

THE SHRINE AND PARISH CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

“THE LITTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH AROUND THE CORNER”
AT THE CROSSROADS OF THE WORLD

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SCHEDULE

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HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

Weekdays: 7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;
8:00 a.m. (Tridentine Latin only during Lent)
12:15 & 1:15 p.m.
and 6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

Saturday: 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)
and 4:00 p.m. Vigil/Shopper's Mass

Sunday: 9:00 a.m. (Tridentine Low Mass),
10:30 a.m. (Tridentine High Mass),
12:30 p.m.

Holy Days of Obligation:

Vigil at 5:15 p.m.
7:00 & 7:30 a.m.;
8:00 a.m. (Tridentine Latin); 11:15 a.m.;
12:15, 1:15 & 5:15 p.m.;
6:00 p.m. (Tridentine Latin High Mass)

CONFESSIONS

Weekdays: 7:30-8:30 a.m.; 12 noon-1:30 p.m.;
5:15-5:35 p.m.

Saturday: 12 noon-1:00 p.m. and 3:15-3:45 p.m.

Sunday: 9:45-10:30 a.m. and 12 noon-12:30 p.m.

And anytime upon request or by appointment

EXPOSITION

OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT

Weekdays from 2:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. Benediction

PERPETUAL NOVENAS

Weekdays following the 7:30 a.m. and 12:15 & 1:15 p.m.
Masses and at 5:50 p.m. and on Saturday following the 12
noon and 1:00 p.m. Masses.

Monday: Miraculous Medal
Tuesday: St. Anthony and St. Anne
Wednesday: Our Lady of Perpetual Help and St. Joseph
Thursday: Infant of Prague, St. Rita and St. Therese
Friday: “The Return Crucifix” and the Passion
Saturday: Our Lady of Lourdes and Our Lady of Fatima
Sunday: Holy Innocents (at Vespers)

DEVOTIONS

Vespers and Benediction:
Sunday at 2:30 p.m. (Tridentine Latin)

Holy Rosary: Weekdays at 11:55 a.m. and 5:20 p.m.
Saturday at 12:35 p.m.
Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

Divine Mercy Chaplet: Weekdays at 3:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent):
Fridays at 12:45 p.m.
and after 6:00 p.m. Mass

Holy Hour of Reparation to the Sacred Heart:
First Friday of the month from 7:00 p.m.-
8:00 p.m.

First Saturday Devotions:
Rosary, 15 minute meditation, prayers &
Benediction following 1:00 p.m. Mass

2000 Hail Marys:
Second Saturday of the month
from 6:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.

CHURCH HOURS

Monday-Friday: 6:30 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

PARISH OFFICE/GIFT SHOP HOURS

Monday-Friday: 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER - Month of the Poor Souls

Our Lady of Intercession

Most holy Mary, Our Lady of Intercession, whose maternal tenderness gathers in one embrace all the souls redeemed by the Precious Blood of thy Son Jesus, we come before thy royal throne with sadness in our hearts as we remember those who have gone before us, but also with unlimited confidence in thine intercession. O Mary, countless souls await with unutterable anxiety the assistance of our prayers, and the merits of our good works in that place of expiation. Urged by the charity of Jesus Christ, we raise our countenance and heart in supplication to thee, the compassionate Mother of all believers, in favor of those suffering souls. Let thine incomparable holiness supply the defects of our misery, thy love make good our languid affection, thy power strengthen our weakness. Grant, O Queen of Heaven, that the ardent desire of the souls of the departed to be admitted to the Beatific Vision may soon be satisfied. Amen.



Hail Mary (3 times), Eternal rest grant unto them... (once)

Our Lady of Purgatory, pray for them!

A HAPPY AND BLESSED THANKSGIVING DAY!

**Prayer for Our Government
by Archbishop John Carroll (1791),
First Bishop of the United States**

We pray, O almighty and eternal God, who through Jesus Christ has revealed thy glory to all nations, to preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church, being spread through the whole world, may continue with unchanging faith in the confession of your name.

We pray Thee, who alone are good and holy, to endow with heavenly knowledge, sincere zeal and sanctity of life, our chief bishop, the pope, the vicar of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in the government of his Church; our own bishop, all other bishops, prelates and pastors of the Church; and especially those who are appointed to exercise among us the functions of the holy ministry, and conduct your people into the ways of salvation.

We pray O God of might, wisdom and justice, through whom authority is rightly administered, laws are enacted, and judgment decreed, assist with your Holy Spirit of counsel and fortitude the president of these United States, that his administration may be conducted in righteousness and be eminently useful to your people over whom he presides; by encouraging due respect for virtue and religion; by a faithful execution of the laws in justice and mercy; and by restraining vice and immorality.

