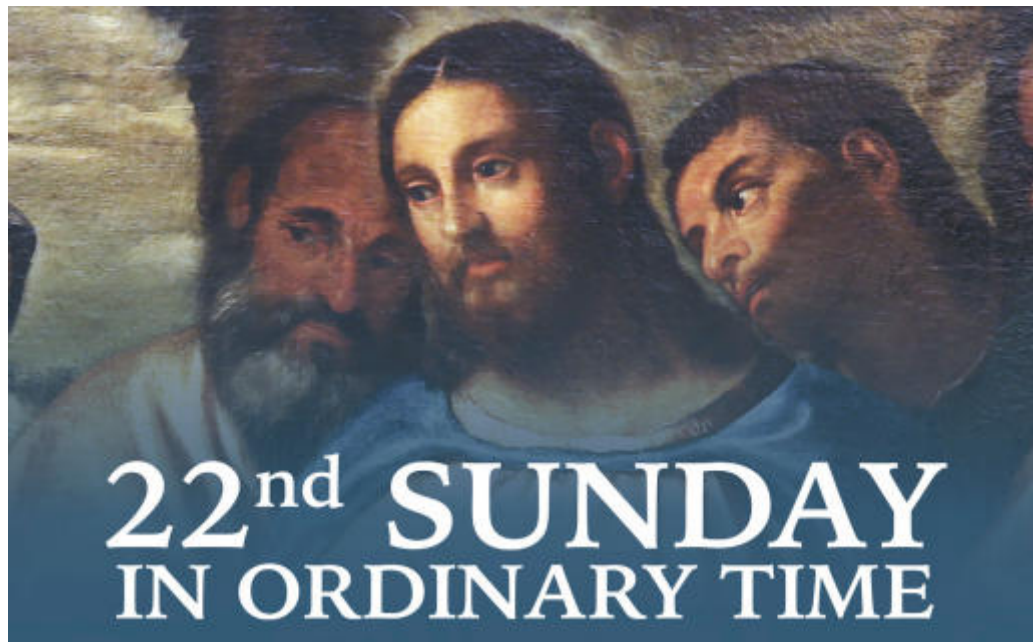




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Sun.:	7:30am SA	9:00am SA
	10:30am SA	12:00pm SA (Español)
Holy Days:	6:30am SM	9:00am SA 7:00pm SA

PARISH STAFF

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WORSHIP SITES

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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 29, 2021

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Sat., Aug. 28 *Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time*

4:00 pm (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*

Sun., Aug. 29

7:30 am (St. Andrew) Clare Powanda
9:00 am (St. Andrew) The Serafino and Coviello Families
10:30 am (St. Andrew) James Pullaro
12:00 pm (St. Andrew) Abraham Ortiz

Mon., Aug. 30

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Raul Camacho and Milena Chavez
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Ellen and John Gannon

Tue., Aug. 31

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Souls of Purgatory
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Merrill Adamson

Wed., Sept. 1

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Kathryn C. Byrne
9:00 am (St. Andrew) James Greschak

Thu., Sept. 2

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Arthur P. Stile
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Joseph and Elizabeth La Bruno

Fri., Sept. 3

St. Gregory the Great

6:30 am (St. Mary) Timothy Coughlin
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Ramona Barreiros

Sat., Sept. 4

Weekday of Ordinary Time

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Luke Wade, Jr.
4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Anthony Coco

Sun., Sept. 5 *Twenty-Third Sunday of Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Brian Law
10:30 am (St. Andrew) Caterina Doria
12:00 pm (St. Andrew) En Accion de Gracias

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp Anthony Coco
Wine and Hosts Robert McNutt

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Brian Sweeney, The Kotowski, Solecki, McCann, Lucia and Scbrocco Families



"Why do Your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honors Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me." - Mk 7:5b-6

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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:

Dena Axe

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 22: Sunday Collection \$5077
Grounds and Maintenance \$1853

Twenty-Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

Notes from the Pastor

One-hit wonders are those musicians who are famous simply because they had one hit. Kate Smith, for example, is only known because of her unmistakable rendition of “God Bless America”. While not a musician, I think Flip Wilson could also be considered a one-hit wonder. Does anyone really remember him for anything other than his line “The Devil made me do it!”? This week’s gospel brings Flip Wilson to mind.

Earlier this month, a prominent public figure decided it would be best if he resigned from his position. During his press conference, he was determined to make the point that the behavior of which he was accused was uncharacteristic: “That is not who I am”, he deliberately pronounced. I suppose all of us would be tempted to do the same in a similar situation. “That is not who I am!” The problem is that such a declaration is false. If, in fact, I did do what I am accused of, then that is precisely who I am. If I rob a bank, I am a bank robber. If I commit adultery, I am an adulterer. That is exactly the message of today’s Gospel. Our behavior comes from the heart. The only thing that “makes” me do something is my will. The Devil may certainly tempt me, but behavior requires the consent of my will.

Of course, “That’s not who I am” is a defense mechanism aimed at preserving one’s dignity. We find our sinful behavior to be embarrassing because we don’t like to admit that we are imperfect. Admitting imperfection takes humility. However, admitting to our faults and taking responsibility for them is the necessary beginning of a healing process that leads to sanctity. With great humility, then, let us go to Confession, the only place where Jesus can cleanse our hearts of evil to the point that the only acts that remain to come forth are acts of virtue, even heroic virtue!

