



# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

## *A Call to Holiness*

### Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



**THE EPIPHANY** *of the Lord*  
 "Since from you shall come a ruler,  
 who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b

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#### EUCCHARISTIC LITURGIES

<b>Mon.-Fri.:</b>	6:30am SM	9:00am SA
<b>Sat.:</b>	9:00am SA	4:00pm SA (Anticipated)
<b>Sun.:</b>	7:30am SM	9:00am SA
	10:30am SM	12:00pm SM (Español)
<b>Holy Days:</b>	6:30am SM	9:00am SA 7:00pm SA

#### PARISH STAFF

<b>Rev. Philip Sanders</b>	<i>Pastor</i>
<b>Rev. Johan Betancourt</b>	<i>Parochial Vicar</i>
<b>Rev. Msgr. Joseph Reilly</b>	<i>Weekend Associate</i>
<b>Philomena Coco</b>	<i>Faith Formation</i>
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<b>Janet Cymbor</b>	<i>Parish Trustee</i>
<b>Frank Fano</b>	<i>Music Director</i>
<b>Paige Porter</b>	<i>Cantor</i>
<b>Marge Russo</b>	<i>Choir Director</i>
<b>Hector Soto</b>	<i>Maintenance</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](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)

**January 2, 2022**

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## Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish

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### Notes from the Pastor

I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the efforts of all those who worked so hard to make our Christmas Celebrations so beautiful. So, Thank You! to those who gave so generously of their time to decorate the Churches. We had a lot of great volunteers this year, young and mature alike, to assemble trees, move camels, scatter straw, and water poinsettias! Next week we'll put everything away for safe keeping until next year.

Thanks, too, to the choir! They do a marvelous job singing meditative choral pieces and leading us with our hymns. They gather every Thursday evening to prepare for the upcoming seasons. While we still have the echoes of Christmas Carols in our heads, they're already preparing for Lent and Easter. If you have ever considered singing with the choir, now is the time! They are a great group of individuals that has a lot of fun. I hope you'll join us this Thursday for their concert and Christmas Sing-a-Long. They've invited us all to join them after the concert for refreshments in the St. Joseph Room.

### Parish Christmas Concert/Sing-a-long

Did you know that caroling burns 136 calories per hour, relieves stress and makes your spirits bright? Our small but dedicated band of choristers invites you to join them on Thursday, January 6, at 7:00 pm in St. Mary's Church to celebrate the joyous birth of our Savior. You're also invited to join them in the St. Joseph Room afterwards for the "after party" where you're sure to find some light snacks and great, fun, fellowship!

### St. Elizabeth Ann Seton | January 4

The patron saint of Catholic schools, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton (August 28, 1774 – January 4, 1821) was born in New York City to a prominent family of the Episcopal faith. When she turned 19, she married a wealthy businessman with whom she had five children. He later died of tuberculosis in 1803, leaving her a young widow. After discovering the Catholic faith in Italy, where her husband had died, she returned to New York and converted to Catholicism in 1805.

After several years struggling as a single mother, Elizabeth moved in 1809 to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, which started a chain reaction of Catholic-based education in the United States that continues today.

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton was canonized September 14, 1975 in St. Peter's Square by Pope Paul VI and was the first citizen born in the United States to be given the title of "Saint."

### Thanks, Frank!

On New Year's Eve, we bade farewell to Frank Fano, our Music Director/Organist for the past two years. Frank's first weekend with us was the first weekend the churches were closed during the pandemic in 2020, which seems so long ago. In the time since, Frank has graced our parish with his extraordinary musical talents. This past summer, Frank informed me that he was going to return to active ministry in the archdiocese. You see, Frank is a priest who had taken some time off from active ministry, but not for any untoward reasons. His assignment in his new parish started yesterday, January 1. Please join me in wishing Fr. Frank all the best and praying for a smooth transition back into the ministry. I hope to be able to introduce our new Music Director in the next week or two.

### Everyday Stewardship

If you own a television that has been turned on at any point in the last month or so, chances are you've caught at least a scene or two of the 1946 classic film "It's a Wonderful Life."

If you're not familiar with the movie, it follows the life of George Bailey from childhood through adulthood. A dreamer by nature, George has big plans for himself that involve world exploration and adventure – but family and community obligations keep him tethered to the same spot on the map, leading an altogether ordinary life.

One of the most memorable scenes from that movie is of George dancing with his sweetheart Mary while they sing "Buffalo Gals – Won't you come out tonight/And dance by the light of the moon?"

That lyric always catches my ear. Of course, the moon doesn't have any light of its own. All the moon has is the ability to reflect the light that shines upon it.

The same holds for us, doesn't it? Our stewardship is purely a reflection of the grace granted to us by another. "Upon you the LORD shines," writes Isaiah, "and over you appears His glory." Every good action we will ever take begins in the mind of God. The fact that we have the honor of carrying it out on His behalf is a beautiful gift. It is God that makes our ordinary lives extraordinary.

In the end of the movie, George Bailey realizes that he had a far greater life because, instead of being the hero of his own story, he allowed himself to reflect goodness onto others.

Remember – the Magi didn't chart their own course. They merely followed the star. – TEW

EPIPHANY



# The Epiphany of the Lord

## ASCA News

Classes resume tomorrow following our Christmas break. Students will be dismissed at 12pm Friday as Mr. Rios and the faculty have their monthly meeting. There will be no After Care. Looking ahead, we will be having a Dine Around at Mona Lisa Tuesday, January 11. Proceeds will be added to the 8th grade fund used to help defer graduation costs.

