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*A Call to Holiness*

## Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



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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 SM (Español)    |
| Holy Days: | 6:30am SM  | 9:00am SA 7:00pm SA     |

### PARISH STAFF

|                                 |                          |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| <b>Rev. Philip Sanders</b>      | <i>Pastor</i>            |
| <b>Rev. Johan Betancourt</b>    | <i>Parochial Vicar</i>   |
| <b>Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly</b> | <i>Weekend Associate</i> |
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### WORSHIP SITES

**St. Mary, Star of the Sea**  
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### RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 2:00pm - 3:00pm,  
St. Mary Lower Church *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

**April 4, 2021**

## Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



### Sat., Apr. 3

8:30 pm (St. Mary)

Michael Hanley

### *Easter Sunday*

### Sun., Apr. 4

6:30 am (First Street Park)

Robert L. Sekel

7:30 am (St. Mary)

Anthony DiGuglielmo

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Charles Dittus, Sr.

10:30 am (St. Mary)

Jessica Gallagher and Mary Maida

12:00 pm (St. Mary)

*Pro Populo*

### Mon., Apr. 5

6:30 am (St. Mary)

Kathryn C. Byrne

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Michael L. Scarpa, Jr.

### *Octave of Easter*

### Tue., Apr. 6

6:30 am (St. Mary)

Animas del Purgatorio

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Ellen and John Gannon

### *Octave of Easter*

### Wed., Apr. 7

6:30 am (St. Mary)

Albert LaMonica

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Henry and Viola Murphy

### *Octave of Easter*

### Thu., Apr. 8

6:30 am (St. Mary)

John and Joan Zelinski

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Anna Moloney

### *Octave of Easter*

### Fri., Apr. 9

6:30 am (St. Mary)

Eileen Conway

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Maria Formoso

### *Octave of Easter*

### Sat., Apr. 10

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Miguel Reynoso

4:00 pm (St. Andrew)

*Pro Populo*

### *Octave of Easter*

### Sun., Apr. 11

7:30 am (St. Mary)

Kathleen M. Boyle

9:00 am (St. Andrew)

Anthony Coco

10:30 am (St. Mary)

Joan Scanlon Boyle

12:00 pm (St. Mary)

Vito Spagnolo

### *Second Sunday of Easter*

### *(Divine Mercy Sunday)*

## Memorials

### St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp

Wine and Hosts

### St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp

Wine and Hosts

Jessica Gallagher and Mary Maida

Ellen Duffy

## Faith Giving

Due to the early publishing deadline, the Palm Sunday collection will be reported next week. Thank you for your generosity.



*He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered His head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7*

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

## 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, Bernadette Burke, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Magaly Diaz, Kathleen Feeley, Irma Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, John Fitzpatrick, Irma Gomez, Jeanette Jensen, Marilyn Joyce Hager, Nancy Herrera, Vanessa Hlavaty, Barbara Kelly, Anthony Kotowski, Celestina Mercedes, Michael Morris, Richard Nugent, Sandra Ortega, Rita Paragone, Eridania Perez, Jimmy 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:

Eleanor Borlin

## First Holy Communion

I would venture to guess that each of us remembers receiving our First Holy Communion. While the dresses, suits, veils and arm bands are important cultural aspects, the fact that Jesus would want to come from Heaven and enter into my body under the guise of food so He could intimately nourish my soul and prepare me for Heaven should be the most awe-inspiring memory of that communion and every communion after. A number of our children will receive the Holy Eucharist on Saturday morning. Please keep the children in your prayers that they may receive the Lord with open hearts so as to receive all the graces He offers. Let us pray, too, that He imparts to them an insatiable desire to receive Him every week. Although we will not be able to welcome the parish at large to the Masses, the Masses will be live-streamed to the parish YouTube Channel; BMT Parish.

