



BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

A Call to Holiness

Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."
- Jn 2:1-3

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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
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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.

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 16, 2022

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Notes from the Pastor

Every January, we are reminded of the sacredness of human life. On the anniversary of the Roe v. Wade decision, the Church in America pauses for a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children or, in other words, for an end to abortion.

In scripture, the first sin that cries out to God for vengeance is murder, the murder of Abel by Cain. Of course, murder can take many forms, some seemingly more egregious than others, but murder all the same. If we easily flinch at those murders that make the front pages of our papers, why don't we flinch at the murder of an innocent, defenseless child in its mother's womb? What does that say to us about our society? We correctly advocate for an end to the death penalty, that people who have committed heinous crimes should not be put to death. We expect the legal system to hold responsible those people who take the lives of others. At the same time, as a nation, we can't bring ourselves to provide legal protection for those who have done nothing wrong?

One of the roots of the problem is relativism. We shy away from advocating for something objectively good for society because we have reduced truth to a subjective reality instead of the objective reality that it is. We erroneously believe that there can be different truths about a single reality. "That's your truth", we say, "but my truth is otherwise." We can't bring ourselves to defend God's divine law "you shall not kill" because some may not believe in God. What's so strange, though, is that believers or non-believers who choose to end the lives of their unborn children suffer tremendously because their God-given and God-created conscience cannot be silenced. God is not limited by whether we believe in Him or not. He still speaks.

If God has created the universe for us to live in, it is perfectly reasonable that He has established the "rules of the house" that He expects us to follow if we are to have peace in the human family. If no reasonable human father would create "rules of the house" knowing they would bring misery on the family, how much less would our Heavenly Father establish rules to make us miserable. The difficulty we face living in God's house is that we find it hard to accept the fact that if we follow His rules, which are certainly demanding sometimes, we will be truly happy. Sometimes, someone needs to have the courage to say this is the way it needs to be simply because it is true. Can we be that someone?

Everyday Stewardship

"If every flower wanted to be a rose," wrote St. Therese of Lisieux, "spring would lose its loveliness."

Who is God asking you to be today? There is an obvious answer that springs to mind right out of the gate. God wants me to be a good person (a good parent, a good spouse) today; today, God wants me to be a saint.

But this answer fails to get to the heart of the question. We are all striving today to serve the same Spirit, but we are given dif-

ferent gifts to do so. The one who has the gift of knowledge may fail if today he decides he wants to be a healer. The one who has the gift of "varieties of tongues" might falter in the expression of wisdom.

Think about the wedding at Cana and the players in the scene: the servers, the guests, the bride and groom. They all have a unique role to play, and though it is to the servers that Mary gives the instruction, "Do whatever He tells you," her words apply to all.

Today, are we called to be the servers – do we wait on God's instruction and carry it out, no matter how foolish or impossible it may seem to our human ears? Are we asked to be the disciples, to bear witness to a miracle and to give our testimony? Are we called to imitate the Blessed Mother herself and give encouragement to follow God's word?

Let us examine our gifts and listen in the silence of our hearts to the direction of the Spirit. Then and only then, let us do whatever He tells us. – TEW

St. Sebastian | January 20

Not much is known about the life of St. Sebastian (256 – 287), except that he was a Roman martyr whose name has been mentioned throughout history since early 350.

We see St. Sebastian many times in art, especially from iconic paintings from Guido Reni, Andrea Mantegna and Hendrick ter Brugghen. Historical scholars now agree that a spiritual story has the beloved saint entering the Roman army because only there could he assist Christian martyrs without arousing suspicion on himself. Eventually he was found out, brought before Emperor Diocletian and delivered to Mauritanian archers to be shot to death. Pierced with arrows, he was left for dead, but managed to survive. He recovered from his wounds but still refused to leave. One day, St. Sebastian took up a position near where the emperor was to pass. He confronted the emperor, condemning him for his cruelty to Christians. This time the sentence of death was carried out, and St. Sebastian was beaten to death with clubs. Today he is the patron saint of athletes.

ASCA Gala

All Saints Catholic Academy will be hosting their 12th Annual Gala on Saturday, February 12, 2022 at The Chandelier in Bayonne. Congratulations to Pete Amadeo, John and Denna Hester, and MJ Loiacono, this year's honorees. Tickets are \$150 each and can be purchased from the Gala Committee at ASCAGala@gmail.com.



Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

ASCA News

School will be closed Monday in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

Thank you to the school and parish families for supporting our Dine Around last week at Mona Lisa's. We appreciate your support of our school children.

The winter session of MAP Testing begins this week. Teachers will communicate their testing schedules to their respective classroom parents.

Congratulations to our 8th graders as they begin receiving their acceptance letters from the area Catholic high schools. We are very proud of them and congratulate those who have earned merit scholarship awards.

Our 8th graders will be having their graduation photos taken in school Thursday. Prints can be ordered online at Lifetouch.com. Information has already been sent home to the 8th grade parents.

Welcome to the Family!

In recent weeks, God has adopted as His own children Lucas Chludzinski, son of Eric Chludzinski and Keri Toomey; Logan Gerena, son of Jose Gerena and Candice Baran; Shayla McQuillan, daughter of Thomas McQuillan and Alicia Glasser; and, Isabella Vasquez-Contreras, daughter of Erick Vasquez-Argueta and Karen Contreras. What a beautiful blessing for these children!

