



# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

## *A Call to Holiness*

### Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish

28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# POSSIBLE

Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God." - Mk 10:27



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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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#### WORSHIP SITES

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**St. Andrew the Apostle**  
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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](mailto: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 10, 2021**

# Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



**Sat., Oct. 9** *Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Patrick and Anne Boyle

**Sun., Oct. 10**  
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

**Mon., Oct. 11** *St. John XXIII*  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Dale Waskiewicz

**Tue., Oct. 12** *Weekday of Ordinary Time*  
6:30 am (St. Mary) Nicholas and Joan Maino  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) John Waskiewicz

**Wed., Oct. 13** *Weekday of Ordinary Time*  
6:30 am (St. Mary) Joan O'Brien  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Donald Cymbor, Sr.

**Thu., Oct. 14** *St. Callistus I*  
6:30 am (St. Mary) Kathryn C. Byrne  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Nicole Giorgio

**Fri., Oct. 15** *St. Teresa of Jesus*  
6:30 am (St. Mary) John Dziekan  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Albertine and Daniel McMahon

**Sat., Oct. 16** *St. Hedwig;  
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque; BVM*  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) Theresa Barbieri  
4:00 pm (St. Andrew) Dorothy Perez

**Sun., Oct. 17** *Twenty-Ninth Sunday of Ordinary Time*  
7:30 am (St. Mary) Clare Powanda  
9:00 am (St. Andrew) *Pro Populo*  
10:30 am (St. Mary) Mary Rowan  
12:00 pm (St. Mary) Consuelo Gonzalez Fajardo

## Memorials

**St. Andrew**  
Sanctuary Lamp Jessica Gallagher and Mary Maida  
Wine and Hosts Leo and Helen Mahon

**St. Mary**  
Sanctuary Lamp Clare Powanda  
Wine and Hosts Clare Powanda

## Food Pantry and Soup Kitchen

Robe, Duke and Bobby Riccarrdi; Cal Liming; Robert Tonneson



*"GO, sell what you have, and give to the poor and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow Me." At that statement his face fell, and he went away sad, for he had many possessions. Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" - Mk 10:21c-23*

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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, Barbara Kelly, Anthony Kotowski, Bob Kudlacik, Fred Marques, 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:

Joseph Finnerty, Robert Tonnesen

## 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!

**October 3: Sunday Collection \$7600**

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## Twenty-Eighth Sunday of Ordinary Time

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### Notes from the Pastor

First, allow me to extend a warm welcome to Bishop Studerus who is with us representing the Cardinal for my installation as the second pastor of Bl. Miriam Teresa Parish. It is always an honor for a parish when one of the successors to the Apostles visits and prays with the community.

A new pastor's installation would ideally take place on his first weekend in his new parish, or at least very shortly after his arrival. The installation ritual is quite simple. It includes the public reading of the letter from the Archbishop to the parishioners introducing their new pastor; the introduction of the pastor to the parish staff, the parish council, and the trustees; and the pastor's public profession of faith and oath of fidelity. For all of us this weekend, that seems a little strange because I've been serving the parish for seven years already as parochial vicar, administrator, and, now, as pastor. A lot has happened since I arrived in 2014 and we have a lot to look forward to in the coming years! In addition to getting our different groups and programs back up and running after The Virus, we'll need to turn significant attention to the much-needed work of the churches. For the moment, let me simply say that despite the many challenges that lie ahead, we are assured this weekend that "with God, all things are possible." All we need to do is remain focused on Him and the glory of His Name.

### Everyday Stewardship

There's no getting around it: life on earth can seem easier if you're rich. Most of the bodily and material needs a person could have are fulfilled if you've got a little bit of money behind you. So why doesn't this same theory apply to entering the kingdom of Heaven? Why isn't Heaven like an Ivy League school, where a connection and a hasty tuition check might open a lot of doors? When you think about it, the virtues required to enter Heaven — things like charity and justice and courage — should be even closer within the grasp of those who never had to worry about where their food is coming from. In theory, your capacity for good works should only increase with the resources at your disposal.

The same is true for stewardship potential. Let's say I've got a lot of talent. Maybe I've got a lot of free time. On paper, it should be easier for me to give freely of these gifts, because I have the luxury that eluded the widow and her two coins: I can see my ample gift being put into action, when so many can only offer what they have and remind themselves that God sees it and appreciates it.

But here we get into the mess of humanity: if we have a lot of something, it means we have a lot of something we could use any way we want. And then we hear the whisper of the serpent: Think of what this (money, time, talent) could do for you.

May we pray for God to give us the heart of the widow, no matter our resources.

### St. Teresa of Avila and the "Frantic Madman"

Friday is the Feast of St. Teresa of Avila, one of the great Doctors of the Church, best known for her written works *The Interior Castle* and *The Way of Perfection* and her sense of humor. Both works are spiritual guides outlining growth in the spiritual life with the ultimate goal, of course, being union with God.

