

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

Roman Catholic Church

AN OASIS OF FAITH AT THE GATEWAY TO THE SHORE

"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to lukewarm Catholics." St. Pius X

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THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

JANUARY 13, 2019



*'On whomever you
see the Spirit
come down and
remain, he is the one
who will baptize
with the Holy Spirit.'*

ST. GIANNA PARISH SERVED BY:

Rev. Anthony J. Manuppella, Pastor

Rev. John Seo, Parochial Vicar

Mr. George Del Rossi, Deacon

LIFELONG FAITH FORMATION

Christy Wimberg, DRE

ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF MEMBERS

Claudia A. Costa, Parish Secretary

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, 11:00 AM
12:30 PM Traditional Latin Mass

2:00 PM Mass in Spanish

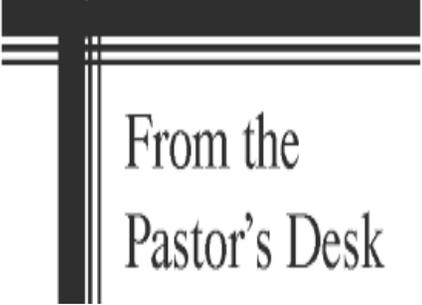
Weekdays: Monday – Saturday 8:30 AM
(preceded by Rosary 8:15 AM)

Rite of Reconciliation

Saturdays: 3:15 – 4:30 PM *(anytime by appointment)*

Baptism of the Lord

In the Baptism of the Lord we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John in the waters of the Jordan. Though He, Himself, had no stain to be washed away, He wished to submit Himself to this Rite as He submitted Himself to other requirements of the Law. As a human being, He submitted Himself to the laws that governed the lives of the people of Israel who had been elected by God to prepare the way for the Redeemer. John the Baptist carried out energetically the mission to prophesize and arouse a great movement towards repentance as an immediate preparation for the coming of the Messianic Kingdom. The Lord desired to be baptized, says St. Augustine, so that He might freely proclaim through His humility what for us was to be a necessity.



From the Pastor's Desk

By His Baptism, Jesus left for us the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, directly instituted by Christ with what would be a further progressive determination of its elements and be imposed as a universal law

from that day of His Ascension. *All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me, the Lord was to say on that day. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:13).*

In Baptism, we receive Faith and Grace. The day we were baptized was the most important day of our lives. Just as the parched land does not yield its fruits if it does not get water, so also, we who were like dried sticks can produce fruits of life only if we receive freely the gentle and abundant rainfall of Grace from on High. Before we received Baptism, we were outside the locked gates of paradise, unable to bring forth the slightest supernatural fruits.

Today, our prayer enables us to thank God for this totally undeserved Gift and to rejoice in the countless good things He has so lavishly bestowed on us. Thanksgiving is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our Baptism. The second is joy. Never should we think of our Baptism without deep feelings of interior gladness. We must rejoice in the cleansing of our Souls from the stain of original sin and of any other sin we may have committed before our Baptism.

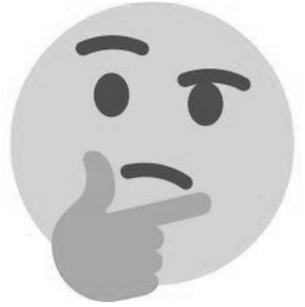
All men are members of the same human family which was originally damaged by the sin of our first parents. This original sin is transmitted as an extricable part of our fallen human nature, by generation, not by imitation and is to be found individually in each one of us.

But, Jesus gave us Baptism as a specific means of purifying our human nature and freeing it from the terrible affliction of this sin we were born with. The Baptismal water operates in a real way, signifying what the use of natural water signifies—the cleansing and purification from every blemish or stain.

