



# BLESSED MIRIAM TERESA

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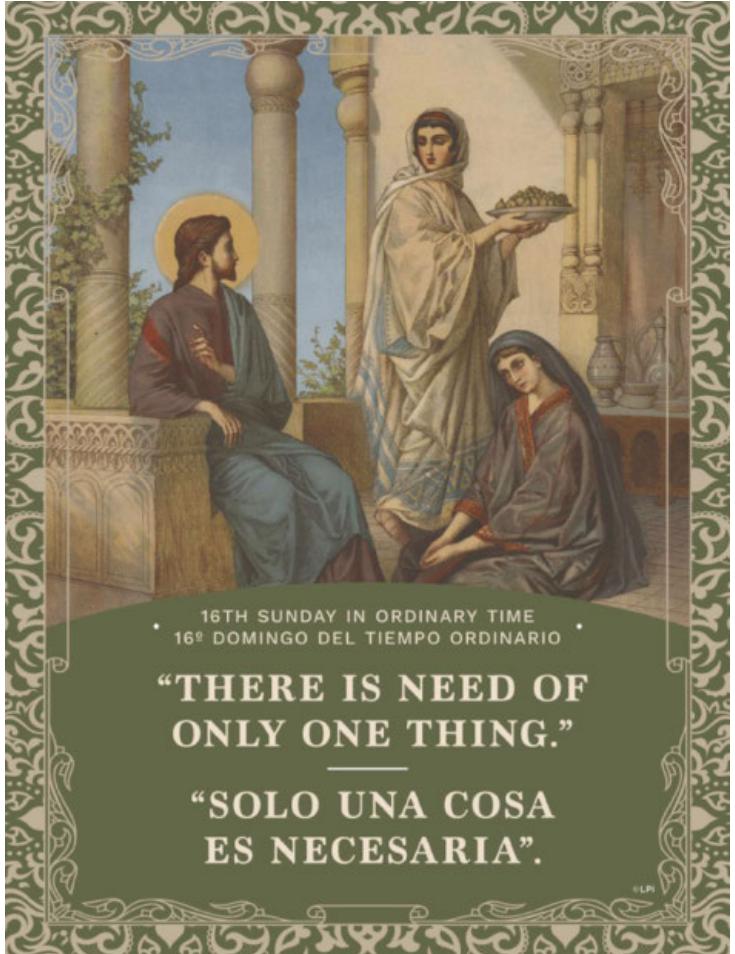
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#### WE WORSHIP AT

St. Mary, Star of the Sea Church  
326 Avenue C, Bayonne, NJ 07002

#### EUCARISTIC LITURGIES

**Mon - Fri:** 6:30am | 9:00am  
**Primer Viernes:** 7:00pm (Español)  
**Sat:** 9:00am | 4:00pm (Anticipated)  
**Sun:** 7:30am | 9:00am | 10:30am | 12:00pm (Español)  
**Holy Days:** Consult the Bulletin

#### 1st Saturday Eucharistic Adoration:

3:00pm - 4:00pm  
Benediction following 4:00pm Mass  
**Weekly Eucharistic Adoration:**  
Monday | 7:00pm - 8:00pm

#### SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

**Reconciliation:** Saturdays | 3:00pm - 4:00pm, or by appointment.  
**Pastoral Care for the Sick:** Any parishioner unable to attend Mass may contact the rectory to make arrangements to receive the Eucharist at home.  
**Baptism:** Children of registered parishioners are eligible for the Sacrament of Baptism.

Contact the parish office via email at [baptism@BMTParish.org](mailto:baptism@BMTParish.org). Children should be baptized as soon as possible after birth.

**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.

**Accessibility:** The Upper Church is accessible by a lift located in the main vestibule entrance located closest to the Rectory.

#### DEVOTIONS

**Miraculous Medal Novena:**  
Tuesdays after 9:00am Mass  
**Communal Rosary:**  
Weekdays after 9:00am Mass



### Notes from the Pastor

Abraham and Sarah were a righteous couple, but they were a bit perplexed. When God established His covenant with Abraham, He promised to make his descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. The problem was that Abraham and Sarah were childless despite their many tries. At one point, desperate to give her husband a child, Sarah gave him her servant Hagar. Indeed, Hagar gave birth to Ishmael. Eventually, God promised Abraham that Sarah would bear him a son whom he would name Isaac. Abraham was incredulous and laughed in God's face, but God was true to His word and today's first reading chronicles an important encounter leading to Isaac's birth.

The scripture tells us that Abraham was sitting at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day when God appeared to Him in the form of three men. While the scripture doesn't specifically say God was appearing to Abraham, Abraham's behavior clearly betrays his knowledge that God was visiting him. What did he do? He asked Sarah to help him offer hospitality to the three passersby. They did not offer just any hospitality, they invited the men into their home and provided the very best hospitality they could. As they were leaving and precisely because of Abraham's and Sarah's generosity, the three men promised that Sarah would have her son Isaac within the year.

