

Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the Diocese of Camden was unable to assign a new full-time Priest to St. Gianna after the departure of Fr. Seo, leaving Fr. Anthony Manuppella as the only assigned Priest remaining to serve the Catholic community of St. Gianna's.

We are truly blessed to have Fr. Anthony attending to the two communities that are composing our Parish. Father Anthony is presently celebrating daily and weekend Masses, Baptisms, Funerals, Weddings, attending the sick of the Parish living at home, in hospitals or nursing homes, hearing Confessions, and attending the many people who seek his counsel and advice day in and day out.

In accordance with the Diocese guidelines in addressing the steady decline in Priest availability throughout the Diocese of Camden and due to Fr. Anthony's age-related health conditions, a revision is necessary regarding the Parish's schedule of Masses. The decreased amount of Mass services would also allow us to find other Priests to help fill in when necessary.

For some of you, there will be no change at all. For others, the change may be significant.

The Parish goal in this process has been to develop a schedule of Masses which will facilitate our Pastor to better serve the needs of our community, making every effort to minimize any disruption. We are fortunate that the church is sufficiently large enough to accommodate these changes.

The goal of these changes is to reduce the number of Saturday Masses to ONE (1) at 4:30 PM and Sunday Masses to TWO (2) in English (8:00 and 10:00 AM), a Traditional Latin Mass at 12 Noon and a Mass in Spanish at 2 PM.

The new Mass schedule will go into effect after Labor Day weekend (September 12th).

Effective Saturday, September 11th, the **8:30 AM Mass on Saturdays will be discontinued.**

The 4:30 PM Mass on Saturday will continue as it is now, with no changes.

PLEASE NOTE that starting September 11, 2021 the **Mass intentions** will be re-assigned as follows:

- *Intentions for Saturday 8:30 AM Mass will be added to the Friday Mass at 8:30 AM.
- *Intentions for Sunday at 9:30 AM will be added to the Sunday Mass at 8:00AM.
- *Intentions for Sunday at 11:00 AM will be added to the Sunday Mass at 10:00 AM.

If you have any questions, please contact the Parish office.

We know our Parish will continue to be a strong and vibrant community, ready to help whenever necessary. We thank you in advance for your support, understanding and cooperation which are vital to the Parish while implementing these changes.

Together in Christ,

Parish Office