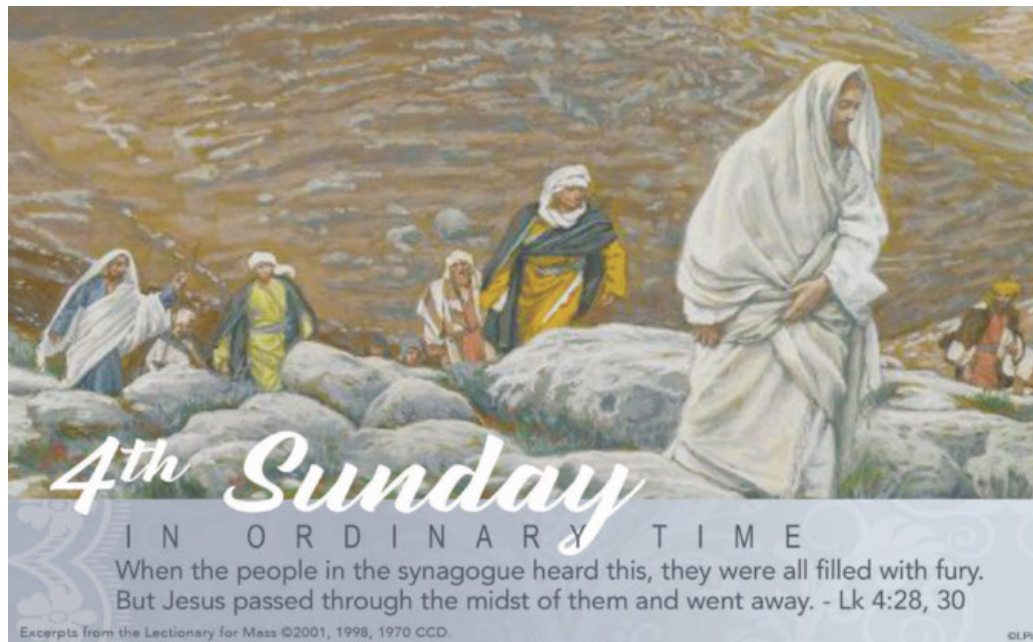




# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

## *A Call to Holiness*

### Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish



## 4th Sunday

IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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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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**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](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 30, 2022

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## Blessed Miriam Teresa Demjanovich Parish

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### Notes from the Pastor

The Little Flower aspired to greatness and wanted to do many things for Jesus and His Church. Among other things, she wanted to be a missionary; she wanted to be a priest. Of course, neither of those were possible. She was a cloistered nun and a woman. So, those particular “inspirations” were, at face value, misguided. Regardless, she did not stop looking for her true vocation in the Church. With a disquieted heart, she says, she turned to St. Paul’s writings, especially the 12th and 13th chapters of his letter to the Corinthians. There, in a moment, she found the answer to her desire for excellence: “Brothers and sisters: Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts. But I shall show you a still more excellent way,” Paul writes, before continuing with his classic treatise on love, today’s Second reading. He concludes with the acknowledgment that, after all is said and done, faith, hope, and love remain, but the greatest is love. There was her answer. At that moment, she determined her vocation in the heart of the Church was to be love! At the same time, she found the recipe on how to love: love is patient, kind, not jealous etc... I believe we all want to be “lovers” in the Christian sense, as described by St. Paul, but it’s hard sometimes. We ask ourselves whether our seemingly unappreciated acts of love are worth it, should we continue forgiving and not brooding over injury, for example. The final answer is simple and resounding: YES! because love never fails.

### St. Blaise | February 3

St. Blaise lived in the fourth century in Turkey and Armenia. Due to religious persecution, he was forced to flee and hide in a cave in the back country in order to save his life.

History has it that one day a group of hunters stumbled upon where St. Blaise was living. They found the bishop kneeling in prayer, surrounded by wolves, lions, and bears that he had tamed. The legend has it that as the hunters dragged Blaise off to prison, a mother came with her young son who had a fish bone lodged in his throat. At Blaise’s command, the child was able to cough up the bone and thus lived.

Today we remember the saint on his feast day by taking two candles, crossing them against the throat, and saying the following prayer: *Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from ailments of the throat and from every other evil. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.*

### 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](mailto:ASCAGala@gmail.com).

### ASCA News

We are eager to celebrate Catholic Schools’ Week this week. Our Catholic identity is what separates us from other schools and we are grateful to bear witness to our faith on a daily basis. Home-room teachers may be planning grade-specific activities; school-wide our schedule is as follows:

Monday: Superhero Day  
Tuesday: Crazy Socks and Hair Day  
Wednesday: Kahoot Trivia Competition  
Thursday: Sports Team Day; Souper Bowl  
Friday: Panther Pride Day – Spirit Wear and school colors

Please note we will dismiss at 12pm Friday. There will be no After Care.

### Everyday Stewardship

“Love is patient, love is kind ...” As familiar as these words are, they never seem to stray into the territory of becoming trite or silly. At their core they communicate a truth about us and about our Creator that never fails to inspire.

