

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

Roman Catholic Church

"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to lukewarm Catholics." St. Pius X
AN OASIS OF FAITH AT THE GATEWAY TO THE SHORE

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DECEMBER 4, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

ENTRANCE: # 651 in the St. Michael Hymnal
"O Come, Divine Messiah"

OFFERTORY: # 699 in the St. Michael Hymnal
"On Jordan's Bank"

COMMUNION: A Voice Cries Out in the Wilderness

CLOSING: # 775 in the St. Michael Hymnal
"The Advent of Our King"

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MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English)
Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM

Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM (English)
12 Noon: Traditional Latin Mass
2:00 PM (Spanish)

Holy Days of Obligation

Vigil Mass: 7:00 PM

Holy Day: 8:30 AM & 12 Noon
7:00 PM Bilingual

Reconciliation

Saturday: 3:00 - 4:30 PM (English)
Saturday: 7:30-8:30 PM (Spanish)
Anytime by Appointment

Parish Office Business Hours

Monday through Thursday
9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

December 8, 2022

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THAT BINDS US TO ATTEND MASS UNDER PAIN OF MORTAL SIN



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mother Virgin Mary is kept yearly in the Catholic Church as a Holy Day of Obligation on December 8th. The Feast Day is meant to honor in a special way Our Lady who was chosen by God from among all people of all time—chosen to be the Mother of Jesus, our Savior—God in visible, human form. The Church decrees and teaches that Mary, in view of her calling to be the Mother of Christ and in virtue of His merits, was preserved from the first moment of her conception from Original Sin and was filled with grace from the very beginning of her life in the womb of her Mother, St. Ann.

The present form of the Feast dates from December 8, 1854, when Pope Pius IX defined the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception. The proclamation read: **"We declare, affirm and define that the Doctrine which states that the Blessed Virgin Mary was preserved and exempted from all stain of Original Sin from the first instant of her conception, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ, the Savior of all mankind, is a Doctrine revealed of God and which, for this reason, all Christians are bound to believe firmly and with confidence."**

The bells of St. Peter's rang out, Pope Pius IX confirmed in Dogma that night, what Catholics had believed for centuries, that Mary, the Mother of God had been conceived without the stain of Original Sin. The Blessed Mother herself had paved the way for this proclamation back in 1830, when to Catherine Laboure, she called herself, **"Mary conceived without sin."**

In 1858, less than four years after his proclamation, Pope Pius IX was to learn that our Blessed Mother had appeared in Lourdes to a peasant girl named Bernadette and identifying herself, said, **"I am the Immaculate Conception"** putting on his words what seemed to be a seal of approval. **"At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow! At the name of Mary, every head shall be lifted up!"**

Mary, the simple maid of Nazareth, yet declared "Blessed among women;" Mary, the outcast Mother of an outcast Child, and yet the very Mother of God; Mary, the silent wonderer, who spoke but little, and passed through life little noticed, who "understood not" all her Son said and did, but kept it and pondered it in her heart, while the rest of men forgot it; Mary, the secluded onlooker, while her Son went out to save mankind; Mary the faithful companion, who stood there while her Son was hanged before her; Mary, triumphant now in Heaven, but with her Mother's nature unchanged -this is the Mary of the Gospels. The Mary whom we know is the Mary whom God and men delight to honor. An early Feast of the Immaculate Conception, which testified to long-existing belief in this truth, was observed in the East by the 8th Century, in Ireland in the 9th Century and subsequently in the European countries. In the year of 1846, Mary was proclaimed the Patroness of the United States under the title of The Immaculate Conception.

SCHEDULE OF MASSES

VIGIL: NOVEMBER 7TH AT 7:00 PM. FEAST DAY: 8:30 AM – 12 NOON – 7:00 PM

RORATE MASS, Saturday 10, 2022, 6:00AM

Seek not the face of the Priest in the Mass, but the face of Almighty God!

On Saturday, December 10th at 6:00AM, we will come together as a Parish Family to celebrate the unique European tradition of the Rorate Mass. Our Church will be illuminated with only candlelight as we celebrate Mass in the Extraordinary Form (traditional Latin) and anticipate the beauty of another dawn. Below you will find information about the Mass and its rich meaning and symbolism. I hope that you and your family can participate in this spiritual tradition which is another opportunity for us to grow this Advent Season as we await the birth of Our Savior on Christmas day!

What is a Rorate Mass and why is it celebrated with white vestments and by candlelight?

The Rorate Mass got its proper name from the first word of the Introit (Entrance Antiphon): "Rorate caéli desuper et nubs pluant justum." "Shower, O heavens, from above, and let the skies rain down righteousness." We know Gaudete and Laetare Sunday which also got their names from the Introit. Before the liturgical changes after Vatican II this Mass was celebrated very early in the morning on all Saturdays. In some areas it was celebrated on several or even all weekdays during Advent.