Thanks to the Sacrament of Baptism, you have been turned into a Temple of the Holy Spirit, says St. Leo the Great. *Don't ever let it happen, he exhorts us, that drive away so noble a guest by your evil deeds, or ever again submit to the power of the demon; for the price, you were brought with is the Blood of Christ.*

Naming Your Children

I would like to point out the importance of a Christian name being given to a child at Baptism. It had seemed that unusual, non-Christian names had been falling “out of style” for a while, but the trend seems to be beginning again. Please take the following seriously: The Code of Canon Law forbids children to be given names “foreign to Christian sentiments.” **Canon 855:** “Parents, sponsors and Parish Priests are to take care that a name is not given which is foreign to Christian sentiment.” The giving of a middle name, which is Christian, seems to be somehow dishonest. Realistically, the children will only be known by the first name.



What does “foreign to Christian sentiment mean?” To name a child after a soap opera star, rock singer, color of a rainbow or season of the year, or to give a name that is so odd or “cute” as to have no Christian connection whatsoever, would be foreign to Christian sentiment. Remember that very often TV shows and entertainers work at undermining the very principles that we believe as Christians. To name children after colors, seasons, etc., has a pagan connotation.

Why a Saint Name? It is a very ancient custom and Law in the Church that children be named after Saints for two reasons. To give the child a *special patron* and intercessor in Heaven. To inspire that child to learn about his or her patron and so imitate that Saint’s virtues. By extension, the same principles apply to naming a child after a relative. This is a wonderful custom. It helps to preserve the family unit. It creates a special bond between the child and the person after whom he or she is named and hopefully gives the child the desire to imitate this (good) person.



More than ever, when the values which uphold a good and virtuous life are being destroyed all around us in our American Society, when the family is being devastated and children are being harmed by this devastation, it is necessary for us to uphold our Christian values and Catholic Faith in every possible way.

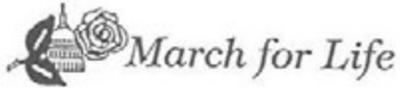
Needless to say, none of the above is directed against any particular person. Some have certainly given names to their children in good faith, even though those names have been inappropriate. Often, when the Priest is approached for Baptism, the name already has been given.

Please take this matter seriously. It is one more thing that will help your children and grandchildren to live lives that will bring you happiness and peace, not heartache and tears.

IN 
SYMPATHY

Our Parish community extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Howard G. Watkins Sr.** May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Around the Area



BUS CHARTERED BY KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
JANUARY 18, 2019

Each January, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, Americans rally in Washington DC and exercise their freedom of speech and petition. Roe v. Wade was a Supreme Court decision decided in 1973 making abortion legal in the United States. The issue of abortion and a woman's right to choose has remained controversial and politically charged ever since. Help bring the Nation back to life where all God's children are protected from conception to natural death. There will be a 56-Passenger, restroom-equipped bus going from Cape May & Atlantic Counties to Washington, D.C. Leaving from:

Church of Resurrection, 200 W. Tuckahoe Road, Marmora, NJ at 6:30 am

Shopping Center parking lot, 3121 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Twp., NJ 6:55 am

For more information please contact bus captain Tom Drinkard at 609-408-0299 for more information or to reserve your seat on a fare-free 56-seat restroom-equipped bus.

Rediscover the Love in Your marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars, but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage. The next program begins on the weekend of February 8-10 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. For more information, or to register for our upcoming weekend, visit : www.HelpOurMarriage.com or call 1-800-470-2230. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential.

Young Adults Retreat – February 8-10, 2019

Cost: \$135 Per Person

**Marianist Family Retreat Center
417 Yale Ave., Cape May Point, NJ**

Come Pray, Reflect & Laugh!

This weekend is intended for Young Adults (age 22 to 35, married or single) who want to examine their personal Faith, in relation to God, self, co-workers and family. Time will be filled with prayer experiences, peer group discussions, Eucharist and lots of fun! Questions? Please call 609-884-3829 or email us at: mfrfc@capemaymarianists.org

The Young Adult Group of Our Lady of Sorrows meets the First Sunday night every month at Our Lady of Sorrows Church hall in Linwood. Meetings are 7-8:30 PM and always include plenty of home-made food, traditional devotions and a lively discussion. Any young adult over 18 is always welcome. For additional information, contact Eileen at (609) 432-3533 or e-mail her at philomenatherese@yahoo.com

Father's Quick Quote: "A truly rich man is one whose children run into his arms when his hands are empty." ~Unknown



ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH
FIRST KEYS & ROSES
AWARD BANQUET

Friday, January 18, 2019, 6:30 PM
RESORTS CASINO * HOTEL

Dear Parish Family of St. Gianna,
you and your friends are cordial-
ly invited to attend the Parish First
Keys and Roses Award Banquet on Fri-
day, January 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the
Resorts Casino & Hotel in Atlantic
City. Featuring Cocktails, Live Band
Music, Dinner, Awards, Dancing and
lots of Fun!!