## 2021 Calendar Club Winners

Phil Coco and her sister, Sr. Frances, won \$1000 in the December drawing of the 2021 Calendar Club. They are our final winners in 2021. Congratulations! If you'd like to purchase a ticket for the 2022 Club, more information is on the inside of the fold-out flap of today's bulletin.

January	Marianne Lane
February	Mary Matthews
March	Theresa Colbath
April	Theresa Sullivan
May	Dan and Joyce Sweeney
June	Maureen DePaolo and Alma Vasilakis
July	Mark and Jayne Thomas
August	Janet Cymbor and Donald Cymbor Jr.
September	Christopher Hughes
October	Carol Trojan
November	Patricia and James Moloney
December	Philomena Coco and Sr. Frances Sanzo

## The Week at a Glance

Sun., Jan. 2	
Mon., Jan. 3	Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary
Tue., Jan. 4	Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St Mary
Wed., Jan. 5	Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Thu., Jan. 6	Christmas Concert, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Fri., Jan. 7	Escuela de Fe, 7:30 pm, St. Mary
Sat., Jan. 8	
Sun., Jan. 9	Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA

## Mark Your Calendar

Sat. Feb. 12 ASCA Gala, Chandelier Restaurant

## Looking Ahead to Next Week

"Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations and Lord of all creation. To Him be all glory and praise!



*"And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah;  
since from you shall come a ruler,  
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6*

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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:

Gladys Astudillo, Ramiro Better, Dario Brito, Maureen Bodnar, Irma Brito, Hector Brito, Bernadette Burke, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Daniel Cotter, Magaly Diaz, Ricky Earle, Dale Farrell, John Farrell, Irma Fernandez, Maria Fernandez, John Fitzpatrick, Karen Flar, Clare Gannon, Irma Gomez, Ena Gonzalez, 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, Sandra Ortega, Rita Paragone, Tyhesa Payne, Connie Piser, Ray Piser, Clara Pucciarelli, 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:

Rose Dziekan

## 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!

**December 19: Sunday Collection \$7881**

The Collection for Dec. 26 will be reported on Jan. 9.

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## Bayonne, NJ

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### Readings for the Week of January 2, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12  
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22-4:6/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25  
Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Mk 6:34-44  
Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Mk 6:45-52  
Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19-5:4/Lk 4:14-22a  
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Lk 5:12-16  
Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30  
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22, or  
Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

### Parish Office New Year's Schedule

The Parish Office will be closed from Friday, December 31, 2021 through Monday, January 3, 2022 for the New Year's Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 4, at 9:30 am.

### Un-Decorating Help Needed

We will undecorate St. Andrew's Church immediately after the 9 am Mass next Sunday, January 9. We are in need of some strong able-bodied individuals to help move and disassemble trees and the Nativity. If you could offer some time to help, it would be much appreciated!



## 2022 Calendar Club

Now available, 2022 Calendar Club Tickets! Each of the 300 tickets is \$120. One ticket will be drawn each month and the winner will be awarded \$1000. Each ticket is eligible to win every month. The drawings will take place at noon on the 15th of each month in the Parish Office. Return your order form/payment to the Parish Office directly or in the Sunday Collection. Proceeds benefit the Grounds and Maintenance Fund. The first drawing will be January 15, 2022. Raffle tickets make great Christmas Gifts! In a local parish, one ticket was legitimately pulled four times this year! Maybe 2022 will be the year for someone at BMT to win really big!

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like \_\_\_\_\_ tickets at \$120 each.



<b>Sun., Jan. 2</b>	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Nancy Daddi-Bello
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	William Velazquez
10:30 am (St. Mary)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
12:00 pm (St. Mary)	Jose Carlos Betancourt
<b>Mon., Jan. 3</b>	<i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Elaine Spille
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Christopher M. Rey
<b>Tue., Jan. 4</b>	<i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Madeline Espinal
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Nancy Daddi-Bello
<b>Wed., Jan. 5</b>	<i>St. John Neumann</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Rose Mary McGraw
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Rose Baccarella
<b>Thu., Jan. 6</b>	<i>St. André Bessette</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	John and Joan Zelinski
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Anthony Zalewski
<b>Fri., Jan. 7</b>	<i>St. Raymond of Penyafort</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Kathryn C. Byrne
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Kyle Gillespie
<b>Sat., Jan. 8</b>	<i>Christmas Weekday</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Mary Ellen Hipsley
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Nicholas Kasper
<b>Sun., Jan. 9</b>	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Souls in Purgatory
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Elizabeth Magotch
10:30 am (St. Mary)	Lawrence Murphy
12:00 pm (St. Mary)	<i>Pro Populo</i>

### Memorials

#### St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp	Deborah Davis
Wine and Hosts	Robert Ryan
Blessed Mother Lamp	Adam Jakubowski
St. Joseph Lamp	Luke Wade and Harry Engel

#### St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp	
Wine and Hosts	Collins, Sclafane, and McCormack Families

### Food Pantry

Mary Regina Clancy, Charles and Anne Dittus, Betty and Eddie Katowski, Dorothy and John McCann, The Spuma Family

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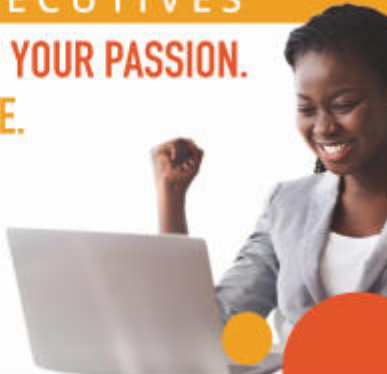
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