Let the light of your divine wisdom direct the deliberations of Congress and shine forth in all the proceedings and laws framed for our rule and government, so that they may tend to the preservation of peace, the promotion of national happiness, the increase of industry, sobriety and useful knowledge; and may perpetuate to us the blessing of equal liberty.

We pray for his excellency, the governor of this state, for the members of the assembly, for all judges, magistrates, and other officers who are appointed to guard our political welfare, that they may be enabled, by your powerful protection, to discharge the duties of their respective stations with honesty and ability.

We recommend likewise, to your unbounded mercy, all our brethren and fellow citizens throughout the United States, that they may be blessed in the knowledge and sanctified in the observance of your most holy law; that they may be preserved in union, and in that peace which the world cannot give; and after enjoying the blessings of this life, be admitted to those which are eternal.

Finally, we pray to you, O Lord of mercy, to remember the souls of your servants departed, who are gone before us with the sign of faith and repose in the sleep of peace; the souls of our parents, relatives and friends; of those who, when living, were members of this congregation, and particularly of such as are lately deceased; of all benefactors who, by their donations or legacies to this Church, witnessed their zeal for the decency of divine worship and proved their claim to our grateful and charitable remembrance. To these, O Lord, and to all that rest in Christ, grant, we beseech you, a place of refreshment, light and everlasting peace, through the same Jesus Christ, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen.

THANKSGIVING MASSES

Thursday, November 22
7:00 a.m., 7:30 a.m. and
12:15 & 1:15 p.m. (Latin)

Friday, November 23

Holy Innocents will have its regular
weekday schedule of Masses,
Confessions and Devotions



**Eucharistic Holy Hour
of Reparation
in honor of the
Holy Face of Jesus**

**Every Third Tuesday of the month
Following the 6:00 p.m. Mass**

Next Holy Hour: November 20
Holy Face Chaplets, Oil, Medals/Scapulars
are available in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office

BLESSED SISTER MIRIAM TERESA DEMJANOVICH, S. C. (1901-1927)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Sister Miriam Teresa (Teresa Demjanovich) was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, on March 26, 1901, the youngest of seven children. At an early age she ardently desired to dedicate herself entirely to God, and as she grew into girlhood she earnestly sought to know God's will for her.

Teresa completed her grammar school education at the age of eleven; she received her high school diploma in January, 1917, from Bayonne High School. At this time she wished very much to become a Carmelite, but the lingering illness of her mother kept her at home as nurse and housekeeper.

After her mother's death in November 1918, Teresa was strongly encouraged by her family to attend the College of Saint Elizabeth in Convent Station, New Jersey. Perceiving in this advice an indication of God's will, Teresa began her college career in September 1919, and received her degree with the highest honors in June 1923. As always, her heart longed for the religious life, but various circumstances made her uncertain regarding which community Our Lord wished her to enter. Meanwhile she accepted a teaching position at the Academy of Saint Aloysius in Jersey City. Not until December 1924, was she certain that God wished her to be a Sister of Charity, and with her decision there came an assurance that God had a very special work for her to do in this Community. Just what the nature of the work was to be she did not know until several months after her entrance, February 11, 1925.

Teresa's spiritual director, Father Benedict Bradley, a saintly Benedictine (died December 29, 1945), discerning her remarkable gifts, directed her, with the consent of the Mother Superior, to write a series of conferences which, published posthumously, form the volume entitled *Greater Perfection*.

Teresa's life in religion was short but filled with much work and suffering of both body and soul. Like St. Thérèse of Lisieux, she apparently lived a long time in a short space. She died May 8, 1927.

Since her death Sister Miriam Teresa has made many friends all over the world. Favors and cures attributed to her intercession are continually being reported.

In the latter part of 1945, a communication was received from Rome authorizing Bishop McLaughlin of the Paterson Diocese, in which diocese the General House of the Sisters of Charity is located, to institute an ordinary informative process concerning Sister Miriam Teresa's life and virtues. Rev. Stephen W. Findlay, O. S. B., Delbarton School, Morristown, New Jersey, was appointed Procurator, and the official investigation began early in 1946.

Dr. Silvia Correale is the present Postulator for the Cause of Sister Miriam Teresa in the Congregation for the Causes of Saints. Sister Mary Canavan, S. C., is the Vice Postulator.

Sister Miriam Teresa's message to us is fundamental and far-reaching. It is addressed to the laity as well as to religious:

"Our Lord's promise, 'If anyone loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him' (Jn. 14:23), is held out to every soul regardless of calling, and is the end for which we pray in the Lord's prayer - 'Thy Kingdom come!'"