We will be raffling off a Cruise for two
(2) to the Caribbean, courtesy of Re-
sorts International. All you need is
your admission dinner ticket.

Tickets will be available for purchase
after all the weekend Masses and at the
Parish office during regular office
hours (Monday-Thursday 9AM-4PM).

If you have sent us your check either
by mail or via collection basket and you
did not receive your ticket yet, please
contact the Parish office (609) 646-5611
as soon as possible. Tickets will be
needed to enter the Ocean Ballroom,
obtain a free parking permit and your
cruise raffle ticket.

With Gratitude!

We would like to share with our Parish family a
thank you letter that Dr. Phelps, the Parish Director
of Music, sent to the Parents of all the talented chil-
dren who participated in our 2018 Christmas pag-
eant. It was indeed a beautiful pageant. Thank you
for a job well done!!

Dear Parents,

I write to say thank you from the bottom of my
heart for all your efforts, time rushing around,
and general craziness that resulted from the
concomitance of the usual packed semester
schedules with the many additional responsi-
bilities that come along with the celebration of
the Christmas season.

Over my many years of teaching music in New
York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania, I have
never met a group of parents and children that
were easier to deal with or learned the material
more quickly.

The result was a spectacular Christmas Eve Lit-
urgy that Father Anthony declared the best of
his 40 years of doing the pageant. The children
were fantastic, the decorations were beautiful,
and the church was packed! And, most im-
portantly, all the beauty, the precision, and the
praise was humbly offered to the glory of the
indivisible God – Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Again, thank you to both parents and students
for all your efforts that made this such a won-
derful event. In a few days I will be sending
you an email with details about our celebration
party.

Lastly, if anyone recorded the pageant and
Mass would you please send me a copy to the
email above. I was so busy that I didn't record
a single song. Thank you so much for all your
efforts and particularly for making me feel so
comfortable here in this beautiful parish.

Best,
Michael Phelps
Director of Music

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THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is **reserved**. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real Presence** with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the Church and every time passing by the Sanctuary. Normally, a *genuflection* in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a *profound bow* at the waist.



If You Cannot Be On Time,
Then Be EARLY.

Making Time For Prayer Strengthens
Our Connection With God

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!!

ALTAR FLOWERS AND SANCTUARY LIGHT

Altar flowers and the Candle in the Sanctuary Light, are given to the Glory of God each week. If you would like to remember a departed friend or relative, honor a birthday or anniversary, express gratitude for God's Gifts and Blessings, by providing Altar flowers or the Candle in the Sanctuary Light, please call the Parish office to make the necessary arrangements. The name of the person being remembered and the donor's name will be posted in the Parish Bulletin.

NEWS and NOTES

Valentine Social Day
Friday, February 1, 2019

Parish Hall

More information to follow in future bulletins.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Religious Education

First Penance Retreat:

Saturday, January 12, 2019, 2-4pm

Youth Meeting: January 13, 2019 (7-8:30pm)

No Class on January 21, 2019

(Martin Luther King, Jr.)