It's a beautiful story that demonstrates that if we want God to answer our prayers and take care of our needs, we ought to foster a generous relationship with Him. We should express our generosity through our prayer life, through our desire to spend time with Him every day, not just for a short while on Sunday morning. We should be generous in helping to maintain His home, the church, and those in need. And, we should be generous in using our talents to help build the Kingdom.

Abraham was absorbed in his relationship with God. We might even say he was enraptured with Him. What about us? God is never outdone in His generosity. Maybe we don't recognize His generosity because we only share our crumbs with Him.

### Winner! Winner!

Congratulations to Rita and Lola Maratta, the June winners in the 2025 Calendar Raffle! Rita and Lola will share the \$1000 prize and their ticket has been returned to the hopper so that they can possibly win again next month.

January	Brian and Elizabeth Meehan
February	Charles and Sharon Nadrowski
March	Adrienne and Eileen Wade
April	Anthony Prosapio
May	Kevin and Anne Adamson
June	Rita and Lola Maratta
July	Clare Gannon

### (Practicing) Catholic Recognizing God In Your Ordinary Moments

#### Martha's Burdens

It's time to admit it: I've been unfair to Mary in the past. Been a little catty about her. *Oooh, Mary, she's so holy.* Well, do you like to eat, Mary? Who made your lunch? Yeah, that's right: it was Martha. Because you know what? It's the Marthas who get things done in the world while the Marys lounge around reading Aquinas and attending silent retreats and going to Eucharistic Adoration whenever they want.

And there you have it, folks: my bitterness on full display! I tend to identify with Martha, not with Mary, and I need to stop doing that.

Because I am not Martha instead of Mary. I am both. We are all both.

Mary was a woman; she was expected to do the serving, too. She shared that burden; she wasn't abandoning it, heaping her portion on Martha. And it's so wrong to assume that Mary didn't have the same cares and anxieties as Martha – perhaps she even had more!

Here's the difference: Mary, unlike Martha (and me, I guess) knew where to go with them.

We typically see our burdens as an impediment to a relationship with Christ. *I'm so busy. I'm so overwhelmed. There are so many demands on me, on my time, on my person, on my finances. Take a number, Jesus. Get in line.* But we're thinking the wrong way. Burdens aren't an obstacle that stands between us and Christ. Burdens are the straightest path to His feet.

God knows about burdens, okay? Aside from being all-wise and all-knowing, He basically completed a doctorate in suffering, taking on a human form (itself kind of a burden, if you think about it) and for 33 years lived among the hardest and heaviest burdens this world has to offer.

Why did He do this? Well, part of the reason was so that we could finally understand that our burdens aren't a barrier between us and God. On the contrary, they connect us to Him.

Are you anxious about many things? Then you need to be right where Mary is: at the feet of Jesus, with all your burdens.

– Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



### ASCA News

The school office will be open this summer from 9 am to 1 pm, Monday through Friday.

If you are interested in registering your child(ren) for the 2025-2026 school year, we do have a few openings in some of our classes. Please call the school office to check on those openings, to make an appointment to tour our school, and/or complete registration forms. For your convenience, the forms are available on our website ([allsaintsbayonne.org](http://allsaintsbayonne.org)). If you have grade-specific questions about curriculum, etc., feel free to email teachers directly; their email addresses may be found on our website.

Save the date! Our Home and School Association will be hosting their annual *Pocketbook Bingo* October 4. More details will follow.

### Religious Education 2025-2026

Religious Education for next year is open. If your child was enrolled this year, you should have received a registration form. If you are new to the program, contact Blanca Cisneros in the Parish Office for more information. The first class will be Sunday, September 21, 2025. Families who register before July 31 will receive a discounted fee.



*The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." - Lk 10:41-42*

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### Prayer Requests

For those serving in the Military:

Joseph Barbarise, Vincent Barbarise, Dylan Connors, Brandon Materowski, Joseph Materowski, Shawn Redondo, Michael Russo, Jonathan Weeks

For those who are sick and suffering:

Kevin Adamson, Joysmar Crespo, Reyna Garcia, Julio Gonzalez, Charles Kazimir, Msgr. Larry Miller, Grace Murphy, Sassy Rodriguez, Veronica Tirado

*Names on the sick list will remain for 4 weeks*

*after which they will be removed if not renewed by the requestor.*

For the Recently Deceased:

