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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 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

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

September 12, 2021

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Sat., Sept. 11 *Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Victims of 9/11

Sun., Sept. 12

7:30 am (St. Andrew) James and Rose Scudder
9:00 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*
10:30 am (St. Andrew) Grace Teschlog
12:00 pm (St. Andrew) Por la Sanacion del Alma

Mon., Sept. 13

6:30 am (St. Mary) Grace Teschlog
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Sr. Anne Hess
St. John Chrysostom

Tue., Sept. 14

6:30 am (St. Mary) *The Exaltation of the Holy Cross*
Merrill Adamson
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Antonietta Rea

Wed., Sept. 15

6:30 am (St. Mary) *Our Lady of Sorrows*
Eileen Silva
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Mark Harrington

Thu., Sept. 16

6:30 am (St. Mary) *Sts. Cornelius and Cyprian*
Eileen Silva
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Anita Paladino

Fri., Sept. 17

6:30 am (St. Mary) *St. Robert Bellarmine*
Jessica Gallagher and Mary Maida
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Kevin T. O'Brien

Sat., Sept. 18

9:00 am (St. Andrew) *Weekday of Ordinary Time*
Santino Platania & Mario Imbesi
4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Edith Sax

Sun., Sept. 19 *Twenty-Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Andrew) Clare Powanda
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Pasquale, Mildred, Lilly and Aunt
Betty Serafino
10:30 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*
12:00 pm (St. Andrew) Teresa Huayta Castello

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp Adam R. Jakubowski
Wine and Hosts Jessica Gallagher and Mary Maida

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts



At this He turned around and, looking at his disciples, rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Me." - Mk 8:33-34

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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, 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:

Vincent Luccahese, Maria Socorro Mora, Joyce Simpson

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

Because of the early holiday publication deadline, last Sunday's collection will be reported next Sunday.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Notes from the Pastor

Twenty years ago I was in Denver for the weekend. At the time, I distinctly remember the weather as something beyond spectacular. The skies were so clear and blue that as my flight back to Cleveland climbed out of Denver it was as if I could see from Canada to Mexico. Two days later, on September 11, those weather conditions prevailed over New York ensuring perfect visibility for so many people as the Towers fell to the ground.

Many years later, I went to the 9/11 Memorial Museum at Ground Zero. The large wall at the bottom of one of the escalators was covered in what looked like pieces of blue construction paper, though each was a different shade. The display description explained that children were asked to recall the color of the sky that day. So, each chose a shade that was indelibly etched in their memory. The clear blue skies are a common and fundamental element of our memories of that day. Knowing that the cosmos obeys the Lord, it would seem that the Good Lord arranged for us to have such beautiful skies for such a dark day. The question, then, would be "Why?"

It occurs to me that God wanted us to understand the raw power of evil, the raw power of sin. In essence, September 11 clearly exposed the extraordinarily devastating effects of sin. It was a demonstration of the Devil's hatred for mankind. If we can begin to grasp the Devil's maliciousness based on these acts against mankind, how much more malicious was that singularly evil act against Our Lord on Mt. Calvary? September 11 helps put Good Friday into perspective, doesn't it. At the same time, we begin to see more clearly the magnitude of God's mercy. Despite our having crucified Him, He still forgives us! Such incredibly horrible sins have not deterred God's mercy. In fact, it is the perfect example of God being able to bring something tremendously good out of something so horribly evil!

My brothers and sisters, we sometimes think God could never forgive our sins, that they're too big. The horror of September 11 as a glimpse of the magnitude of the horror of the Crucifixion should teach us otherwise. The Great Sin against Christ failed to deter God's mercy. Rather, it secured it for us. Let us never doubt the power of God's mercy poured forth in the Sacrament of Reconciliation! "We adore You O Christ and we praise You, because, by Your Holy Cross, You have redeemed the world."



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.

Hospitality Ministry

Hospitality is primarily a Christian virtue and is a response to Christ's teaching to welcome the stranger and make them feel at home. Every year, countless "strangers" cross the thresholds of our churches either on Sunday mornings or for other celebrations, especially funerals. In an effort to make them feel welcome, I'd like to establish a Hospitality Ministry to address a few apparent needs. First, it has always been my hope to create a parish worship aid for funeral Masses which would include the Order of Mass and hymns so that guests can more easily participate in the liturgy. Such aids would be multi-use printed booklets that would need to be distributed and collected at each funeral. Guests also frequently ask about the location of restrooms. Second, Sunday mornings and Holy Days are a bit too hectic and disorganized, especially regarding the collection. We've been pretty good at recruiting ushers at the last minute to take up the collection on Sunday mornings, which is included in hospitality, but our track record for Holy Days is not so stellar. Therefore, we need to establish a more dependable system for extending hospitality. From the time of their arrival in our parish, the Latinos have taken it upon themselves to maintain their own hospitality ministry for the Spanish Mass. Small groups of men and women take turns making sure everyone has a misalette so they can participate fully in the Mass, taking up the collection, and making sure everyone gets a bulletin before they leave church. It would be helpful to extend such a practice to the English Masses. If you think you'd like to participate in such an initiative, we'll have an organizational meeting at 7 pm on Monday, September 13 in the Daily Mass Chapel at St. Andrew's. Bring your ideas and questions! Both, men and women, are welcome!