Stephen Ministry

Stephen Ministers are members of our Congregation who listen, care, encourage, and provide emotional and spiritual support to people who are facing a crisis or going through tough times. Ministers are trained to provide confidential, free, and compassionate care. To learn how you can receive or refer someone for care, call Marti Rea at 609-576-3797. And if you are pondering how to respond to God's call to service, please consider becoming a Stephen Minister. The application process and plans

for the next 50 Hours Training Program (Tuesday evenings and one Saturday morning monthly) are underway. To find out more about Stephen Ministry please call Marti Rea at 609-576-3797 or log onto <http://vitality.camdendiocese.org/becoming-a-stephen-minister>

Among Other Things

New Parish Office Hours

Monday- Thursday
9:00AM – 4:00PM

The Parish office will be
CLOSED on Fridays



**2019 MASS
INTENTION BOOK
IS NOW OPEN**

SENIORS

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month
1:00 PM, Parish Hall

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

SHARE THE WORD PRAYER GROUP

Every Tuesday
10:00 AM, Parish Hall

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

CATHOLICISM 101

Every Monday, 7:00 PM in the Church
Choir Room (behind the Altar)
Everyone is welcome!!

Legion of Mary - Every Tuesday - 3:00 PM

Choir Room in the Church

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

HOLY HOUR

FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH
EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
BENEDICTION
PARISH CHURCH, 7:00 PM

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA
EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
BENEDICTION
EVERY WEDNESDAY
7:00 PM - PARISH CHURCH

MULTIPLE MASS INTENTIONS

Bishop Sullivan of the Diocese of Camden has mandated the following instruction for multiple intentions for Masses: Parishes of the Diocese are permitted **one Mass** per week with **multiple intentions**. In our Parish the assigned Mass is the **11:00 AM Mass on Sundays**.

Saint Gianna's Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are readily available to bring Communion to the homes of the sick on a schedule agreeable to the sick person. If you or someone that you know is a shut-in and would like to receive the Sacraments, please let us know by contacting the Parish office (609) 646-5611.

CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

you can help
We are sincerely thankful to you for your cooperation in using Contribution Envelopes each Sunday. It shows not only good example but also **helps** us in our system of running your Parish since donations are recorded by the **bar code** inserted in your envelopes. If you would like to request Contribution Envelopes please call the Parish office (609)646-5611.

BINGO

Every Wednesday & Saturday
Doors Open at 8:30 AM
\$1,000 in Prize Money
Instant Winners
Progressive Jack-Pots
Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun.
Come and enjoy the games!!

**Thank You For
Being Here Today!!**

MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND
MAY OUR HOLY MOTHER GUARD
AND GUIDE YOU ALWAYS

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12

- 8:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 4:30PM Hazel Callahan r/b Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 13

- 8:00AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish
- 9:30AM Kathleen Hartigan-Ivan r/b Gary & Cindy
- 11:00AM Anthony Tamburelli r/b Thomas Wolfe
- 12:30PM Aileen Austin r/b Raymond & Barbara Sands
- 2:00PM Maria Rodriguez Carides r/b Elsie Moya

MONDAY, JANUARY 14

- 8:30AM Florence Graham r/b Dennis & Tina Gordan

TUESDAY, JANUARY 15

- 8:30AM Kathleen Clemente r/b Richard & Louis Leveque

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

- 8:30AM Kathleen Clemente r/b Richard & Louis Loveque

THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

- 8:30AM Donald Robbins r/b Vince & MaryLou Grimmie

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

- 8:30AM Rev. Anthony Cataudo r/b T.R. Novak
- 7:00PM Mass in Spanish

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- 8:30AM Rev. Anthony Cataudo r/b T.R. Novak
- 4:30PM Matie Wythg r/b Tom Wolfe & Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

- 8:00AM Louise Brice r/b Bette Aument
- 9:30AM Margaret Galvan r/b Lois D'Anna
- 11:00AM Rev. Anthony Cataudo r/b T.R. Novak
- 12:30PM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

JANUARY 13—JANUARY 19

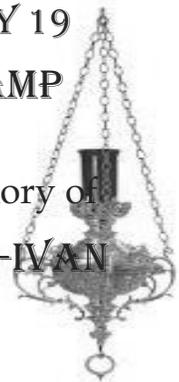
THE SANCTUARY LAMP

(above the Main Altar)

Will Burn in Loving Memory of
KATHLEEN HARTIGAN-IVAN

Requested by:

GARY & CINDY



SANCTUARY LAMP

To request that the Sanctuary lamp (above the Altar) burn for your intentions or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish office. Your request for the Sanctuary Lamp will be sequentially (**on a first-come, first-served basis**) assigned and will be ANNOUNCED and PUBLISHED in the Parish bulletin.