Christmas Collection

With the Christmas Season having come to a close, I am very happy to report that this year's Christmas Collection was \$47,750. This is about ten percent better than our last pre-pandemic collection in 2019! I'm particularly happy because our Christmas Masses were only attended by 50 more people than last year. I suspect a lot of people were hesitant to come to Mass because of the contagiousness of the Omicron variant. Let us pray that Covid will be put to rest soon.

Looking Ahead to Next Week

"Ezra proclaims the word of the Lord which gives spirit and life. Jesus proclaims Himself the fulfillment of the Law and the prophets. In Him we have become one body with many members."

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.



When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to Him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect Me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever He tells you." - Jn 2:3-5

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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, Delena Johnson, 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:

Robert J. Ghizzone, Kathleen Ann Glogowski

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!

January 9: Sunday Collection	\$6110
Communicating God's Word	\$1094

Bayonne, NJ

Readings for the Week of January 16, 2022

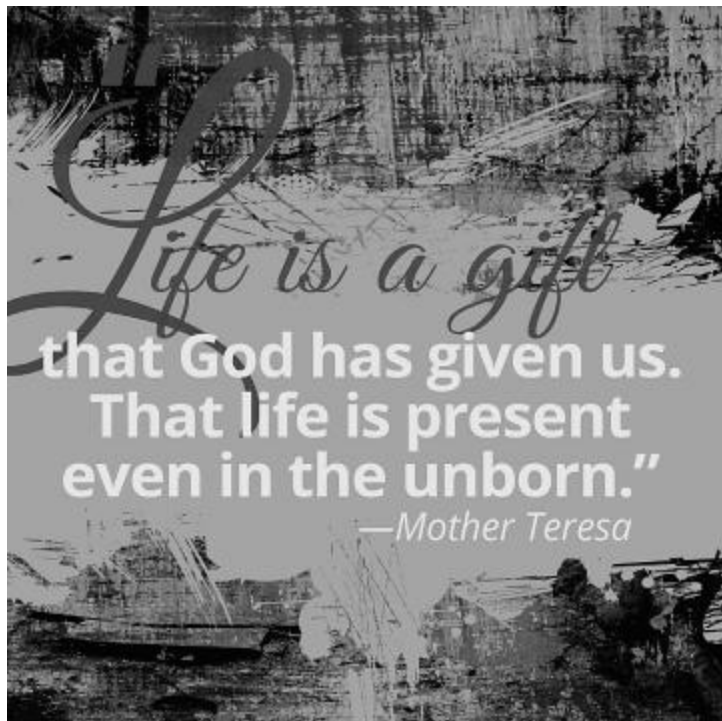
Sunday: Is 62:1-5/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11
Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Mk 3:7-12
Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Mk 3:13-19
Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Mk 3:20-21
Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

The Week at a Glance

Sun., Jan. 16
Mon., Jan. 17 Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary
Tue., Jan. 18 Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St Mary
Wed., Jan. 19 Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Thu., Jan. 20 Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, St. Mary
Fri., Jan. 21 Escuela de Fe, 7:30 pm, St. Mary
Sat., Jan. 22
Sun., Jan. 23 Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA

Mark Your Calendar

Sat. Feb. 12 ASCA Gala, Chandelier Restaurant



January 16, 2022



Sat., Jan. 15 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Second Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i>
Sun., Jan. 16 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Mary)	Deceased Members of the Boyle Family Kevin Clancy Bertha Zalewski Maximo Raul Camacho Osorio
Mon., Jan. 17 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	St. Anthony Lauren Lipoma The Dowliaszewicz Family
Tue., Jan. 18 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Weekday of Ordinary Time Kathryn C. Byrne Florence "Flo" Limon
Wed., Jan. 19 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	Weekday of Ordinary Time The Inzitari Family Domingo Barreiros
Thu., Jan. 20 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	St. Fabian, St. Sebastian John Zelinski and Family Ellen and John Gannon
Fri., Jan. 21 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	St. Agnes Nancy Petroccione John Kelly
Sat., Jan. 22 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children Brian Sweeney Patrick and Anne Boyle
Sun., Jan. 23 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Mary)	Third Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>Pro Populo</i> Marion Ryan Columb and Ellen Forker Pedro Arellano Mandujano

Memorials

St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp	John Adam Niedbalski
Wine and Hosts	John J. Hurley
Blessed Mother Lamp	Mae Lair and Anita Engel
St. Joseph Lamp	Stephen and Peter Widynski

St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp	
Wine and Hosts	Rose Dziekan

Food Pantry

Ronnie Lucente, Frank O'Leary, and Willie

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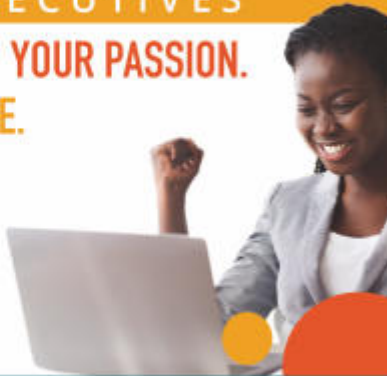
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