



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
- Lk 3:21-22a

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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

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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

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 9, 2022

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Notes from the Pastor

As we celebrate the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, our thoughts naturally turn to the Sacrament of Baptism. The Church traditionally calls the Eucharist “the Most Blessed Sacrament” because it is the Real Presence of Jesus in our midst and for our nourishment. In my personal opinion, Baptism is a close second because it actually takes us to heaven, albeit in a somewhat figurative way.

Before committing the Original Sin, Adam and Eve enjoyed a personal relationship with God. In a certain sense they were in heaven because Heaven is defined as union with God. Their Sin separated them from Him and made it impossible for them to have access to Him unless He took the first step. As we know, that’s precisely what Jesus came to do. He came to atone for our sins and give us the Sacraments.

When we are baptized, our Original Sin, which separates us from God, is washed away and the Holy Spirit actually comes to live within us! This is outrageous, but true: God lives in us! This is how we are already in heaven, but not completely. Baptism unites us to God. If we remain united to Him by not committing any mortal sins before we die, we will certainly go to Heaven where our union with Him will reach its fullness.

This is why I always tell parents on the day of their child’s Baptism that Baptism is the singular best gift they can give their child. They give them a participation in eternal life. At the same time I don’t hesitate to add that they have an important responsibility to diligently teach their child how to live a Christian life by loving God. Practicing the faith is just as important as receiving the gift of Faith in Baptism.

Our union with God through Baptism is certainly intended to be permanent, but it might not be so. It is so easy for us humans to offend God so badly that He cannot continue to remain in our souls. Mortal sin is deadly because God, who is Life, has to remove Himself until we repent of our sins and re-invite Him back into our lives through the Sacrament of Penance. If we have committed a grave sin, we must repent and receive absolution in order to be reunited to God. There are no ifs, ands, or buts about it. That is His desire; may it be ours, too!

TODAY - Un-Decorating Help Needed

We will undecorate St. Andrew’s Church immediately after the 9 am Mass this 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!

Welcome, Martha!

We’re pleased to welcome Martha Nowik as our new Music Director. Most recently, Martha was the Music Director at the Church of St. Bernard of Clairvaux/St. Stanislaus Kostka in Plainfield for 20 years before joining us. Martha is happily married to John, the organist for Seton Hall University, and the proud mother of 10 children, many of whom are musicians!

Everyday Stewardship

“Who is this Christ? Is He like you?”

Perhaps you’ve heard this story, often attributed to the life of St. Teresa of Calcutta. A sick man asked her this question, as he marveled at her tireless service to himself and others in the name of someone named Jesus Christ.

“He is nothing like me,” the saint is said to have answered. “But I hope I am like Him.”

Though the authenticity of this exchange cannot be verified, its message rings perfectly true: all the value of our stewardship lies in its relativity to the One in whose name we perform it.

Consider the figure of John the Baptist – a magnificent, towering character even purely from a literary or historical perspective. A martyr who fed on wild locusts and boldly spoke truth to power – a man so great some mistook him for the Messiah.

But why is he great? Because he prepared the way. All his accomplishments and escapades mean nothing if they are taken out of the context of salvation history. He only makes sense relative to Christ – and this is exactly as he wanted it. “One worthier than I is coming,” he insists. And because of that humility and that total embrace of God’s will, he is given one of the greatest honors in the New Testament – he baptizes the Son of God.

Let’s examine our lives in the light of their relativity to Christ. How do we prepare the way? When Christ comes to us, what do we do? How do we leave ourselves open to be actors in God’s plan? – TEW

St. Hilary of Poitiers | January 13

Born a pagan, St. Hilary (c. 315 – c. 367) studied philosophy and the meaning of life, eventually making his way through the Bible. He became a convert and was appointed bishop of Poitiers in 353. Sometimes referred to as the Hammer of the Arians, St. Hilary defended the Nicene Creed against a popular heresy, Arianism. He was exiled to Phrygia for opposing Roman emperor Constantius II, who preferred the heresy which denies Christ’s divinity. From Phrygia St. Hilary fought with his pen, zealously writing against the heresy.

Eventually he was allowed to return to Poitiers, but did so by a circuitous route, preaching against Arianism all the way. St. Hilary was likely the first writer of hymns in the West. His writings on the Trinity, Psalms and Gospel of Matthew survive today. St. Hilary was created Doctor of the Church, a title given to those who provided important contributions to theology and doctrine, in 1851 by Pope Pius IX.