Origins: The Rorate Mass has a long tradition in the Church, especially in German-speaking countries. It is a Votive Mass in honor of the blessed Mother for the season of Advent. Our lady shows herself in a special way as our leader through Advent to Christmas. The celebration by candlelight had originally a more practical reason. According to the Missal of 1570 no Mass could be said after 12:00 Noon. On the other hand, people had to go to work in the morning. Also, the Rorate Masses were celebrated in a more solemn form and therefore would last longer. For these reasons the Masses had to begin relatively early in the morning when it was still dark due to wintertime.

Symbolism: There is a beautiful symbolism associated with the Rorate Mass. Through the snow and cold and darkness of early morning the faithful would trudge with lanterns and candles in their hands to the then brightly lit Church (no electric light!) where the Mass was celebrated.

Marian Dimension: In Advent we live spiritually between the Annunciation and the birth of Christ. Mary teaches us the spirit of Advent. During the nine months of pregnancy Mary lived a hidden life, in the spirit of silence and intense intimacy with Christ she carried in her womb. This spirit of intimacy with God the faithful are to cultivate during the Season of Advent more intensely by listening attentively to God's message and by obedience to His word.

Rorate Mass Today: Today this Mass with candlelight can either be celebrated in the morning or in the evening when it is dark, because there is no restriction any more with regard to the hours Mass can be said. In fact, it is frequently celebrated in German-speaking countries because of its popularity. Popular piety attributed to these masses a special efficacy and they were held in great esteem. People would ask these Masses to be said for their intentions far in advance.

Use of Candles: What we see so often in Church history: certain things have been done first for practical reasons, but then in the course of time there was also attributed a spiritual meaning. And the use of candles during Advent belongs in this category. The symbolism of the candle matches very well with the spirit of Advent. Advent is dawn. It is still not the bright light of Christmas. Advent is a time of preparation for something exceedingly joyful that will be going to happen. The Church and the soul are still struggling through the darkness toward the Light. There is a longing and expectancy of Advent. The light of our candles is a symbol for our longing for the coming of our Savior whose light is already dawning. On Christmas Eve we will enter the Church in procession by candlelight. When the Gloria is sung all the lights will be turned on, meaning that Christ is now born.



HELP for THOSE IN NEED

As Christians, we are called to help those in need. As you know, our Parish regularly hosts food collections (1st weekend of the month) to "NO ONE GOES HUNGRY" benefit local food pantries and to provide for those in great need. However, quite often people come to us in need of immediate assistance to purchase food. We are presently collecting Gift Cards (ACME, ShopRite, Rite Aid, and Walmart). Please if you are looking for a way to share your blessings we encourage you to purchase a Gift Card, in the denomination of your choice, place it in an envelope and return it to the Parish office either via the collection basket or by bringing it to the Parish office on your way by. Your contribution to this effort will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us to help others.



Meal for Needy Families

"It's not Christmas without meal!"

We are presently accepting donations of hams, stuffing, gravy & other can foods to ensure that needy families can prepare a traditional Christmas dinner. If you wish to make a donation, please bring your donations to the Parish office.

Loaves & Fishes Project

Please remember: Our Parish collects non-perishable food for local food banks on the **first Sunday of every month**. Please bring on your donations and place them in the plastic container located in the Gathering Area of the church. **Next Collection Day:** This weekend, December 3-4, 2022.



The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Mother Mary
Holyday of Obligation

Wednesday, December 7, 2022 @ 7 PM

Thursday, December 8, 2022

8:30 AM – 12 Noon –

7 PM (Bilingual Mass)

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are readily available to bring Holy 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 Sacrament, please let us know by contacting the Parish office.

Father's Quick Quote: "Charity is the root of all good works." ~St. Augustine

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

A Rich and Powerful Season of the Church year
An Advent Reflection

We often miss Advent's power because December weeks are full of secular Christmas parties and preparations for Christmas. Each year, the busyness of this season serves to distract us from having an Advent season that truly prepares us for the celebration of Christmas, with all its meaning. Let us pray that our Father in heaven will give us the strength to grow in our faith and to choose a different path of preparation that focuses on a change of heart so that the day of His coming may find us shining as brightly as the Star of Bethlehem, reflecting the love of Jesus to others by our words and our actions.



2ND SUNDAY OF Advent



ST. GIANNA RORATE MASS
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022
6:00 AM

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one during the Christmas season, you may do so by making a contribution for Christmas flowers. Envelopes for that purpose have been mailed to all registered Parishioners, together with the Christmas schedule and a Christmas Gift envelope. Extra envelopes may also be found in the racks at the Church doors.



St. Gianna's Parish Northfield NJ
StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children
Wednesdays 6:30pm

Millions of Monicas
Praying with Confidence for our Children
Our Mission

We are a group of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, Confirmation sponsors, and aunts coming together to lift up our children of all ages. Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely.

Like St. Monica, we pray for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. We want to grow in humility and holiness. Visit MillionsofMonicas.com for more information or email

StGianna.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com

2022 Schedule

Meetings will be held in the Parish Church

November 30th, 6:30 p.m.

