



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

“From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.”
- Lk 1:48b-49, 52

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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 SA	9:00am SA
	10:30am SA	12:00pm SA (Español)
Holy Days:	6:30am SM	9:00am SA 7:00pm SA

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Philip Sanders	<i>Pastor</i>
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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: 3:00 - 4:00, St. Andrew 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.

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

August 15, 2021

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Sat., Aug. 14 *Solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M.*

4:00 pm (St. Andrew) William Ward

Sun., Aug. 15

7:30 am (St. Andrew) Clare Powanda
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Luke Wade, Jr.
10:30 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*
12:00 pm (St. Andrew) Edel Queen and Frank Duff

Mon., Aug. 16

St. Stephen of Hungary

6:30 am (St. Mary) Anthony Zalewski
9:00 am (St. Andrew) John Lake

Tue., Aug. 17

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Catherine Curtis
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Catherine Wolek

Wed., Aug. 18

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Antonio Prosapio
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Anna and John Delaney

Thu., Aug. 19

St. John Eudes

6:30 am (St. Mary) John Zelinski and Family
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Carlo and Rosa Sari

Fri., Aug. 20

St. Bernard

6:30 am (St. Mary) Warren Curtis
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Mary Spuma

Sat., Aug. 21

St. Pius X

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Mary Beth and Mary Spuma
4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Mark Harrington

Sun., Aug. 22 *Twenty First Sunday of Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Andrew) Clare Powanda
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Luke Wade, Jr.
10:30 am (St. Andrew) Clare Powanda
12:00 pm (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp Ava Finnerty
Wine and Hosts Eileen T. Silva

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts Adam Jakubowski

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Rose Baccarella, Pat Brennan, Doug Jablonski, Jimmy Wenz



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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:

Francisco Astudillo, Gladys Astudillo, Hector Brito, Bernadette Burke, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Daniel Cotter, Magaly Diaz, Paul Dittmar, John Farrell, Irma Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, John Fitzpatrick, Clare Gannon, Irma Gomez, Marilyn Joyce Hager, Nancy Herrera, Jeanette Jensen, Aaron Jones, Barbara Kelly, Anthony Kotowski, Bob Kudlacik, Msgr. Larry Miller, Maria Socorro Mora, Michael Morris, Vito Moscato, Richard Nugent, Sandra Ortega, Rita Paragone, Tyhesa Payne, Argentina Rodriguez, Barbara Rotunno, Lorraine Seidel, Mitchell Seidel, Theresa Sullivan, Ralph Tedesco, Gregory Trapp, Humberto Valdez, John Wilson, Ezequiel Yost

For the Recently Deceased:

Marie Bocchicchio, Raymond Manley

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!

August 8: Sunday Collection \$6529
The Church in Africa \$1281

Solemnity of the Assumption of the B.V.M.

Notes from the Pastor

“He has come to the help of His servant Israel for He remembered His promise of mercy, the promise He made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children for ever.”

In the closing lines of her Magnificat, Mary tells Elizabeth that Her Son is the fulfillment of the promise God had made to Abraham and his offspring. The promise is a solution to the mess mankind had made of the world since the time of Noah. Noah was to be a new beginning after the flood, but Noah's descendants exercised their wills for good and for evil.

Abram is an eleventh generation grandson of Noah through his son Shem. Of Noah's descendants, it was the Shemites (Semites) who displayed a love of God rather than of themselves. Abram caught God's attention because of his faithfulness and was identified as the one through whom the mess would be cleaned up. In particular, Abram was promised that he would inherit a land and become a great nation. He was promised that his family would become a dynastic kingdom, and, he was promised to be the father of a worldwide family. When God made these promises, Abram was a very wealthy and, thus, comfortable 75 year old man, married to Sarai, and they were without children. Despite the seeming impossibility of the promises being fulfilled, and being quite comfortable, Abram and Sarai set out on a difficult 400 mile journey to Canaan as commanded by God. They did this because of Abram's faith and trust in God. This was just one of many trials Abram endured in his lifetime. Others would include famine, marital strife, exile, and wars, to name a few.

Of course, one of the great mysteries Abram and Sarai faced was how the promise to be the father of many descendants would be fulfilled. Because they remained childless, Sarai suggested that Abram should father a child with her Egyptian maidservant, Hagar. Hagar did bear a child, Ishmael, but God later made it known that it would not be through Ishmael that the family would grow. No, God visited Abram and promised him that Sarai would bear him a son in a year's time if he fulfilled a command. The command was truly a test of Abrams commitment to the Lord. At the age of 99, he was commanded to circumcise himself, all of the men of his tribe, and any new males born into the tribe. A command that would test any man's resolve seemed not to phase Abram. He loved and trusted God. The command was fulfilled and a year later Sarah gave birth to Abraham's second son, Isaac. The final test, then, was the command to sacrifice his beloved son Isaac which he attempted to do until God stopped him at the last moment.

