Blessed Miriam Teresa
A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish

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EUCHARISTIC 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

Rev. Philip Sanders	*Pastor*
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Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly	*Weekend Associate*
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Marge Russo	*Choir Director*
Hector Soto	*Maintenance*
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WORSHIP SITES

St. Mary, Star of the Sea
326 Avenue C

St. Andrew the Apostle
2 West 4th Street

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays: 2:00 - 3:00,
Back porch at Rectory *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

May 9, 2021

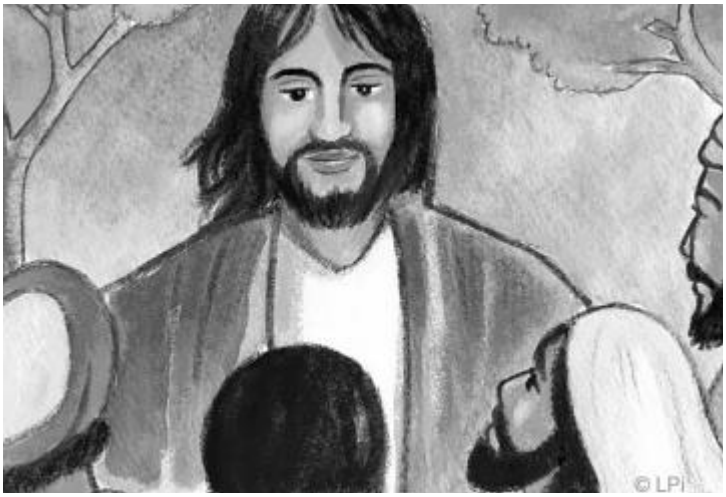
Sat., May 8	***Sixth Sunday of Easter***
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	All Mothers, living and deceased
Sun., May 9	***Sixth Sunday of Easter***
7:30 am (St. Mary)	*Pro Populo*
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	All Mothers, living and deceased
10:30 am (St. Mary)	All Mothers, living and deceased
12:00 pm (St. Mary)	All Mothers, living and deceased
Mon., May 10	***St. Damien de Veuster***
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Maria Chiaravalloti
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Margaret M. Ryan
Tue., May 11	***Weekday of Easter***
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Claire Di Domenico
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Richard Sucato
Wed., May 12	***Sts. Nereus and Achilleus; St. Pancras***
6:30 am (St. Mary)	John Donovan
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Judith Lutkiewicz
Thu., May 13	***Our Lady of Fatima***
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Leo Ferrales
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Agnes Cotter
Fri., May 14	***St. Matthias***
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Robert L. Sekel, Sr.
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Joseph and Elizabeth LaBruno
Sat., May 15	***St. Isidore***
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Florence and Jordan Spuma
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	*Pro Populo*
Sun., May 16	***Ascension of the Lord***
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Francesco Sgotto
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Marinus/Wasinski Families
10:30 am (St. Mary)	Antonio and Maria Pineiro
12:00 pm (St. Mary)	Bertha Ortiz

Memorials

St. Andrew	
Sanctuary Lamp	Joan and John Brown
Wine and Hosts	Domingo Barreiros
St. Mary	
Sanctuary Lamp	Adam Jakubowski
Wine and Hosts	

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Lenny Bajor, James M. Cramer, Cal Liming, The "Wiz", Peter Wullffen



"It was not you who chose Me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. This I command you: love one another." - Jn 15:16-17

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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:

Gladys Astudillo, Hector Brito, Raymond Bober, Bernadette Burke, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Magaly Diaz, Kathleen Feeley, Irma Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, John Fitzpatrick, Clare Gannon, Irma Gomez, Marilyn Joyce Hager, Nancy Herrera, Vanessa Hlavaty, Jeanette Jensen, Barbara Kelly, Anthony Kotowski, Celestina Mercedes, Msgr. Larry Miller, Maria Socorro Mora, Michael Morris, Richard Nugent, Sandra Ortega, Rita Paragone, Eridania Perez, 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:

Claudia Adamson, Barbara Cleary, James Geduldick, Brian Law, Frank Pagano

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!

May 2:	**Sunday Collection**	**$7113**

Notes from the Pastor

The other day I was previewing a short video series entitled "Genesis to Jesus." It's an overview of Salvation History. During the first episode, the host made the point that the series would focus specifically on a number of individuals and their role in God's plan for Salvation. It caused me to stop and think for a moment. So often we hear the stories about Abraham, Moses, King David, and Queen Esther, just to name a few, but I wonder whether we stop and consider these individuals as the people they are. What I mean is, these are people just like you and me. They got up in the morning, went to work, suffered from headaches, maybe brushed their teeth, etc... While they seem to us to be bigger than life, they were no different from the person who lives next door with the exception that they embraced their role in Salvation History. This week we celebrate the feast of two relatively obscure Saints even though their feast has been continuously celebrated since the fourth century.