SANCTUARY LAMP REQUEST

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of

Requested by:

Phone #:

Donation (\$20)

Cash Enclosed: _____

Check #: _____

TAKE NOTE

MONDAY, JANUARY 21, 2019

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

PARSIH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
NO RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES.

Dear Parish Family our ability to prosper and to grow is attributed to the sacrifices of St. Gianna's Parishioners, visitors and friends. On behalf of all the members of our Parish we thank you for your generosity in building up God's Kingdom in our Parish. Thank you!! May God bless you all.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

December 3-4, 2018: 1st Collection \$12,231 + Parish Expenses \$1,852. For a total amount of \$ 14,083

December 8-9, 2018: 1st Collection \$10,027. Religious Retirement (sent directly to the Diocese) \$1,958

December 15-16, 2018: 1st Collection \$ 9,254 + Parish Expenses \$1,527. For a total amount of \$ 10,781

December 22-23, 2018: 1st Collection \$7,110 + Parish Expenses \$1,611. For a total of \$8,720

December 24-25, 2018: \$33,165

Christmas Flowers: \$4,235

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Thank You Köszönöm
Grazie Tack Obrigado
Спасибо Dank Gracias
谢谢 Merci Seé
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2019 MASS BOOK OPEN

We are extremely blessed with Parishioners who practice in Faith Our Lord's teachings of both the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. They have reverently buried their deceased loved ones and continue in Spiritual Works of Mercy to remember them by offering Masses for the happy repose of their Souls.

This year Bishop Sullivan of the Diocese of Camden has mandated the following instruction: Parishes of the Diocese are permitted **one Mass** per week with **multiple intentions**. In our Parish the assigned Mass is the **11:00 AM Mass on Sundays**. The donation for an Announced Mass remains at \$15 and for Unannounced \$10. Please keep in mind that the Masses are assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis.

ST. GIANNA PRAYER NETWORK

St. Gianna Prayer Network is a Ministry made up entirely of volunteers, with a simple mission of praying for those who have special needs. Approximately 25 requests are received each month from those suffering from physical healing, financial, emotional or spiritual needs, family, etc. The requests are remembered in prayer for 30 days. Becoming a member of our Prayer Network is easy and we want you to be part of this vital Ministry through both sharing your own requests and praying for the needs of others. If you wish to be a part of this powerful ministry simply call Vici (609)646-0806, Kathie (609)646-7472 or Teresa (609) 517-0444 (Spanish). Share your phone number or e-mail address and you will be contacted when there is a request. *Do you need a prayer?* just call **ONE** of the numbers listed above to activate St. Gianna Prayer Network.



A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to the Faith community of St. Gianna to join us in worship in praise of Almighty God. We are grateful to our faithful Parishioners who come every weekend and we welcome all of our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally.

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Entrance Antiphon: "After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

FIRST READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH 40:1-5, 9-11

Comfort, give comfort to my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and proclaim to her that her service is at an end, her guilt is expiated; indeed, she has received from the hand of the LORD double for all her sins. A voice cries out: In the desert prepare the way of the LORD! Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God! Every valley shall be filled in, every mountain and hill shall be made low; the rugged land shall be made a plain, the rough country, a broad valley. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken. Go up on to a high mountain, Zion, herald of glad tidings; cry out at the top of your voice, Jerusalem, herald of good news! Fear not to cry out and say to the cities of Judah: Here is your God! Here comes with power the Lord GOD, who rules by a strong arm; here is his reward with him, his recompense before him. Like a shepherd he feeds his flock; in his arms he gathers the lambs, carrying them in his bosom, and leading the ewes with care. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace

Give to the LORD, you sons of God, give to the LORD glory and praise,
Give to the LORD the glory due his name; adore the LORD in holy attire.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace

The voice of the LORD is over the waters, the LORD, over vast waters.
The voice of the LORD is mighty; the voice of the LORD is majestic.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace

The God of glory thunders, and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
The LORD is enthroned above the flood; the LORD is enthroned as king forever.

