



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply,
"What did Moses command you?"
They replied, "Moses permitted a
husband to write a bill of divorce
and dismiss her." But Jesus told
them, "Because of the hardness
of your hearts he wrote you this
commandment. But from the
beginning of creation, God
made them male and female."
- Mk 10:3-6

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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

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St. Mary, Star of the Sea
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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

Miraculous Medal Novena:
Tuesdays after 9:00 Mass

Morning Prayer:
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

Weekly Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 - 8:00 pm (St. Mary)

October 3, 2021

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Sat., Oct. 2 *Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time*

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

Sun., Oct. 3

7:30 am (St. Mary) Clare Powanda
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Deborah Abeltin
10:30 am (St. Mary) Vincent Galgano
12:00 pm (St. Mary) Alejandrina y Quintino Hernandez

Mon., Oct. 4

St. Francis of Assisi

6:30 am (St. Mary) Campbell "Beansie" Love
9:00 am (St. Andrew) James and Maria DeLuca

Tue., Oct. 5

Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos

6:30 am (St. Mary) John and Joan Zelinski
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Luke Wade, Jr.

Wed., Oct. 6 *St. Bruno; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher*

6:30 am (St. Mary) Kathryn C. Byrne
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Charles Dittus, Sr.

Thu., Oct. 7

Our Lady of the Rosary

6:30 am (St. Mary) Animas del Purgatorio
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Andrew Hackler

Fri., Oct. 8

Weekday of Ordinary Time

6:30 am (St. Mary) Charles Dittus, Sr.
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Florence Prestifilippo

Sat., Oct. 9 *St. Denis and Companions; St. John Leonardi*

9:00 am (St. Andrew) Angela Santos Arroyo
4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Patrick and Anne Boyle

Sun., Oct. 10 *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*

7:30 am (St. Mary) *Pro Populo*
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Bridget Scialabba
10:30 am (St. Mary) Maureen O'Halloran
12:00 pm (St. Mary) Ana Libia Arevalo and Carlos Julio Almanza

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp Mae Maitner
Wine and Hosts Sheila Sweeney

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp Florence Prestifilippo
Wine and Hosts Florence Prestifilippo

Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Kotowski, Solecki, McCann, Lucia and Scbrocco Families

"FOR this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. So they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, no human being must separate." - Mk 10:7-9

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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, Dario Brito, Irma Brito, Hector Brito, Bernadette Burke, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Daniel Cotter, Magaly Diaz, Paul Dittmar, John Farrell, Irma Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, John Fitzpatrick, Karen Flar, Clare Gannon, Irma Gomez, Marilyn Joyce Hager, Nancy Herrera, Jeanette Jensen, Aaron Jones, Flar Karen, Barbara Kelly, Anthony Kotowski, Bob Kudlacik, Msgr. Larry Miller, Michael Morris, Vito Moscato, Kelly Nguyen, 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, James Wisely, Ezequiel Yost

For the Recently Deceased:

Bruce Barnas, Blanka Bubenik, Marian Cahill, Carolyn Noack

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!

September 26: Sunday Collection

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Twenty-Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

Notes from the Pastor

The readings this weekend are all about the Institution and Sacrament of Marriage and they are magnificent! Marriage as the Lord created it and intends it to be lived is truly beautiful. Unfortunately, Marriage is in a state of crisis.

One of the sacred duties of a parish is to maintain sacramental records. This takes the form of the actual Registers, or the books, in which the sacramental history of a parish is permanently recorded. In addition, the parish is required to maintain the Prenuptial Investigations for all of the couples who have been married in a parish going back 75 years. When we consolidated the rectories a few years ago, it was fascinating to see how many marriages were celebrated “back in the day”, not so long ago. It was not unusual to have multiple weddings on a given day. In recent years, however, it seems couples have lost sight of the necessity and value of the Sacrament of Matrimony. Since arriving in Bayonne, we have probably celebrated less than five weddings a year. That doesn't mean people aren't dating and “coupling off”. Human nature doesn't change, but our understanding and practice of our faith sometimes gets distorted. So, is it important to celebrate the Sacrament of Matrimony? Absolutely! Here's why: St. Augustine, the great Doctor of the Church, after having borne a child out of wedlock in his youth, had tremendous insight on the Sacrament of Marriage. In fact, his teaching remains the fundamental teaching of the church.

According to St. Augustine, there are three reasons marriage exists. The first, he says, is for the procreation of children. The sixth commandment prohibits any form of intimate behavior outside of marriage. If intimacy is necessary for procreation and intimacy is prohibited outside of marriage, then the propagation of the race needs to be the fruit of marital intimacy. This explains why God created marriage. Without it, man would not be able to keep the sixth commandment. Second, the Sacrament of Marriage helps the spouses to attain heaven. It is easier to work as a team in order to reach a goal than as an individual. So, because of their common life and interest in the good of each other, spouses are in a unique position to work together, encouraging each other to live virtuous lives. Along with this idea is the fact that the Sacrament of Marriage brings with it sacramental graces which help perfect our souls and make them worthy of heaven. Finally, Marriage is a tangible sign in our midst of a supernatural reality: God's love for mankind. Love is defined as a total sacrificial gift of self to, or on behalf of, another. God's gift of Himself to, and for, us takes place in the Divine Person of Jesus Christ in His Paschal Mystery. Similarly, in marriage, we are invited to make a total gift of ourselves to a person of the opposite sex. On the wedding day, that offer is made and the other party accepts the gift. That is the essence of the vows, the promise. The promise, then, is later fulfilled in the marital union. In other words, the wedding vows are a public declaration that the couple will make a gift of themselves to one another which later takes place in private when they “become one flesh”. One of the fascinating things, then, is that every time a sacramentally married couple is

intimate, that intimate act is considered to be a renewal of their wedding vows and, when completed with purity of intention, helps the couple to grow in marital grace. So, marital intimacy is essential to a healthy and holy marriage.