Winter Mass/Holy Hour Schedule

Just last week a few people called to see when we'd resume Sunday Masses at St. Mary's. On the days when the calls came in, it was 86°F at 6:30 am inside the church! Because buildings hold the heat for a short while after the outside temperatures begin to cool, we'll plan to resume Sunday Masses at St. Mary's the weekend of September 19. Beginning that weekend, the Sunday Mass Schedule will be:

Saturday	4:00 pm	St. Andrew
Sunday	7:30 am	St. Mary
	9:00 am	St. Andrew
	10:30 am	St. Mary
	12:00 pm (Spanish)	St. Mary

At the present time, we simply don't have enough attendance at the other English Masses to warrant the return of the 12 noon Mass in English.

In addition, the weekly Holy Hour will move back to Wednesday evenings at 7 pm in St. Mary's Church beginning Wednesday, September 22.

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Everyday Stewardship

I've met and talked with enough people to feel confident that if you polled 100 fallen-away Catholics about why they didn't want anything to do with the Church, the term "accountability" would pop up in almost all of their answers.

And to be fair, a lack of accountability isn't just a Catholic problem. Talking the talk, but not walking the walk has been a shortcoming handed down throughout the ages, across all creeds and nationalities.

Loving our neighbor, welcoming the stranger, clothing the naked, feeding the poor – it all sounds fantastic, especially when we're the ones saying it. But the doing – well, that's a different story, isn't it? We would do well to remember that Christ calls one of His best friends "Satan" when Peter tries to convince Jesus to stray from His destiny.

Have you ever been called Satan by one of your good buddies? I'll bet it's not a great feeling. But think about what Peter was doing. He had just said, "You are the Christ." And now, mere moments later, he's saying: "Don't say these things. Don't say you're going to suffer. Don't say you'll be killed."

He was telling Christ to squander what the Lord had given him. He was telling Him that having faith was fine, but being faithful? It's just a little too hard. God has a destiny for you, too, and He's asking you to be open to it. Maybe it's not in your comfort zone. Maybe you don't think you can do it.

Lord, give us faith – but help us, also, to do the work. – TEW

Super 50/50

Earlier this week you should have received a letter from the parish containing tickets for our upcoming Super 50/50. Last year's winner received more than \$10,000! The drawing will take place at the reception which will take place in the St. Andrew's school gym after Fr. Philip's Installation Mass on Saturday, October 9. Extra tickets will be available in the church vestibules and parish office. Please return your tickets to the parish office directly or place them, along with the necessary money, in an envelope and put the envelope in the Sunday Collection.

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 next Sunday, September 19, 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.

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ASCA News

Full-day sessions begin Monday. Staggered dismissal will begin at 2:45pm. Both Before Care and After Care services begin Monday. Please refer to the website for registration forms, information about fees, and dismissal procedures.

Our annual Calendar Raffle fund raiser begins Monday. Each raffle ticket is \$20 and affords you 10 chances to win in the weekly drawings. You may purchase tickets from any school family or at the school office.

Our first \$1 Tag Day of the year will be this Friday. Proceeds are earmarked for the 8th Grade Fund which is used to help defer graduation costs.

Our Home and School Association will be hosting a Fall Family Fun Night this Friday in the school yard from 6pm to 8pm. Details may be found on our website.

The full September calendar is posted to our website.

The Week at a Glance

- Mon., Sept. 13 Organizational Meeting - Hospitality Ministry
Serra Club, St. Joseph at St. Mary, 7 pm
- Thu., Sept. 16 Holy Hour, St. Andrew Chapel, 7 pm
Choir, St. Joseph Room at St. Mary, 7 pm

Mark Your Calendar

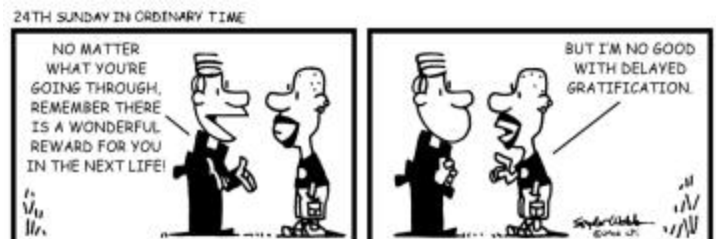
- Sun. Sept. 19 Rel. Ed., Grades 1-6, begins
- Tues, Sept. 21 Rel. Ed., Grades 7-9, begins
- Sat., Oct. 9 Installation of Fr. Philip as Pastor
Super 50/50 Drawing

Readings for the Week of September 12, 2021

- Sunday: Is 50:5-9a/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35
- Monday: 1 Tm 2:1-8/Lk 7:1-10
- Tuesday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
- Wednesday: 1 Tm 3:14-16/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
- Thursday: 1 Tm 4:12-16/Lk 7:36-50
- Friday: 1 Tm 6:2c-12/Lk 8:1-3
- Saturday: 1 Tm 6:13-16/Lk 8:4-15
- Next Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Jas 3:16-4:3/Mk 9:30-37

Looking Ahead to Next Week

Jesus speaks of His own rejection, torture, and shameful death. True discipleship, He says, is concerned not with status but with service to the poor, with justice and peace.



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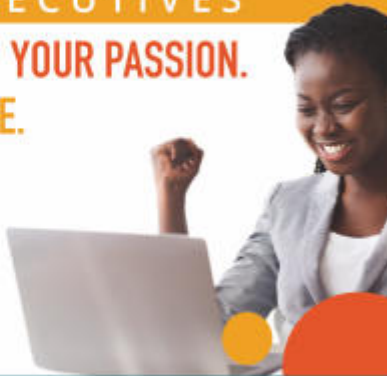
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