R. The Lord will bless his people with peace

SECOND READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia

The heavens were opened and the voice of the Father thundered:
This is my beloved Son, listen to him.

R. Alleluia, alleluia

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

COMMITMENT WEEKEND

JANUARY 19-20, 2019

During all Masses next weekend, we will invite all families who have not yet been contacted to join us in participating in the **Catholic Strong** campaign. We ask you to consider a sacrificial gift to the campaign - one that is right for you. Just a reminder that **70%** of funds remain at **OUR parish!**

Our parish community will utilize its 70% to address the following needs:

\$54,800 - enhance Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Program, including training catechists, supplies, payment of catechists, and extra funds for unexpected expenses

\$3,800 - Enhance Life Teen Program for high school students and provide training

\$6,000 - update Parish Hall kitchen

\$100,000 - hire part-time Senior Ministry Director

\$34,400 - provide continued support of parish programs to help fund projects, workshops, events, etc. And much more!



Thirty percent (30%) aids enhanced evangelization and new ministries in South Jersey:

- Strong faith and evangelization programs
- Strong service ministries in the forms of addiction healing, legal counsel, and assistance to marginalized individuals and families; and finally
- Strong Catholic schools by providing scholarship assistance, professional development, challenging programming, and a strong central office

We, parishioners of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, are blessed as people of Faith and vision, who embrace and celebrate Catholic truth, transform communities, and make known the love of Christ throughout South Jersey. Not only are these blessings of the parish but also of our diocese.

We would like you to review the personalized packet of materials that you have received or will receive in the coming days. Please pray over the information and requests during this week and make your gift decision. It is important that we receive everyone's decision next weekend so we can report it to the Diocese.

Thank you for your continued support!

Bautismo del Señor



En el Bautismo del Señor celebramos el Bautismo de Jesús por Juan en las aguas del Jordán. A pesar de que Él mismo, no tiene mancha para lavarse, deseaba someterse a este rito al someterse a otros requisitos de la Ley.

Como ser humano, se sometió a las leyes que gobernaban las vidas de los israelitas que habían sido elegidos por Dios para preparar el camino para el Redentor. Juan el Bautista llevó a cabo con energía la misión de profetizar y despertar un gran movimiento hacia el arrepentimiento como preparación inmediata para la venida del Reino mesiánico.

El Señor deseaba ser bautizado, dice San Agustín, para que pueda proclamar libremente a través de Su humildad lo que para nosotros era una necesidad.

Por Su Bautismo, Jesús nos dejó el Sacramento del Bautismo Cristiano, instituido directamente por Cristo con lo que sería una determinación más progresiva de sus elementos y se impondría como una ley universal desde ese día de Su Ascensión. Toda la autoridad en el cielo y en la tierra me ha sido dada, el Señor tenía que decir ese día. Ve, por lo tanto, y haz discípulos de todas las naciones, bautizándolos en el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo y del Espíritu Santo (Mateo 28:13).

En el bautismo, recibimos fe y gracia. El día en que nos bautizamos fue el día más importante de nuestras vidas. Así como la tierra seca no produce sus frutos si no obtiene agua, también nosotros, que éramos como palos secos, podemos producir frutos de la vida solo si recibimos libremente la suave y abundante lluvia de Gracia desde lo alto. Antes de recibir el bautismo, estábamos fuera de las puertas cerradas del paraíso, incapaces de producir los más pequeños frutos sobrenaturales.

Hoy, nuestra oración nos permite agradecer a Dios por este regalo totalmente inmerecido y regocijarnos por las innumerables cosas buenas que Él nos ha otorgado tan generosamente.

La acción de gracias es la primera emoción que debe nacer en nosotros en respuesta a nuestro Bautismo. El segundo es la alegría. Nunca debemos pensar en nuestro bautismo sin sentimientos profundos de alegría interior. Debemos regocijarnos en la limpieza de nuestras Almas de la mancha del pecado original y de cualquier otro pecado que podamos haber cometido antes de nuestro Bautismo.