Saints Nereus and Achilleus were bodyguards of the emperor. In their military capacity, they were responsible for carrying out the deadly persecution of the early Christians. Pope Damasus writes: "Nereus and Achilleus, the martyrs, joined the army and carried out the cruel orders of the tyrant, obeying his will continually out of fear. Then came a miracle of faith. They suddenly gave up their savagery, they were converted, they fled the camp of their evil leader, throwing away their shields, armor, and bloody spears. Professing the faith of Christ, they are happy to witness to its triumph. From these words of Damasus understand what great deeds can be brought about by Christ's glory." Certainly, Nereus and Achilleus must have known what awaited them once they were Baptized (reportedly at the hands of St. Peter) and refused to carry out their brutal duties. Faith, however, triumphed over any fear they may have had and the martyrs went to their victorious death. Again, two ordinary men in the life of the world, sustained by the grace of God, continue to inspire the rest of us as we play our part in Salvation History.

Parish Carnival

Earlier this Spring, we announced that we had to cancel this year's Carnival. Although we believed that a significant number of people would have had the opportunity to be vaccinated and to have developed immunity before carnival time, we simply didn't think people would be comfortable enough to gather in a carnival environment even though it would be outdoors. We have great hope next year will be a much different story! Nevertheless, we will have a Super 50/50 Raffle in the Fall. This past year's raffle was a tremendous success; we hope this year's will be even better!

the 2021 Annual Appeal

Catholic Stewardship *in* Action

We continue to make progress towards our goal. Thanks to all who have contributed!

Have you ever thought about who you'd turn to if you lost everything? Most of us don't have the first inkling about where to turn for help. Thankfully, the Church provides a variety of resources through Catholic Charities. St. Lucy's Shelter in Jersey City, for example, is an emergency shelter for single men and women. They provide housing and food for up to 125 individuals per day. Of those, 80 are actively working with case managers who help them navigate the many social programs that are available to help them get back on their feet. These include welfare, SSI, unemployment, job training and job search, education, mental health and addiction treatment programs. The goal is to get these displaced individuals back on their feet and settled into permanent housing. St. Lucy's also provides a clothing and pantry service for individuals who don't need shelter.

St. Lucy's isn't the only shelter that benefits from the Annual Appeal. St. Rocco's Family Residence in Newark is able to assist 15 families at a time with services similar to those provided at St. Lucy's. St. Bridget's Residence assists up to 30 men who are homeless and living with HIV/AIDS.

Just as Jesus always sought out those who seemed to be suffering the most, so, too, does the Church. No single parish, especially in the neighborhoods where such services are needed, could possibly sustain such apostolates. However, when we all come together and contribute what we can, the Church in Newark can continue to be the hands and feet of Christ, always seeking to alleviate the suffering that surrounds us.

The parish is committed to reaching our goal. Again, if you haven't contributed, please consider making a contribution today. No gift is too small and every gift is appreciated.

Here are the two easiest ways to participate:

- Go to the Annual Appeal webpage (**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:	$34,663
Families participating:	148/1800

Thank you and God bless!

May 9, 2021

Stewardship Corner

Love one another. The greatest commandment, the simplest commandment – and if you've ever loved anyone, you know it's also the hardest.

I'm man enough to admit it. I've seen one or two of those cheesy Hallmark movies that are especially popular around the holidays. Boy meets Girl. Boy and Girl encounter a catastrophic roadblock to their relationship – they're coaches of rival high school volleyball teams, or he runs a dog kennel and she works at a feline rescue, so it could never, ever work out, right? But sprinkle a little movie magic over the whole situation and Boy and Girl find what Hallmark tells us is true love.

I could make a list of all the things that are inaccurate about these movies, and something I would put right near the top — maybe even above the sometimes unbelievable storylines – is the idea that love is a feeling.

See, I'm not sure if it's accurate to call these movies love stories. Attraction stories, sure. But if you've ever forgiven someone who's hurt you, nursed a dying parent, gotten up for an infant's night feeding or let your kid have the last piece of cake, you know that real love is a verb. It's something you do. And it is almost always a choice.

Love one another. How often do we hear this? How often do we think about what it really means? How often do we take a moment to consider the action Jesus is asking us to take and the choice He is asking us to make? – TEW

Ascension of the Lord

The Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord has been transferred to Sunday, May 16, replacing the Seventh Sunday of Easter. Therefore, this Thursday we will either celebrate Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter or the Optional Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima. There will not be a 7:00 pm Mass.

Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

All Saints Catholic Academy's Home and School Association is running a Super 50/50 Cash Raffle. Proceeds are for the upkeep and maintenance of our school and grounds. One winning ticket will be drawn Wednesday morning, May 19, 2021 at 10:00 at ASCA. Tickets cost $5 each. All school families received tickets to buy/sell; tickets are also available by calling the school office. The winner will receive 50% of the monies earned. Thank you for your support of this important fundraiser.

We are happy to announce we will be offering full in-person instruction for the 2021-2022 school year. If you are a new family, registration forms are available online at our school's website. For questions, please call the school office. You may also request to be put in touch with any of the teachers if you would like information about the grade your child will be entering.

The Week at a Glance

Sun., May 9
Mon., May 10
Tue., May 11
Wed., May 12 Holy Hour, St. Mary, 7 pm
Thu., May 13
Fri., May 14
Sat., May 15
Sun., May 16

Readings for the Week of May 9, 2021

Sunday:	Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17
Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26–16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22–18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Next Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 1:17-23/Mk 16:15-20

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Jesus commissions His disciples to baptize in His name, reminding them that He is always present through His Spirit. Having ascended to His Father amid cries of gladness, we are to be His witnesses for we have been gifted with His Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Let us, therefore, live in a manner worthy of the call we have received.

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