conklin, Rose Garatina,
Cosimo Natale, Rita Vinci



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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, Irma Fernandez, 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:

Michele Farrell

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! Due to technical difficulties, the collection for September 20 will be reported next week.

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Notes from the Administrator

Friday evening, February 22. Two periods of the hockey game were relegated to history. The final period was yet to be played. The scrappy American amateurs were doing their best to defeat the Soviet machine - a team that was looking for their fifth consecutive Olympic Gold Medal. But a "miracle" happened that night. During the third period, the Americans came from behind to defeated the Soviets. As the clock wound down to 00:00, a collective cheer erupted across this land, a cheer that would eventually give way to the familiar USA! USA! I confess that I don't remember that moment as clearly as I remember the moments of the Challenger explosion or the events of September 11. However, I do remember reading in the newspapers how people danced in the aisles of airplanes when pilots announced the results of the game to their passengers. It was a profoundly patriotic moment, even more so than when the Americans defeated the Finns for the gold medal a few days later.

I was reminded of that hockey game last week as I walked down Main Street in Lake Placid. It's impossible not to remember as you walk by the stadium named after the American coach. And then my thoughts turned to consider how a nation that experienced such unity and patriotism forty years ago could become so divided and so loathed by some of her citizens that they want to destroy her and rebuild her according to their socialistic ideals.

I certainly studied socialism and communism in school as a kid but I wasn't that invested in it. When I was in school, the Americans seemed to be winning the Cold War. Socialism and Communism were being defeated. Whatever the case, I did remember that Archbishop Fulton Sheen strenuously preached against communism during his "Life is Worth Living" TV series. So, I started searching through some of his shows. What I found was absolutely fascinating.

Fifty years ago, Venerable (soon to be Blessed) Fulton Sheen produced an episode of his show entitled "Quo vadis, America?" It is a prophetic, 20 minute episode that everyone should watch. In it, he searches to understand the revolutionary spirit that was pervading the country in the late 50's and early 60's and why it seemed to be so out of place in the country he loved. It's a question many of us ask ourselves today.

What fascinated me so much was that his description of the "revolution", as he saw it back then, is precisely the same description we would give it today. It was as if Venerable Fulton Sheen wrote it yesterday. But then it struck me. What we are living through today, is nothing new. We are simply seeing the more mature fruit of the rebellion Sheen identified some fifty years ago. What is particularly concerning is not knowing whether the "revolution" has reached its maturity or whether it will become even more "mature" and violent in years to come. According to Sheen, what is certain is that there are satanic elements to this revolution. Our nation was built on Judeo-Christian principles, not purely secular principles, and that makes her ripe for attack just as the Church is always a target. The devil is always trying to destroy institutions that attempt to give glory to God.

So, how do we fight for our country? We pray. The Church has always proposed the Holy Rosary as the perfect weapon against spiritual battles. To that end, the Archdiocese is about to embark on a Rosary Congress next weekend. There are more details below. From what I understand, the Archdiocese has identified a number of churches that will host Eucharistic Adoration and, at the top of each hour, pray the Rosary. I do not believe any parishes in Bayonne have been asked to participate. Regardless, the only thing necessary to participate in the Congress, if you are unable to get to one of the sites, is to grab your Rosary beads and simply pray for our beloved homeland. Queen of Peace, pray for us.

Temporary Sunday Mass Schedule Change

Beginning next weekend we will expand our current Sunday Mass schedule as follows.

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| 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

Religious Education classes will begin the week of October 4th. Please note that the Archdiocese is requiring all students to learn at home with the help of their parents this year. If you have not registered yet, please do so before Friday. You can find registration forms on the parish website or Facebook page.

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Every three months the parish will receive 1/2% of the total sales made by customers designating BMT Parish as their preferred charity. Just remember that you must always initiate your shopping session at Smile.Amazon.com.

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Why We Do What We Do

Question: Why do Catholics genuflect?

Answer: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means “to bend the knee.” It should be an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of “bending the knee” is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist.

Today, Catholics should genuflect to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during Eucharistic Adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering our pews in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar.

In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord’s Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

Rosary Congress

October is the month of the Holy Rosary so a remarkable unified effort of prayer is about to unfold in the Archdiocese of Newark – namely the 2020 Rosary Congress! The Congress runs from Saturday, October 3, 2020 through Friday, October 9, 2020 at various host sites. For a list of all times, locations, and details go to: www.rcan.org/rosarycongress

Participate by spending time in prayer and adoration at one of the host sites. Join others in adoration and praying of the rosary for life, reparation, peace, our families, our country and our world.

All sites will follow COVID-19 protocols. Please wear a mask.



Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Fall MAP Testing will begin this week and extend through the first week of October. MAP score reports give detailed feedback about each student's strengths and areas of weakness. Students who participate in virtual classes will have scheduled times assigned to them to come to school after hours to take their MAP tests in a safe and controlled environment. Once the schedule is made, it will not be amended. If your child has a conflict between MAP testing and fall sports, the testing should be the priority.

Calendar raffle tickets are still available. Drawings begin in October and run for 10 weeks.

The Week at a Glance

Sun., Sept. 27

Mon., Sept. 28 Catechist Meeting, 7PM, St. Mary Church, St. Joseph Room

Tues., Sept. 29

Wed., Sept. 30 Deadline to Register for Religious Education

Thur., Oct. 1

Fri., Oct. 2 Parent Meeting for Rel. Ed. students, 7PM St. Andrew Church

Sat., Oct. 3

Sun., Oct. 4 Religious Education Begins

Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming events dependent on parishes reopening.

Readings for the Week of September 27, 2020

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

Monday: Jb 1:6-22/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

Looking Ahead to Next Week

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel. At vintage time, the master will return to receive the harvest. May we bear fruit in plenty, and be pleasing in His sight by living lives that are marked by love and respect.

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