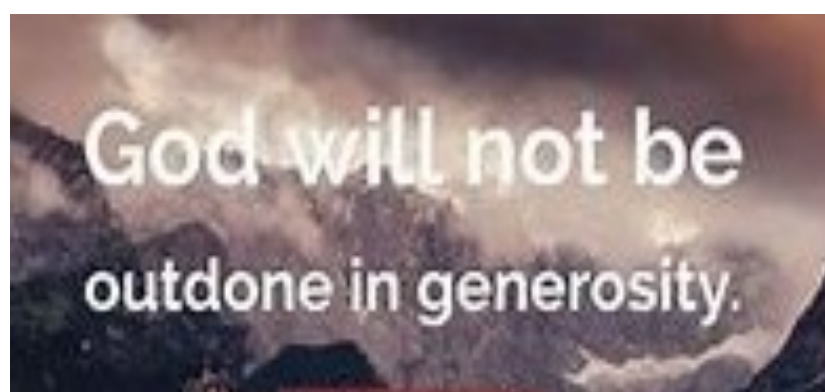




SOUTH JERSEY
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MINISTRIES
APPEAL



**WE ARE
BLESSED
TO BE A
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TO OTHERS.**



 **THANK** *you*
for **GIVING!**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal 2026

This weekend our parish is beginning the South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal 2026. This appeal is a blessing from the Church and a benefit to those in need and for those less fortunate than us. St. Gianna Parish has a wonderful reputation for being generous and charitable. I must say it makes my priestly heart burst with pride. So, once again we are being asked to help. Since I became your pastor I've often spoken about doing our part to keep building God's Kingdom here in our parish. Together that is exactly what we are doing – building up God's Kingdom! The theme for this year's appeal is *"Missionaries of Mercy."* Our financial gift to this appeal is part of the process that enables Christ's Kingdom to come to our brothers and sisters who are less fortunate than ourselves. It has been said that the Kingdom of God consists not in words, but in deeds and works of charity. And if we wish to be part of His heavenly Kingdom we need to work here on earth. We need to walk and follow the way of charity so that the Kingdom of God may come to all, even the poor.

You are the one whom our blessed Lord looks up to help Him. God is inviting **you** to participate in the South Jersey Catholic Ministry Appeal and use the many grace-given gifts you have received from Him to do good, serve one another and be a *Missionary of Mercy*. Even our dear Lord cannot do this for you – **you** are the only one who can do this. Today, we'll ask Jesus to help each of us to see Him in the poor and in those who need our help the most. As good stewards of the manifold grace of God we must do what is asked of us. I am sure that if we saw our blessed Lord, here and now, asking us to help Him, we would never refuse Him. Never. Our parish goal this year is \$126,300. And while a single gift may not seem like much on its own when the Church combines its gifts together we are able to provide for multitudes. My dear parishioners, hopefully you have received a letter from Bishop Williams asking you to prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to the South Jersey Catholic Ministries Appeal for this year's campaign. Today I personally ask you to make a commitment in support of the vital programs that carry out the works of the Church throughout our region. These ministries benefit those in need in our local and surrounding communities as well as our faith community; the mother whose husband has left her with her four children and has no one to turn; those affected by addictions (drugs, alcohol, prescriptions, etc.); those in Catholic nursing homes and hospitals; our Newman Houses on the college campus; our seminarians; our retired priests. I can go on and on, but today I sincerely ask you from the bottom of my heart to make a sacrificial pledge to help these people Jesus talks about in the Scripture: *"I was hungry and you gave Me to eat. Sick and you visited Me. Unemployed and you helped Me."* *"Enter into the Kingdom of Heaven that I have prepared for you because you took care of My unfortunate and needy ones."* Charity is the bottom line in entering God's Heavenly Kingdom. **WE** are the Church and this is our calling. It is my hope that you will answer that call, as you faithfully do each year, and join together in doing something wonderful.

CHARITAS SUPREMA LEX! CHARITY IS THE SUPREME LAW!

**I would like to Support the 2026 South Jersey Catholic Ministries
Annual Appeal, "Missionaries of Mercy."**

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