Carole Famiglietti, James Sanchez

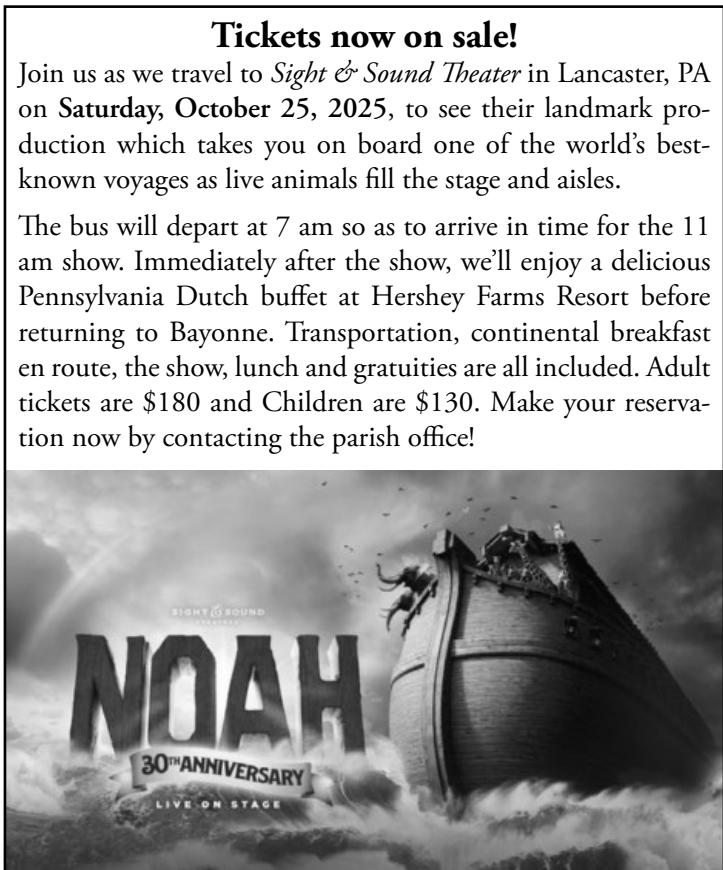
### Faith Giving

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

July. 13:	<b>Sunday Collection</b>	<b>\$5745</b>
	<b>Grounds and Maintenance</b>	<b>\$4008</b>
	<b>Parish Mission Appeal</b>	<b>\$2332</b>

### Food Pantry

Charles Prestifilippo, The O'Neill and Blicharz Families



## **READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

(DEP)

Sunday: Gn 18:1-10a/Col 1:24-28/Lk 10:38-42  
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42  
Tuesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Mt 13:1-9  
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Mt 13:10-17  
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28  
Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Mt 13:24-30  
Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

### **The Week at a Glance**

Sun., July 20  
Mon., July 21 Legión de María, 5:30 pm  
Holy Hour, 7 pm  
Tue., July 22  
Wed., July 23  
Thu., July 24  
Fri., July 25 Dios es Amor, 7 pm  
Sat., July 26  
Sun., July 27

### **Mark Your Calendar**

Sat. Oct. 25 *Noah*, Sight & Sound Theaters, Lancaster, PA

### **Looking Ahead to Next Week**

In bargaining with God, Abraham demonstrates a real persistence in prayer. Jesus invites us to persist in prayer as well, to “ask...seek... knock”. May our prayer open us to God’s will, and so build up His strength within us. In baptism we have died with Christ and have been raised to life with Him.



Welcome! Last Sunday, Lucas Valerio, son of Axel Tejada and Luisa Valerio, and Esteban Valerio, son of Emilio Leyton As-tudillo and Amanda Valerio, were baptized, becoming adopted children of God and Temples of the Holy Spirit!

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*Blessed is the crisis that made you grow,  
the fall that made you gaze up to Heaven,  
the problem that made you look for God!*

~St. Pio of Pietrelcina

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July 20, 2025

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## Mass Intentions

### Sat., July 19

4:00 pm

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Pro Populo*

### Sun., July 20

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm ESP

Bertha Gaffney

Lucia Spagnolo

Anthony Rose

Carmen J. López Ramos

### Mon., July 21

6:30 am

9:00 am

### St. Lawrence of Brindisi

Intention of Christopher Crespo

Dennis Hanley

### Tue., July 22

6:30 am

9:00 am

### St. Mary Magdalene

Stella Guerrisi

Charles Prestifilippo

### St. Bridget

6:30 am

9:00 am

Jake Wood

Kathleen and John Barry

### Thu., July 24

6:30 am

9:00 am

### St. Sharbel Makhluf

John Zelinski and family

George Oshust

### St. James

6:30 am

9:00 am

Marilyn N. Duffy

Jeovanny D. Paulino

### Fri., July 25

6:30 am

9:00 am

### Sts. Joachim and Anne

Giuseppe and Ferrina Doria

### Sat., July 26

9:00 am

### Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00 pm

Joseph Roseto

### Sun., July 27

7:30 am

9:00 am

10:30 am

12:00 pm ESP

Elizabeth Prussak

*Pro Populo*

Christopher Goufas

Máximo Burdier

## Memorials

Sanctuary Lamp

Marilyn N. Duffy

Wine and Hosts

The Hitchell and Russo Family

Blessed Mother Lamp

Sacred Heart Lamp

The Hitchell and Russo Family

## 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.

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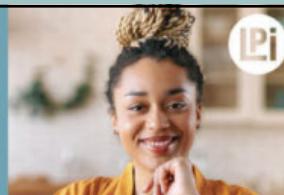
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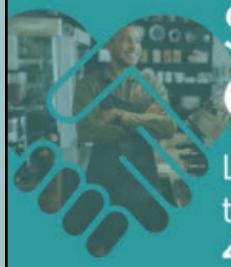
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