Sister Miriam Teresa was declared Blessed on October 4, 2014, during a Solemn Mass celebrated at the Cathedral Basilica of the Sacred Heart in Newark by Angelo Cardinal Amato, Prefect of the Congregation of the Causes of Saints in Rome.

Prayer for Canonization

Most Holy and Blessed Trinity, Whom Blessed Miriam Teresa loved so ardently, grant that we, like her, may become ever more conscious of Your Divine Presence within our souls. We implore You to continue to show signs that Your humble servant enjoys glory with You in Heaven, and to hasten the day when we may render her a lasting tribute of our veneration and love.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer for Favors

Most Holy and Adorable Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for Your own glory and the sanctification of souls, glorify Your servant Blessed Miriam Teresa, by granting to us the graces which we humbly ask through her intercession.

Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory be to the Father

HOLY INNOCENTS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our own Holy Innocents Christmas Cards are now available for purchase in the Gift Shop in the Parish Office. Scenes depict the Nativity Stained-glass window and the Adoration of the Magi window. Cards may be purchased for \$18.50 for a box of 20 or \$1.00 per card.

KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS!

*Back by popular demand: our own custom made
2019 Holy Innocents Calendar
\$12.95 per calendar.*

Available in the next few weeks!



"Union with God ... is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve — anyone, not only religious, but anyone ... who says 'Yes' constantly to God."

- Sr. Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, S. C.

COLLECTION REPORT

Regular Collection - 11/11/18 \$7,077.82
Shrines and Candles \$3,135.50

Regular Collection - 11/12/17 \$5,237.12
Shrines and Candles \$3,215.50

Your generous contribution to your Parish is greatly appreciated!

May the Good Lord reward you abundantly!

Holy Innocents Bookshelf

The Twenty-six Spiritual Conferences of Sister Miriam Teresa

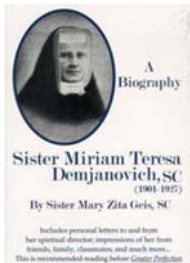
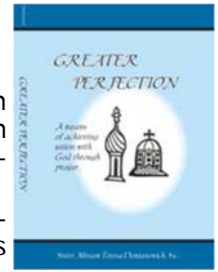
Through the writing of the 26 spiritual conferences, under obedience to her spiritual director and with the permission of the Reverend Mother, Sister Miriam Teresa became the instrument of imparting to both religious and laity her conviction that deep prayer, contemplation, and union with God are not incompatible with an active daily life.

Appearing in book form as *Greater Perfection* after her death, the conferences have been widely circulated throughout the world and acknowledged as a source of great spiritual benefits to tens of thousands of readers.

Her message is timeless, fortified as it is with citations from Holy Scripture by a young woman without formal theological education. To many, then, the conferences have been a treasure of grace.

In the final section of *Greater Perfection*, Sister Miriam Teresa wrote:

Union with God, then, is the spiritual height God calls everyone to achieve - any one, not only religious but any one, who chooses, who wills to seek this pearl of great price, who specializes in the traffic of eternal good, who says 'yes' constantly to God...The imitation of Christ in the lives of saints is always possible and compatible with every state of life. The saints did but one thing - the will of God. But they did it with all their might. We have only to do the same thing; and according to the degree of intensity with which we labor shall our sanctification progress. (*Greater Perfection*, pp. 264-266)



A Biography: Sister Miriam Teresa Demjanovich, SC
by Sister Mary Zita Geis, SC

Also, *A Daily Thought from Sister Miriam Teresa*
(booklet compiled by Sister Mary Gertrude, S. C.)

Available in Gift Shop in the Parish Office

OUR LADY OF AKITA

A few pious women known as the Institute of the Handmaids of the Holy Eucharist were leading a quiet, hidden life of prayer in Yuzawadai just outside of Akita when they welcomed into their novitiate Sister Agnes Katsuko Sasagawa, who was then 42 years old and a convert from Buddhism. When she entered on May 12, 1973, Agnes was totally and incurably deaf, however she was blessed with various mystical favors; soon this convent would become so well known that their little chapel would attract pilgrims from around the world.

The first miraculous event at Akita occurred on June 12, 1973, only a month after the entrance of Sr. Agnes: A brilliant light shone forth from the Tabernacle. This happened several times and was often accompanied by something resembling smoke which hung around the altar. During one of these illuminations Sr. Agnes saw ". . . a multitude of beings similar to Angels who surrounded the altar in adoration before the Host." Bishop Ito was staying at the convent to conduct a week of devotions. Sr. Agnes confided to him the circumstances of this vision, as well as all the events and apparitions that followed. Bishop Ito and the convent's spiritual director, Rev. Teiji Yasuda, were witnesses to many of the events.