Abraham is a fascinating man of faith and should be an inspiration for each of us. Last week, I preached about the difficulties of Elijah and how he was able to face and endure his difficulties because he was sustained by the food from heaven. In like manner, Abraham's relationship of complete faith and trust in God should encourage us to never say “No” to God. God will always be faithful to His promises, but He will most certainly test us along the way asking “Do you love Me? Do you trust Me?”

Adult Sacramental Preparation

Do you know an adult who would like to be Baptized, a protestant who would like to become Catholic, or a Catholic who would like to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation? Fr. Johan will be offering classes in English and Spanish beginning in September. The English classes are scheduled to meet on Thursday evenings and the Spanish classes on Friday evenings. For more information, send an email to RCIA@BMTParish.org.

Faith At Home

Formed.org provides the very best of Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help you explore your faith anywhere, even from home! They have movies, children's programs, e-books, and faith formation programs in both English and Spanish.

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3. Enter your name and email

S.E.A.R.C.H.

The Bayonne Adult SEARCH Program will be hosting a Christian Maturity Retreat October 15-17, 2021 for those 25 years of age and older. The retreat will be held at Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Newton, NJ. Contact Diane Martin (angelmom7844@aol.com) or Sandy Bondarowicz (sanders713@gmail.com) for more information.

How to Report Abuse

The Archdiocese takes very seriously any and all allegations of misconduct by members of the clergy, Religious and lay staff of the Archdiocese. We encourage anyone with knowledge of an act of misconduct to inform us immediately so that we may take appropriate action to protect others and provide support to victims of sexual abuse and other misconduct.

Individuals who wish to report an allegation of sexual misconduct may do so by calling Karen Clark, the Director of the Department for the Protection of the Faithful at 973-497-4254. Victims in need of assistance should call the Archdiocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator at 201-407-3256. They are also encouraged to call the Attorney General of NJ Clergy Abuse Hotline at 855-363-6548.

August 15, 2021

Everyday Stewardship

WWJD bracelets were all the rage about 25 years ago in Christian circles. I've always wondered if a WWMD bracelet might not make just as much sense, and maybe more. What Would Mary Do?

I would argue that Mary was the most exemplary steward who ever lived. Her answer was always "Yes." Yes, Lord, I am Your handmaiden. Yes, I will visit Elizabeth, and help her in the last difficult months of pregnancy. Yes, I will bring my Son up in the Mosaic law and present Him at the Temple of Jerusalem. Yes, I will give Him to the crowds and to public ministry. Yes, I will offer Him on this Cross, if it is Your will.

Yes, yes, yes.

Well, I can't be like Mary, we think to ourselves. There's an intimidation factor with the Blessed Mother and Catholics sometimes – one that almost exceeds that of Christ. Perhaps it's because we are in awe of the fact that she was not divine in any way – she was a mere creature, like us – but somehow, she always had the courage to say yes. How could she do it, when we find it so hard? Well, God certainly lavished extraordinary graces on Mary. Her lack of original sin liberated her to conform her will to God's.

But God is impatient to give us, too, all the graces we need to be a steward in the example of Mary. He's waiting for us simply to ask. Just as in Adam we died, so in Christ – through Mary – we live.

What can we say yes to today, in Mary's example? – TEW

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Religious Education Registration

Registration for the 2021-2022 session of our Religious Education program is open for Grades 1-9. We will have face to face instructions in All Saints Catholic Academy this year. Classes will begin in September according to the following schedule:

Grades 1 - 6	Sunday	8:45 - 10:15 am.
Grades 7 and 8	Tuesday	6:30 - 8:00 pm.
Grade 9 (Confirmation)	every other Tuesday	6:30 - 8:00 pm.

Registration forms have been emailed to all returning families. If you are new to the program, forms are available in the parish office weekdays from 9:30 am to 6:00 pm.

Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Summer office hours are in place if you would like to or need to speak with Sr. Rita or one of our secretaries: Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays – 9 am to 1 pm.

Sr. Rita is in the process of hiring part-time teachers' aides for our Pre-K and Kindergarten grade levels. If you would like more information about these positions, please call the office during office hours or email Sr. Rita at rfritzen@ascabayonne.org.

Registrations are still being accepted for the 2021-2022 school year. We will be offering full in-person instruction. Registration forms are available online at our school's website (ascabayonne.org). Please call the school office for more information.

The Week at a Glance

Sun., Aug. 15

Mon., Aug. 16

Tue., Aug. 17

Wed., Aug. 18

Thu., Aug. 19 Holy Hour (including an opportunity for Confession), St. Andrew Daily Mass Chapel, 7 pm

Fri., Aug. 20

Sat., Aug. 21

Sun., Aug. 22

Mark Your Calendar

Sat., Oct. 9 Installation of Fr. Philip as Pastor
Super 50/50 Drawing

Readings for the Week of August 15, 2021

Sunday: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19/Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a/Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15/Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a/Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Mt 23:1-12

Next Sunday: Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Eph 5:21-32/Jn 6:60-69

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Joshua confronts the tribes of Israel: Will you desert your covenant with Yahweh? The desertion of disciples is a prelude to the Paschal Mystery. With Peter, however, let us profess our faith in the Lord, who gave Himself up for us all.



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