With this understanding of marriage, it becomes a bit clearer why the Church requires Catholics to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage and why she teaches that “marriages” outside the church are invalid for Catholics. Marriage is a Sacrament instituted by Christ. Since only the Church can celebrate Sacraments, “marriages” celebrated by civil authorities are not marriages, but civil unions. Consequently, Catholics in civil unions are deprived of sacramental grace and, in fact, are violating the sixth commandment in their intimate life. Since that violation is considered a grave sin, Catholics in civil unions are unable to receive the Sacrament of Penance unless they are willing to “amend their lives”. It also follows that they should not receive Holy Communion so as not to commit further grave sin.

So, what should someone do who finds themselves in a civil union but desiring to participate in the sacramental life of the Church? It's quite simple. They should make an appointment with one of the priests who will help them to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage. Sometimes an annulment is needed, sometimes not. Real life is messy, but Pope Francis always reminds us, the Church is a field hospital and the priests are specifically here to help heal and bring Life!

Super 50/50

You should have recently 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 next Saturday. Extra tickets are 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. Remember, you have to be in it to win it!

RSVP

Immediately following Fr. Philip's Installation at the 4 pm Mass next Saturday, October 9, there will be a reception in St. Andrew's Gym. Everyone is invited! However, we do need to have an idea of how many would like to attend so we can plan accordingly. If you'll be attending, please call the parish office and let us know how many we can expect from your household. At the conclusion of the reception, we'll draw the winning ticket for this year's Super 50/50.

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

America Needs Fatima will hold their annual rosary rally on Saturday, October 16th at 12 noon at the Our Lady of Fatima statue at St. Vincent's Church. Please join us as we simultaneously pray for our country with over 20,000 rallies across the country.

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Everyday Stewardship

“If I were God...” is a dangerous way to start a sentence, but how many of us do this? Probably more regularly than we would like to admit. Even if we don't verbalize the sentiment, we likely think it from time to time. Most of us finish that statement with some genius, original idea for eradicating difficulty and pain from the world. If I were God, I wouldn't let anyone go hungry. If I were God, all wealth would be equally distributed. If I were God, war wouldn't exist.

I imagine that, when we think thoughts like these, God shakes His head and wonders why we don't look a little harder at the whole of His creation – because I can promise you, it's never lacking.

When Adam had a need for a companion, God used what was available: Adam's rib. Everything that He had put into place was already perfect, already complete. Woman was a new creation, but not a new species. Adam searched through all of creation to find the perfect mate, but God had tucked the answer inside of His creation all along.

I'm guilty of it as much as anyone else – looking to Heaven with a chip on my shoulder. “Why haven't you sent me what I need? I've been asking over and over again.” But have I even thought to look inside of myself?

Where is the rib you are missing today? What are the opportunities God has set before you? What are the needs that He is ready to fulfill, if only you would stop wasting time lamenting all the solutions that don't fit the bill? – TEW

*Jesus, take my heart away,
and never give it back.
Jesus, give your heart to me,
and never take it back.*

City-wide Rosarian Mass

The John Paul II Rosary Society will host all of the Bayonne Rosarians at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Church for a City-wide Rosary Mass on Sunday, October 24, 2021 at 9:45 am. Rev. Philip Sanders will be the guest homilist. Everyone is invited to assemble at 9:20 am to recite the Rosary. Because of COVID concerns, there will NOT be a breakfast afterwards. Please call the BMT Parish Office before October 15 if you'd like to attend.

Blessing of Animals

Monday is the Feast of St. Francis. We will have the annual blessing of animals on the front steps of St. Andrew's Church at 6:00 pm.

Bayonne, NJ

ASCA News

Fall MAP testing begins this week and may run through October 22. Teachers will communicate testing schedules to their respective homerooms.

Calendar raffles are due this Friday. The first drawing will be held Wednesday, October 13. Please call the school office if you would like to purchase tickets.

The full October calendar is posted to our website.

The Week at a Glance

Sun., Oct.3	Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA
Mon., Oct.4	Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary Blessing of Animals, 6:00 pm, St. Andrew's Church
Tue., Oct. 5	Rel. Ed. Gr. 7-8, 9, 6:30 pm, ASCA Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St Mary
Wed., Oct. 6	Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Thu., Oct. 7	Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Fri., Oct. 8	Escuela de Fe, 7:30 pm, St. Mary
Sat., Oct. 9	Installation of Fr. Philip as Pastor Super 50/50 Drawing
Sun., Oct. 10	Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA

Mark Your Calendar

Tues., Nov. 2	All Soul's Remembrance Mass, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
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Readings for the Week of October 3, 2021

Sunday:	Gn 2:18-24/Heb 2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12
Monday:	Jon 1:1 – 2:2, 11/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday:	Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday:	Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday:	Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13
Friday:	Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday:	Jl 4:12-21/Lk 11:27-28
Next Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

Looking Ahead to Next Week

When offered the choice between true knowledge or riches, Solomon prays for wisdom of heart. When given the choice between following Jesus or remaining attached to his material wealth, the man chooses his possessions. God's word challenges us to be attached to Jesus, and to Him alone.

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