Sr. Agnes was also favored with visitations of her guardian Angel. Asked to describe the Angel, Sr. Agnes replied: "a round face, an expression of sweetness . . . a person covered with a shining whiteness like snow . . ." The guardian Angel confided various messages to the sister and often prayed with her, in addition to guiding and advising her.

On the evening of June 28, 1973, Sr. Agnes discovered on the palm of her left hand a cross-shaped wound that was exceedingly painful. On July 5, 1973, a small opening appeared in the center from which blood began to flow. Later, the pain would ease during most of the week except for Thursday nights and all day Friday, when the pain became almost unbearable.

Then on July 6 the guardian Angel appeared, telling Sr. Agnes: ". . . The wounds of Mary are much deeper and more sorrowful than yours. Let us go to pray together in the chapel." After entering the chapel the Angel disappeared. Sr. Agnes then turned to the statue of Mary situated on the right side of the altar.

The statue, which is approximately three feet tall had been carved from the hard wood of the Judea tree: it is a figure of Our Lady standing before a cross, her arms at her side with the palms of her hands facing forward. Beneath her feet is a globe representing the world.

When Sr. Agnes approached the statue, she said, "I suddenly felt that the wooden statue came to life and was about to speak to me . . . She was bathed in a brilliant light . . . and at the same moment a voice of indescribable beauty struck my totally deaf ears." Our Lady told her: ". . . Your deafness will be healed . . ." She then recited with Sr. Agnes the community prayer that had been composed by Bishop Ito. At the words "Jesus present in the Eucharist," Mary instructed, "From now on, you will add TRULY." Together with the Angel who again appeared, the three voices recited a consecration to the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, TRULY present in the Holy Eucharist. Before disappearing, Our Lady asked that Sr. Agnes "pray very much for the Pope, bishops and priests . . ."

(To be continued on next bulletin)



The Shrine to the Unborn

Blessed by Cardinal O'Connor on December 28, 1993



*The Shrine is dedicated in Memory of the Children
Who Have Died Unborn*

*We invite you to name your child(ren)
and provide the opportunity to have
your baby's name inscribed in our "Book of Life".*

VOLUNTEER SINGERS NEEDED

"Be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart, always and for everything giving thanks..."

- Ephesians Ch 5.

The Shrine & Parish Church of Holy Innocents Volunteer choir needs your voice! All ages welcome. We meet on Sundays at 9:30am in the Church Hall. Please email Rachel Aldridge at Aldridge.r.a@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. No prior experience necessary.

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A HOLY LAND EXPERIENCE!

Treat yourself or a loved one to an adventure of a lifetime—a pilgrimage to the Holy Land Guided by Dr. Marcellino D'Ambrosio, Catholic Bible scholar and historian, the trip departs on December 27, 2018 and returns on January 6, 2019. This trip, with wonderful times of prayer, *liturgy & music daily* under the spiritual direction of Fr. Moses Mary Apreku, promises to be a fascinating journey into a deeper life in Christ and richer understanding of the Bible. For more information go to www.goholyland.info or call Cyndi from the Crossroads Initiative at 214-882-7262.

Often children who have died before birth have no grave or headstone, and sometimes not even a name. At The Church of The Holy Innocents, we invite you to name your child(ren) and to have the opportunity to have your baby's name inscribed in our "BOOK OF LIFE". Here, a candle is always lit in their memory. All day long people stop to pray. On the first Monday of every month, our 12:15pm Mass is celebrated in honor of these children and for the comfort of their families. We pray that you will find peace in knowing that your child(ren) will be remembered at the Shrine and honored by all who pray here.

We will inscribe the names of babies who have died before and at birth in our Book of Life, and as always, we invite you to visit the Shrine if you are in New York City.

SUBWAY ROSARY

Our Regina Mundi Praesidium of the Legion of Mary conducts a Subway Rosary on the second and fourth Saturdays of the month. All are invited to join in this evangelization effort to spread devotion to Our Lady. Anyone interested in joining is asked to gather at Holy Innocents by 10:00 a.m. The group will then proceed to either Herald Square, Duffy Square, or a subway station for the recitation of the 20 decades of the Holy Rosary and return back to Holy Innocents around 12:30 p.m. Come for all or part of the Subway Rosary!

Upcoming Subway Rosaries

November 24
December 8

Healing *after Abortion*

To speak to a Sister, or learn about our monthly Days of Prayer and Healing, contact the Sisters of Life:

866.575.0075 (toll free)
hopeandhealing@sistersoflife.org

To register for men:
877.586.4621 (toll free)
Lumina@postabortionhelp.org



LEGION OF MARY

Weekly Meeting of the Legion of Mary will be in the Parish Hall at 7:00pm every Monday, following the 6:00pm Latin Mass

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