Todos los hombres son miembros de la misma familia humana que fue dañada originalmente por el pecado de nuestros primeros padres. Este pecado original se transmite como una parte extraíble de nuestra naturaleza humana caída, por generación, y se encuentra en cada uno de nosotros.

Pero, Jesús nos dio el bautismo como un medio específico para purificar nuestra naturaleza humana y liberarla de la terrible aflicción de este pecado con el que nacimos. El agua bautismal funciona de manera real, lo que significa lo que significa el uso de agua natural: la limpieza y purificación de cada mancha o mancha.

Gracias al Sacramento del Bautismo, has sido convertido en un Templo del Espíritu Santo, dice San León Magno. Nunca dejes que esto suceda, él nos exhorta, que ahuyenta a un invitado tan noble con tus actos malvados, nunca más te sometas al poder del demonio; el precio de la Sangre de Cristo fue tu salvación.

LECTURA DEL PROFETA ISAIAS

"Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya terminó el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados". Una voz clama: "Preparen el camino del Señor en el desierto, construyan en el páramo una calzada para nuestro Dios. Que todo valle se eleve, que todo monte y colina se rebajen; que lo torcido se enderece y lo escabroso se allane. Entonces se revelará la gloria del Señor y todos los hombres la verán". Así ha hablado la boca del Señor. Sube a lo alto del monte, mensajero de buenas nuevas para Sión; alza con fuerza la voz, tú que anuncias noticias alegres a Jerusalén. Alza la voz y no temas; anuncia a los ciudadanos de Judá: "Aquí está su Dios. Aquí llega el Señor, lleno de poder, el que con su brazo lo domina todo. El premio de su victoria lo acompaña y sus trofeos lo anteceden. Como pastor apacentará su rebaño; llevará en sus brazos a los corderitos recién nacidos y atenderá solícito a sus madres". Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

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Te vistes de belleza y majestad, la luz te envuelve como un manto.

R. **Bendice, al Señor, alma mía**

Por encima de las aguas construyes tu morada. Las nubes son tu carro;
los vientos, tus alas y mensajeros; y tus servidoras, las ardientes llamas.

R. **Bendice, al Señor, alma mía**

¡Que numerosas son tus obras, Señor, y todas las hiciste con maestría!
La tierra está llena de tus creaturas. y tu mar, enorme a lo largo y a lo ancho,
está lleno de animales pequeños y grandes.

R. **Bendice, al Señor, alma mía**

Todos los vivientes aguardan que les des de comer a su tiempo:
les das el alimento y lo recogen, abres tu mano y se sacian de bienes.

R. **Bendice, al Señor, alma mía**

Se retiras tu aliento, toda creatura muere y vuelve al polvo.
Pero envías tu espíritu, que da vida, y renueva el aspecto de la tierra.

R. **Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.**

LECTURA DEL ACTO DE LOS APOSTOLES

En aquellos días, Pedro se dirigió a Cornelio y a los que estaban en su casa, con estas palabras: "Ahora caigo en la cuenta de que Dios no hace distinción de personas, sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la justicia, sea de la nación que fuere. Él envió su palabra a los hijos de Israel, para anunciarles la paz por medio de Jesucristo, Señor de todos. Ya saben ustedes lo sucedido en toda Judea, que tuvo principio en Galilea, después del bautismo predicado por Juan: cómo Dios ungió con el poder del Espíritu Santo a Jesús de Nazaret, y cómo éste pasó haciendo el bien, sanando a todos los oprimidos por el diablo, porque Dios estaba con él". Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

R. **Aleluya, aleluya**

Se abrió el cielo y resonó la voz del Padre, que decía: "Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo".

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGÚN SAN LUCAS

En aquel tiempo, como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan el Bautista era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: "Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego". Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: "Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco". Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a Ti Señor.**



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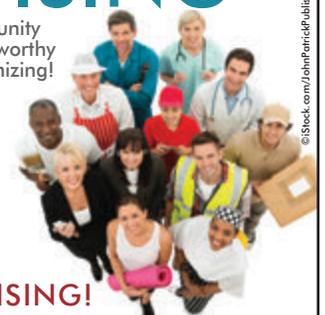
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