



# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

## *A Call to Holiness*

### Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



### 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

The Spirit of the Lord  
is upon me...  
He has sent me to  
proclaim liberty to  
captives  
and recovery of sight  
to the blind,  
to let the oppressed  
go free.  
- Lk 4:18

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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>
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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 23, 2022

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### Notes from the Pastor

Going... Going...Not quite gone. The sale of St. Andrew's School and Convent, has been extraordinarily frustrating.

To recap: Years ago a private developer contracted with the Archdiocese to buy the property. Shortly after, the Bayonne Board of Education expressed interest in buying the property. The legal arrangement was that the contract with the original buyer was assigned to the City. The City then assumed responsibility for fulfilling the contract. Mayor Davis and I chatted on the front steps of ASCA during the drive by graduation in June 2020. He told me he hoped to have everything wrapped up "by the end of the year". For whatever reason, that deadline passed and the sale was scheduled to close at the end of March 2021.

Around Christmastime in 2020, I received a call. The City could not secure the necessary funds in time for March, could they have a nine month extension, closing on December 31, 2021? The extension was granted, for a price. The "price" was intended to recover the expenses the parish continued to incur on the property while the City/BOE protracted the closing date. Quite honestly, the delayed closing dates have cost the parish significant sums of money.

A few weeks ago, just after Christmas and days before the contractual closing date, I received another call from the archdiocese. The City still has not procured the necessary permissions and, evidently, the money. Can we extend the deadline to March 1, 2022? was the request. Contrary to my personal desires, the extension was granted.

Since that time, I can tell you that the City has received permission from the State Department of Education to acquire the property and we are now finalizing the sale documents. Some day soon I hope to publish in big bold letters "SOLD".

While I am updating you on the school sale, let me also update you on the City's decision to require us to pay property tax on St. Andrew's Rectory.

Forgive me if I've already told you this part of the story. In November 2020 when most offices were closed, including City Hall, and most children were learning from home, the Tax Assessor asked to look at all the parish buildings to see if they were being used for tax-exempt purposes. In the convent, in the school, in the rectory, she asked "what is the building being used for now?" That was a tough question considering everything was closed in anticipation of the City purchasing the property. She was even in my bedroom at St. Mary's Rectory, making sure it was being used as a rectory! The end result was that she determined, despite the presence of religious Nativity statues in the garage, a legitimate tax-exempt use, that the St. Andrew's Rectory was not being used for Tax-exempt purposes and that we would, therefore, be required to pay in excess of \$22,000 per year in property tax. That's about 5% of our income.

We appealed the decision to the Hudson County Board and lost. The appeal is now at the State level. The discovery period for the hearing will close in February before the case is heard.

### Everyday Stewardship

One of the things about Scripture is that even the smallest word and shortest phrase can be critical to the overall message. When you take a quiet moment to rest with the Word, you find how quickly the most mundane sentence can reach out and grab you, pulling you into a deeper contemplation of some truth you hadn't even considered until then.

But we often fail to act as the Israelites in the Book of Nehemiah, standing before the Water Gate "listening attentively." Whether it's at Mass during the Liturgy of the Word or at home poring over the Bible, time after time we find ourselves less mindful than we could be. Our ears accept the sounds of the words and our eyes glance over the shape of the letters.

But are we mindful – truly?

The best answer is hopefully at least sometimes. There are always tasks to be completed, problems weighing on our minds that we can't quite give over to God. We lose ourselves in these things instead of in Scripture. We "clock in" with Bible reading instead of "diving in."

We can never forget that the words of the Lord are spirit and life. They are the soil that quickens the seed of all stewardship. There is no mindfulness, no prayer, no graciousness, no gratitude or accountability or sense of commitment unless there is the Word. So let us pray today for mindfulness, that our every action will be grounded in the law of God – giving it true spirit and life. – TEW

### 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.

### Winner! Winner!

Congratulations to Mark and Jayne Thomas, whose ticket was drawn as the first winner in the 2022 Calendar Club! Mark and Jayne will receive a \$1000 check!

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# Annual Appeal <sup>the 2022</sup>

Every year, in early January, the Archdiocese begins their Annual Appeal. The Appeal is intended to raise funds for those charitable works that are too big for any one parish to sponsor on their own or those which benefit the faithful of the Archdiocese at large. As the pastor, I am required to make the appeal to the parish on behalf of the Archbishop and I will do that in the coming weeks. According to information I received from the Archdiocese, all registered parishioners should have received a letter and brochure from the Cardinal last week. In addition, those who participated in last year's Appeal will receive materials to renew their participation. If you have not previously given, please consider making a contribution this year. Many of our less fortunate brothers and sisters truly depend on and benefit from Archdiocesan programs.

BMT parish has a history of being very generous. Last year, we surpassed our \$50,674 goal by about \$5000! The excess contributions will be returned to the parish.