The Baptism of the Lord

ASCA News

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. Please show this flyer when ordering your food.

Progress Reports are being sent home Friday. We are having a \$1 Tag Day Friday. Students and staff are asked to wear blue.

Get Formed!

Good News: the days are getting longer! Bad News: it's still too cold to enjoy the outdoors. Rather than whiling away the evening hours on less than edifying TV, why not invest some time with good Catholic programming? Formed.org provides the very best of Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help you explore your faith anywhere, even from home! They have movies, children's programs, e-books, and faith formation programs in both English and Spanish. Spiritual programming is a necessary means for helping us to be faithful disciples.

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There are 3 easy steps for parishioners to Sign Up on FORMED:

1. Visit <http://signup.formed.org/>
2. Enter our parish zip or name
3. Enter your name and email



Tax Statements

The Parish provides Statements of Charitable Contributions for you to use in preparing your personal income tax return. It is our custom to automatically send a statement to all those who contribute a minimum of \$1,000 during the previous tax year. These statements will be mailed so that you have them by the end of January 2022. If you have not contributed \$1,000 or more, you may certainly call the parish office and request a statement to be sent to you. We will send it out as soon as possible.

Faith Giving

As always, thank you for your continued generous support of the Parish!

December 26:	Sunday Collection	\$6384
January 1:	Mary, Mother of God	\$2716
January 2:	Sunday Collection	\$6400



"I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." - Lk 3:16bc

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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:

Walter and Anne Leahey, Mary Levine, Vera Luskie, Paul Matelesko, Agnes Sharkey, Paul Uzzolino

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.

Food Pantry

Sabino Gadaleta, Joseph K. Murphy, Ludo Nolfo and Eve Posada

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Readings for the Week of January 9, 2022

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
Monday: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

The Week at a Glance

Sun., Jan. 9 Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA
Mon., Jan. 10 Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary
Tue., Jan. 11 Rel. Ed. Gr. 7-8, 9, 6:30 pm, ASCA
Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St Mary
Wed., Jan. 12 Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Thu., Jan. 13 Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Fri., Jan. 14 Escuela de Fe, 7:30 pm, St. Mary
Sat., Jan. 15
Sun., Jan. 16

Mark Your Calendar

Sat. Feb. 12 ASCA Gala, Chandelier Restaurant

Looking Ahead to Next Week

At Cana in Galilee, Jesus performed the first of His signs, revealing His glory to His disciples, and later to the nations. He has revealed as well the manifestation of the Spirit who distributes different gifts as He chooses.

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. In a local parish, one ticket was legitimately pulled four times last 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.



Sat., Jan. 8	<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Mary Ellen Hipsley
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Nicholas Kasper
Sun., Jan. 9	
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Souls of Purgatory
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Elizabeth Magotch
10:30 am (St. Mary)	Lawrence Murphy
12:00 pm (St. Mary)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Mon., Jan. 10	<i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Kathryn C. Byrne
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Steve Kenner
Tue., Jan. 11	<i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	In Thanksgiving to the Holy Spirit
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Nancy Josephine Daddi-Bello
Wed., Jan. 12	<i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Catherine Mayo
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Florence Limon
Thu., Jan. 13	<i>St. Hilary</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Robert "Bob" Tonnesen
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Frank DeTura
Fri., Jan. 14	<i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>
6:30 am (St. Mary)	Frank Magale
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	The Striffolino and Gallo Families
Sat., Jan. 15	<i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i>
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Donna Cabarle
4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun., Jan. 16	<i>Second Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>
7:30 am (St. Mary)	Deceased Members of the Boyle Family
9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Kevin Clancy
10:30 am (St. Mary)	Bertha Zalewski
12:00 pm (St. Mary)	Maximo Raul Camacho Osorio

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp	Elizabeth Nugent
Wine and Hosts	Brother Maitner
Blessed Mother Lamp	Jessica Gallagher and Mary Maida
St. Joseph Lamp	Richard Widynski

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp	John and Joan Brown
Wine and Hosts	Donald Luca

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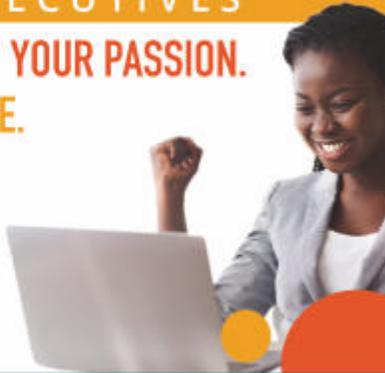
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