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## Easter Sunday

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### Notes from the Pastor

*Regina Cæli, Lætare!*

Queen of Heaven, Rejoice! Alleluia!

For He whom you merited to bear, Alleluia!

Has risen, as He said! Alleluia!

O God, Who by the Resurrection of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, granted joy to the whole world: grant, we beg Thee, that through the intercession of the Virgin Mary, His Mother, we may lay hold of the joys of eternal life. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen

A couple of weeks ago I preached about our greatest fears. Some of us are afraid of heights, some are afraid of rejection, others are afraid of loneliness. Of course the list is much longer than that. Nevertheless, I think it could be argued that there is a common underlying fear behind each of those. For example, if I am standing on top of a precipice, why am I afraid? I'm afraid I will fall and lose my life. What is the worst case scenario of rejection? It's rejection by God when my time on earth comes to an end. And loneliness? The possibility that, when my life does come to an end, I will find myself completely alone. Therefore, I think we could make the argument that our greatest and most commonly shared fear is the fear of death. The irony, though, is that Jesus teaches us death is the necessary condition for life. We must die a two-dimensional death in order to have eternal life. First, we must die to ourselves and live to serve the needs of others. Second, only our physical death can open the gates of eternal life. That is the Gospel message in a nutshell; that's why Easter is so joyful! Something beyond our imagination awaits us in the world to come, if we have faith.

Not only is the fear of death commonly shared, it is extraordinarily powerful and coercive! It is an indisputable fact that the fear of death has determined public policy and our lifestyles for the past year. Public policy was developed to prevent the spread of The Virus in order to preserve life. Consequently, the drive to try to guarantee life has determined much of our behavior. Ironically, the fear of losing our lives has actually deprived us of life. As an example, we have all surrendered life-giving events such as weddings, baptisms, family celebrations and, yes, in-person school and work, in order to preserve life. I have seen it in the eyes of some of our brothers and sisters who have literally been paralyzed by the fear of The Virus and its potential – not certain – consequences. And, unfortunately, I've seen it in fellow priests. In the early days of the pandemic, some priests simply refused to visit the sick and bury the dead. In my opinion, it was disgraceful. Others, following the example of extraordinary military chaplains in the time of war such as Servant of God, Fr. Emil Kapaun, were not intimidated by the fear of death. Instead, they did their best to bring comfort to the dying and bereaved while exercising behavior to mitigate the potential effects of The Virus. They witnessed to the reality that we should prudently approach situations which *may* bring death, but we should not cower in fear.

Christ, Himself, shows us what our relationship to death ought to be. We've just accompanied Him along the *Via Dolorosa*, in His march to death. Never once did He cower or turn and run from that certain outcome. Instead, He acted with great courage and determination with the privilege of knowing that the Resurrection and eternal life were just moments away.

The Resurrection of the Lord, the extraordinary historical event that we celebrate today should allay any fear of death that we might have. Christ is Risen! He has triumphed over death! He has shown us that death is not the end; it is the beginning! May we all be comforted and overjoyed by the fact that the joy of eternal life, which far surpasses any joy of earthly life, awaits us simply because He has risen, as He said, Alleluia!

### Everyday Stewardship

“Is there a happy ending?”

When my kids were young, we never made it past the first whiff of any narrative tension before I got this question. As soon as whatever princess or furry woodland animal who was the hero of the story got into any small scrape, they wanted that reassurance, “Is there a happy ending?”

I can't say I blame them. Don't we all feel that way sometimes? We enter into a relationship with someone or some situation, and we just want to protect ourselves. We want to know it's not going to go badly – or, if it does, that we will be able to come back from it. It's a human instinct, a reflex. Our inclination to protect ourselves makes it so that we sometimes want to press fast-forward on the bad stuff and skip straight ahead to the happily-ever-after.

Easter is the ultimate happy ending. It's the day of miracles. The day when all the stones roll away and all the sins are forgiven. It's the day that puts everything right.