But despite the fact that you’ve probably heard it at many weddings over time, First Corinthians isn’t just for newlyweds. It wasn’t written for married folks. It’s for every single one of us, in every state of life and every social situation, in every country and culture and language across the globe.

Which means that First Corinthians is even for the online world. It’s for Facebook and Twitter and Instagram and all the other platforms I’m forgetting (there seems to be a new one every day, doesn’t there?).

A sense of division – whether rooted in politics, culture or anything else – is growing in our world, and it’s never more obvious than when we observe interactions online. It is far easier, after all, to remember what love is when a human being of flesh and blood stands before us. When all we see is an avatar or a profile picture on a screen – especially accompanied by an opinion with which we vehemently disagree – even the most loving Christians can throw First Corinthians out the window.

As everyday stewards we know that we are charged to be not only gracious but grateful. We receive others but we also give thanks for what they bring to us – even if that’s an opportunity to “strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts.”

So before the next time you post anything online, I suggest giving First Corinthians a read – and remember, love never fails. – TEW



# 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.

## Blessing of Throats

Throats will be blessed after the daily Masses on Thursday, the Feast of St. Blaise.



*When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove Him out of the town, and led Him to the brow of the hill on which their town had been built, to hurl Him down headlong. But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28-30*

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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, Victoria Cabello, Raymond Calvo, Magaly Diaz, Vicente 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, Chloe McGinley, Msgr. Larry Miller, Michael Morris, Vito Moscato, Kelly Nguyen, Sandra Ortega, Rita Paragone, Tyhesa Payne, 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:

Donald Gallagher, Delena Johnson, Peter J. McMonagle, Connie and Ray Piser, Eleanor Reynolds

## 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 23: Sunday Collection \$4910**

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## Bayonne, NJ

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### Readings for the Week of January 30, 2022

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/1 Cor 12:31-13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30  
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20  
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43  
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40  
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13  
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Mk 6:14-29  
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34  
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 5:1-11

### The Week at a Glance

Sun., Jan. 30 Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA  
Mon., Jan. 31 Legion de Maria, 4 pm, St. Mary  
Tue., Feb. 1 Rel. Ed. Gr. 7-8, 6:30 pm, ASCA  
Dios es Amor, 7:30 pm, St Mary  
Wed., Feb. 2 Holy Hour, 7:00 pm, St. Mary  
Thu., Feb. 3 Choir Practice, 7:00 pm, St. Mary  
Fri., Feb. 4 Escuela de Fe, 7:30 pm, St. Mary  
Sat., Feb. 5  
Sun., Feb. 6 Rel. Ed. Gr. 1-6, 8:45 am, ASCA

### Mark Your Calendar

Sat. Feb. 12 ASCA Gala, Chandelier Restaurant

### Looking Ahead to Next Week

Isaiah, a man of unclean lips, beholds the Lord's glory in the temple and is sent on a mission. Simon, a sinner, responds to the mission of Jesus by becoming a disciple. Paul, the persecutor, speaks of his call to preach nothing but Christ crucified and risen.

### 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.



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January 30, 2022

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<b>Sat., Jan. 29</b> 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<b>Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> 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)	Jane Rowan <i>Pro Populo</i> Elsa de Ramos Raquel Javier Echeverria
<b>Mon., Jan. 31</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b>St. John Bosco</b> Kathryn C. Byrne Richard M. Kushnir
<b>Tue., Feb. 1</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Richard and Laura Kushnir Richard C. Algeria
<b>Wed., Feb. 2</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b> Adam R. Jakubowski George Guthrie
<b>Thu., Feb. 3</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b>St. Blaise, St. Ansgar</b> Bruno Mamani Camacho Joseph Hughes
<b>Fri., Feb. 4</b> 6:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew)	<b>Weekday of Ordinary Time</b> Paul Matelesko John Adam Niedbalski
<b>Sat., Feb. 5</b> 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 4:00 pm (St. Andrew)	<b>St. Agatha</b> Merrill Adamson Patrick and Anne Boyle
<b>Sun., Feb. 6</b> 7:30 am (St. Mary) 9:00 am (St. Andrew) 10:30 am (St. Mary) 12:00 pm (St. Mary)	<b>Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time</b> Sr. Aine O'Connor Dave Markowski <i>Pro Populo</i> Jose Carlos Betancourt

### Memorials

#### St. Andrew

Sanctuary Lamp	
Wine and Hosts	Rose Caulfield
Blessed Mother Lamp	Thomas William Ryan, Sr.
St. Joseph Lamp	Thomas William Ryan, Sr.

#### St. Mary

Sanctuary Lamp	
Wine and Hosts	Paul Matelesko

### Food Pantry

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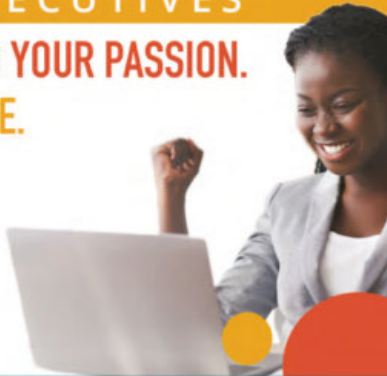
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