First Saturday Holy Hour

Next Saturday, Sept. 4, we will resume our First Saturday Holy Hours. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at 3 pm and the 4 pm Mass will conclude with Benediction. Eucharistic Adoration is a privileged time for Catholics because we understand that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist – Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. Therefore, when we encounter Jesus exposed on our altars, and even when He is present in the tabernacle, we have direct access to heaven. He is our window into eternity. This is a special time to focus our attention on Jesus rather than the bulletin or conversations with our neighbors. I would also hope that those who leave Mass just after communion might resist the temptation to leave early and stay for Benediction.

Food Pantry

The Food Pantry is seeking one or more teams to gather the food donations from the churches every week and bring them to the pantry at the rectory. Teams of two or three would be sufficient. Volunteers can set their own schedule, with few exceptions. The volunteers would need to get church keys from the office, collect the bags of food, bring them to the pantry, and return the keys to the office. Please call the parish office for more information.

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.

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.

Women’s 181st Cursillo Weekend

The Cursillo weekend is a three-day spiritual renewal stressing the dynamic, spiritual, and personal aspects of our Catholic faith. It will take place from Thursday evening, Oct. 7 to Sunday, Oct. 10, 2021 at the Archdiocesan Youth Center, 499 Belgrove Ave, Kearney, NJ. For more information contact Maureen Bodnar at mbodnar1956@gmail.com or www.mycursillo.com/comeandsee.html.

Hospitality Ministry

We’re looking for volunteers for our new hospitality ministry. Initially, volunteers would be available at Sunday Masses to greet others, making sure they have a missalette to aid their participation at Mass, assist with taking up the collection and making sure everyone has a bulletin before they leave. Also, we’d need volunteers to be available to assist at Funeral Masses. If you’d like more information or have ideas to share, come to our organizational meeting on Monday, Sept. 13 at 7 pm in the Daily Mass Chapel at St. Andrew’s. Both, men and women, are welcome!

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Everyday Stewardship

Pop culture has given us a unique idea of the term justice. Justice, we often think, is about taking. Taking what's owed. Taking revenge. Taking what we deserve. This worldview tends to make mincemeat of our Catholic social teachings. Seeking the good of the poor, a call to community and participation, solidarity – on the face of it, in a society where everything must be earned and we are encouraged to hoard for ourselves whatever success we can achieve, these principles look a lot like highway robbery.

But when you remember the presence of an omnipotent, all-loving and all-merciful God, it turns our gunslinging sense of justice on its head. For how does justice inhabit the same universe as a God who is so quick to give and indeed to forgive?

Well, very easily, when we remember Who exactly is the source of every good and perfect thing in this world. There is no law that cannot be traced back to the Word. And the Word saves our souls.

Is that justice? No, that is a gift. It is the reckless, indulgent gift of a father whose love is greater than His anger. What is justice in the Biblical sense?

The answer is simple. Look at your life. See the hours in your day? See your spouse, your kids, your grandkids? See the house they live in, the money in your wallet, the food in your fridge, the breath in your lungs?

Calling it all your own, refusing to share any of it – that's robbery. Giving it all back to the One who gave it to you – that's justice. – TEW

Sr. Rita

Towards the end of my first year in Bayonne, Sr. Rita arrived to take over the administration of the school. If I remember correctly, it was to be a temporary assignment until a permanent principal could be identified. As the Good Lord would have it, she was eventually identified as the principal. Her love for catholic education and the children has always been apparent and she masterfully led the school through one of the most difficult years a principal could imagine this past year.

Sister recently attended a meeting of her congregation during which she was elected to the Leadership Council. Because that position will require her to move to Syracuse, Sister has resigned her position as principal effective August 31. We are all very grateful for Sister's presence in Bayonne and wish her the very best. As I write this article, the Archdiocese has begun to prepare for a transition. Once the details of that plan are determined, I will share that information with you.



Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Preparations are under way for the opening of school in September. If you would like to register your child for the 2021-2022 school year, please refer to the school's website (ascabayonne.org) for the pertinent forms and information about fees.

We welcome two new teachers to our staff. Mrs. Shari Scapardine will teach first grade in homeroom 1B; she will teach Science to the first graders in both 1A and 1B. Mrs. Scapardine brings experience in early childhood to ASCA and an infectious enthusiasm. Mr. James Robertson will be our new 3A homeroom teacher; he will teach Science to the students in both 3A and 3B. Though not new to ASCA, we are happy he is joining us as a full-time teacher. We also welcome Mrs. Hilvy Vasquez and Mrs. Eva Lubach who will serve as aides in Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten respectively.

The Week at a Glance

Thu., Sept. 2 Holy Hour, St. Andrew Daily Mass Chapel, 7 pm

Mark Your Calendar

Wed., Sept. 8 First Day of School, ASCA
Mon., Sept. 13 Organizational Meeting - Hospitality Ministry
Sat., Oct. 9 Installation of Fr. Philip as Pastor
Super 50/50 Drawing

Readings for the Week of August 29, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:1-2, 6-8/Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27/Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Monday: 1 Thes 4:13-18/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: Col 1:1-8/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: Col 1:9-14/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: Col 1:15-20/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: Col 1:21-23/Lk 6:1-5
Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37

Looking Ahead to Next Week

The advent of the age of salvation is upon us: the deaf hear, the blind see, and those bowed down are raised up. The Kingdom is made manifest around the Eucharistic table, where rich and poor alike are invited to feast.

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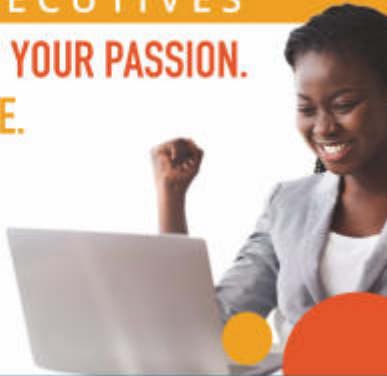
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