But if we learned anything from this week – from the Passion and death of the Lord – it's that we can't press fast-forward on the hardships of life. That tension, that loss, that fear – it's crucial, isn't it? As Catholics, we are who we are because of Easter. But Easter doesn't happen without Good Friday.

So, does the story of salvation have a happy ending? We know it does. But we also remember that the ending isn't all that matters. – TEW

### Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will expose the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration at the conclusion of the Spanish Mass at St. Mary's. At 3:00 pm, we will pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet and conclude with Benediction. Priests will be available for the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 1:00 - 3:00 pm.



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April 4, 2021

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# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2021</sup>

## Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

The Stations of the Cross contain a series of examples of how we are called to help one another. As members of the Mystical Body of Christ, we all carry a cross. However, some are more burdened than others. Following the example of Simon of Cyrene and Veronica, we are called to help others carry their crosses and comfort them in the process. “Whatever you have done for the least of My brothers, you have done to Me,” says the Lord.

The Annual Appeal is the major fund raiser for the charitable activities of the Archdiocese. These activities are too big for any one parish to support alone. For example, the Appeal funds homeless shelters, hospital and prison chaplaincy, and the formation of future priests, to name a few. Most of us have never been in a position to depend on charity, but I wonder if we ever imagine ourselves in that position and how much it would mean to us to know that others cared about helping me as I stumble under the weight of my cross?

The Annual Appeal is a great way for us to help our brothers and sisters in need. Typically, about 10% of our registered households support The Appeal. Thanks to those who have already contributed! I would like to think that we could increase the participation rate. If you’ve not yet contributed, please consider contributing this year. The parish is committed to reaching our goal and we’re almost half way there. No gift is too small and every gift is appreciated. On the pledge envelope, you are welcome to designate the program you’d like to specifically help.

Here are the two easiest ways to participate:

- Go to the Annual Appeal webpage ([www.rcan.org/appeal](http://www.rcan.org/appeal)) and make a direct contribution using your credit card.
- Pledge envelopes can be found at the entrances of the churches. Place your check inside and return it to the Archdiocese via US Mail.

**2021 Goal is \$50,674**

**Amount Collected:** \$24,900

**Families participating:** 102/1800



*Please note: the parish benefits directly from The Appeal; our Food Pantry receives substantial contributions from Catholic Charities. Also, any monies collected in excess of our goal will be returned to the parish.*

*Thank you and God bless!*

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## Bayonne, NJ

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### ASCA News

Sr. Rita, with her faculty and staff, wishes you a splendid Easter filled with love, joy, and hope. May the Risen Christ bless the time you spend with your family and friends. May you create memories that you will long cherish.

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy, He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

### The Week at a Glance

|               |                                 |
|---------------|---------------------------------|
| Sun., Apr. 4  |                                 |
| Mon., Apr. 5  | Parish Office Closed            |
| Tue., Apr. 6  |                                 |
| Wed., Apr. 7  | Holy Hour, St. Mary, 7 pm       |
| Thu., Apr. 8  |                                 |
| Fri., Apr. 9  | First Holy Communion Rehearsals |
| Sat., Apr. 10 | First Holy Communion            |
| Sun., Apr. 11 | Divine Mercy Sunday Devotions   |

### Mark Your Calendar

May 8 Confirmation, Times TBA

### Readings for the Week of April 4, 2021

|              |  |
|--------------|--|
| Sunday:      | Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4/Jn 20:1-9 |
| Monday:      | Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15            |
| Tuesday:     | Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18               |
| Wednesday:   | Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35                |
| Thursday:    | Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48               |
| Friday:      | Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14                 |
| Saturday:    | Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15                |
| Next Sunday: | Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3     |

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

Thomas believed because he saw the Risen Jesus. Although we have never seen Him, we believe that Jesus is the Christ, begotten by God. We give thanks to the Lord that He has formed us into a community of believers, united in the Spirit.

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