From her earliest days in the convent Teresa always tried to practice mental prayer. "I tried as hard as I could to keep Jesus Christ present within me", she would say. Nevertheless, she would become terribly frustrated by her distractions. "This intellect is so wild that it doesn't seem to be anything else than a frantic madman no one can tie down." After persistently working to tame the "madman", she concluded that "mental prayer ... is nothing else than an intimate sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with Him who we know loves us."

I don't know anyone who isn't distracted by the "frantic madman" that lives in our heads. The question, though, is what do we do to get him under control?

Those who have achieved great sanctity tell us that we need to make a conscious effort to concentrate on God's presence in our lives, most especially when it's time to pray. As residents in a hyperstimulated world, we need to physically stop and turn off the TV, the radio, the podcast, the telephone, whatever it may be, and remember that God desires our undivided attention. Even when we come to Mass, we need to remember that the bulletin and conversations with our neighbors are distractions to our prayer life. Remember how St. John Paul II was always observed to be so incredibly recollected and prayerful during Mass? It was obvious that his priority was God, even in the middle of St. Peter's Square. That's the kind of recollection Jesus desires of each of us. Only when we begin to make a concerted effort to sedate the "frantic madman" will we discover an authentic love for God and union with Him. That's what Teresa discovered. As she started to truly pray, she began to experience spiritual consolations. In the silence of her prayers, God's presence would overwhelm her senses and He would consume her soul with His love. In short, she began to truly experience heaven and develop a stronger desire to love God.

It is so easy to say words of prayer, but to contemplate them as we say them is far more difficult. Simply saying words of prayer won't change us, but contemplating the words as we say them will. Another famous St. Teresa (of Calcutta) said "I used to believe that prayer changes things, but now I know that prayer changes us, and we change things."

### America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

America Needs Fatima will hold their annual rosary rally this 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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**ASCA News**

School will be closed Monday in honor of Columbus Day. The fall session of MAP testing begins this week. Teachers will communicate testing schedules to their respective homerooms. Our first Calendar Raffle drawing will be held Wednesday. It's not too late to purchase a ticket! Lifetouch photographers will be on site Wednesday for annual school pictures. Teachers and students in grades Pre-K3 through 7 will have their yearbook photos taken. Kindergartners through seventh graders must wear their full winter uniform. Please refer to the Parent/Student Handbook for guidelines. 8th graders will NOT have their pictures taken Wednesday. Graduation photographs are taken in January. Progress Reports will be available Friday. Please check PowerSchool for your child's grades.

**All Souls' Candles**

All Souls' Day is the day we set aside to specifically pray for the peaceful repose of the souls of our deceased loved ones. As usual, all of the Masses on November 2 will be offered for all the faithful departed, especially those whose names are submitted with the All Souls' Day envelopes that you have already received. In addition, we are offering 6-day votive Memorial Candles like we did for Mother's and Father's Days. The parish will sponsor a candle for those individuals whose funerals were celebrated by the parish since November 2, 2020. If you would like a candle in memory of other loved ones, please complete the form below and, as usual, submit it in a separate envelope marked "All Souls' Candle" in the Sunday collection or at the Parish Office. ***Please write a separate check for the memorial candles.*** The deadline is Sunday, October 31.

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**In Memory of:**

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*St. Andrew*                       *St. Mary*

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*Candles are \$15 each*

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## Bayonne, NJ

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### 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.

### Columbus Day

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday in observance of Columbus Day. There will one Mass and it will be at 9 am at St. Andrew's.

### The Week at a Glance

Sun., Oct. 10	NO Rel. Ed.
Mon., Oct. 11	Parish Office Closed Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary Serra Club, 7 pm, St. Mary
Tue., Oct. 12	Rel. Ed. Gr. 7-8, 6:30 pm, ASCA Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St. Mary
Wed., Oct. 13	Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Thu., Oct. 14	Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Fri., Oct. 15	Escuela de Fe, 7:30 pm, St. Mary
Sat., Oct. 16	Youth Group, 6:30 pm, St. Mary
Sun., Oct. 17	Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA

### Mark Your Calendar

Tues., Nov. 2 All Souls' Remembrance Mass, 7:00 pm, St. Mary

### Readings for the Week of October 10, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 7:7-11/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
Monday:	Rom 1:1-7/Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday:	Rom 1:16-25/Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday:	Rom 2:1-11/Lk 11:42-46
Thursday:	Rom 3:21-30/Lk 11:47-54
Friday:	Rom 4:1-8/Lk 12:1-7
Saturday:	Rom 4:13, 16-18/Lk 12:8-12
Next Sunday:	Is 53:10-11/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

True greatness (holiness) is found in serving one another and by giving ourselves as did Jesus who suffered that we might be justified. He is our compassionate high priest in whom we have placed our hope.



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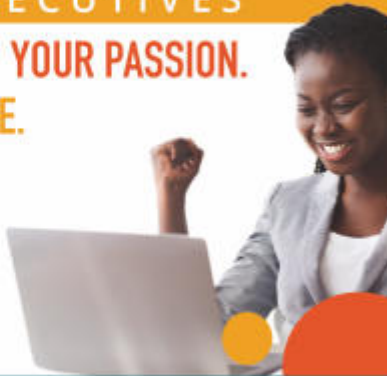
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