Usually, a parish's goal has been set at 10% of their Sunday, Christmas and Easter collections from two years ago. In 2020, everyone's income saw a steep decline because of the pandemic. If the Archdiocese were to continue implementing a 10% rule for the Appeal Goal, the Archdiocesan Goal would be about 17% less than last year while the financial necessity remains the same, if not greater because of inflation. Therefore, this year, the Archdiocese is providing two goals: the normal 10% of income goal and a stretch goal which is equivalent to last year's goal. Meeting our stretch goal, which should be no problem for us, will gain for us a 2% reduction in our annual assessment due to the archdiocese and any monies we contribute above our stretch goal will be returned to the parish.

Our base goal for the 2022 Annual Appeal is \$42,154 and our stretch goal is \$50,675.

As in year's past, we will not be placing the pledge envelopes in the pews. Instead, you are encouraged to make your contribution directly to the Archdiocese through their on-line portal.

[www.rcan.org/appeal](http://www.rcan.org/appeal)

For those who absolutely need to make a contribution by check, pledge envelopes will be available in the vestibules of the church. Complete the information on the envelope, **make your check payable to the Archdiocese of Newark**, place it in the envelope and return the envelope **directly to the Archdiocese**. *Please do not make checks payable to BMT Parish*. Thanks for your participation and contributions.



*"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring glad tidings to the poor...  
and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord." - Lk 4:18a, 19*

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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, 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, Chloe McGinley, 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:

Catherine Bandinelli, Maria Antonia Casais, Daniel Cotter

## 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!

<b>January 16:</b>	<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$6743</b>
	<b>Grounds and Maintenance</b>	<b>\$5056</b>

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## Bayonne, NJ

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### Readings for the Week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/1 Cor 12:12-30/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21  
Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Mk 3:22-30  
Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18  
Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Mk 4:1-20  
Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Mk 4:21-25  
Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Mk 4:26-34  
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Mk 4:35-41  
Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13/Lk 4:21-30

### The Week at a Glance

Sun., Jan. 23 Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA  
Mon., Jan. 24 Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary  
Tue., Jan. 25 Rel. Ed. Gr. 7-8, 9, 6:30 pm, ASCA  
Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St Mary  
Wed., Jan. 26 Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary  
Thu., Jan. 27 Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, St. Mary  
Fri., Jan. 28  
Sat., Jan. 29  
Sun., Jan. 30 Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA

### Mark Your Calendar

Sat. Feb. 12 ASCA Gala, Chandelier Restaurant

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

“No prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown.” Thus did Jeremiah and Jesus encounter opposition and lack of faith; thus did both place their hope in the Lord. Paul speaks eloquently of the greatest of all the gifts: love.

### ASCA News/Gala

We will gather as a community for Mass tomorrow morning at 10:00. Our Kindergarten students will be receiving their first report card this Friday.

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](mailto:ASCAGala@gmail.com). While the deadline for requesting tickets was Friday, January 21, I am sure you could still reserve your tickets early this week.

### Catholic Wisdom

The more I wanted to pray for my father and could not, the more I realized how much my hatred of him had harmed me instead of harming him. I can’t remember where I heard this saying, but it came back to me then: Refusing to forgive is like drinking poison and hoping that the other person will die.

—Derya Little, from her book *From Islam to Christ*

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January 23, 2022

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<b>Sat., Jan. 22</b> 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<b><i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></b> Patrick and Anne Boyle
<b>Sun., Jan. 23</b> 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Mary)	<b><i>Third Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></b> <i>Pro Populo</i> Marion Ryan Columb and Ellen Forker Pedro Arellano Mandujano
<b>Mon., Jan. 24</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b><i>St. Francis de Sales</i></b> Daniel Haggerty John Adam Niedbalski
<b>Tue., Jan. 25</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b><i>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</i></b> Sonnina Cortese Richard C. Algeria
<b>Wed., Jan. 26</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b><i>Sts. Timothy and Titus</i></b> Kathryn C. Byrne Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Veverka, Sr.
<b>Thu., Jan. 27</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b><i>St. Angela Merici</i></b> The Inzitari Family Mary Elizabeth Waninger
<b>Fri., Jan. 28</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b><i>St. Thomas Aquinas</i></b> Teresa Brancatella Lily Vinales
<b>Sat., Jan. 29</b> 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<b><i>Weekday of Ordinary Time</i></b> The Chomiak Family Robert Moloney
<b>Sun., Jan. 30</b> 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Mary)	<b><i>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</i></b> Jane Rowan <i>Pro Populo</i> Elsa de Ramos Raquel Javier Echeverria

### Memorials

#### St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp	
Wine and Hosts	Joseph Maitner
Blessed Mother Lamp	Marion Ryan
St. Joseph Lamp	Magdalena & Boleslaw Widynski

#### St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp
Wine and Hosts

### Food Pantry

Kotowski, Solecki, McCann, Lucia and Scbrocco Families; the Spuma Family

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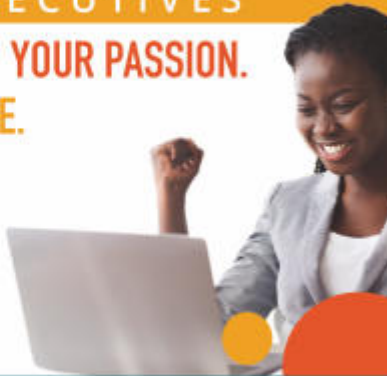
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