December 7 (*off due to the celebration of the Immaculate Conception of Mary 7 p.m. Vigil Mass*)

December 14th, 6:30 p.m.

December 21st, 6:30 p.m.

December 28th, 6:30 p.m.



Be a Server at the Altar!

We are in need of Adults who are available to become Altar Servers and help at Funerals, Weddings, daily Mass, and other holidays when our youth is not available. If you are interested please see Father Anthony after Mass or call the Parish office (609-646-5611). Training will begin in a couple of weeks.

Share the Word Prayer Group

The purpose of a Prayer Group is to give members of the Church the opportunity to engage in a Ministry of Prayer for the Church, other members, specific concerns, and local and world events. Our Prayer meets on **Mondays at 7 pm in the Parish Hall** to share with each other our prayer concerns, pray the rosary, read the Scriptures, praise and worship. Fr. Opara MSSCC is our director. We invite you to come and to be a powerful part of prayer. Any questions call Colleen 609-703-7880.



EVERY WEDNESDAY & SATURDAY

Doors Open at 8:30AM, Parish Hall

\$1,000 in prize money

Instant winners & Progressive Jackpots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun. Come & join us!

LEGION OF MARY MEETS ON MONDAYS AT 3 PM IN THE CHOIR ROOM (CHURCH)

SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA MEETS 1ST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 7 PM.

SENIOR GROUP MEETS ON 2nd WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH AT 1 PM (*no meeting in December*).

Family and friends for whose intentions the Mass is being offered are invited to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass. Before the Liturgy begins, please indicate your intention to one of our Ushers.

Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3

4:30PM Patricia Coyle r/b Lee Finizio
Mario Martirone r/b Hi Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:00AM John Lynskey r/b Son & Family

10:00AM Rosemary DeRosa Kane r/b Paula & Bob Boileau
Norma Murphy r/b Jack & Bobbie Foster
Steven Ratzlaff r/b Stella Romero

12Noon Intentions of Frances Farnoly r/b The Grace Family

2:00PM MISA EN ESPAÑOL

MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30AM Janice Benjamin r/b The Wisser Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30AM John Zabinski r/b Diane Jannotta

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30AM Francis Chiodo r/b Letitia Montes
Joseph DiCosola r/b Mom, Dad & Anthony
7:00PM John Birtwistle r/b Mike & Mary Sheridan

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 AM Healing of Frances Ballotta r/b Sister Dolores
12Noon Phyllis Amendt r/b Angela Manno
7:00PM Edward Barr r/b Paula & Bob Noileau

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

8:30AM Melissa Zalig r/b Bob & Bonnie Haymaker

7:00PM Misa en Español

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

4:30PM Giuseppe & Ida Martirone r/b Their Family
Margarita Perez r/b Familia Robles Perez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

8:00AM Nancy Werden r/b Catherine Hughes

10AM Salvatrice Morello & Angelina Renda r/b
The Perez Family
Happy Bday Bobby! r/b Eleanor & Dante
Joseph DiCosola r/b His Family

12Noon Keith E. Lewis r/b Andrea Allen

2:00PM Mass in Spanish

DECEMBER 2 – DECEMBER 9

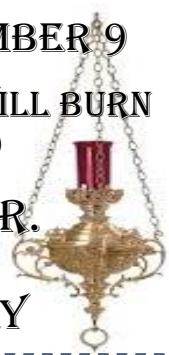
THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN

(Above the Main Altar)

NUNZIE CUPO, JR.

Requested By

THE CUPO FAMILY



LAMPS FOR THE ALTARS SANCTUARY, BLESSED MOTHER'S ALTAR AND ST. JOSEPH'S ALTAR

After many requests, we are happy to report that you will have the opportunity to dedicate the candle lamps burning at the altars of St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother (right and left of the main altar) as we do with the Sanctuary lamp above the main altar. These lamps will also burn for one week for the intentions of a particular person or in memory of a loved one. Kindly complete the form below and return it to the Parish office. Your request for the lamps (Sanctuary, Blessed Mother/St. Joseph's altars) will be sequentially (on a first-come, first-served basis) assigned and will be announced and published in the Parish bulletin.

LAMP REQUEST

Circle one: In Memory of Intentions of

Requested by:

Phone #:

Circle one:

SANCTUARY B. MOTHER ST. JOSEPH



YOU'LL
SCREAM IF YOU
MISS THIS!



PARISH CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2022

AFTER THE 4:30PM MASS

BLESSING, CAROLS, COOKIES, HOT CHOCOLATE
AND "MUCHO" LIGHTS!!

Parish Notes

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to the Faith community of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish this weekend to join us in worship. We are grateful to our faithful Parishioners who come every weekend and we welcome **all** of our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. Thank you for being here!

If you are not receiving envelopes or regular mailings from us and you usually join us for worship, please register! *You are important to us and hopefully we are to you.* Let us know who you are. Registration forms can be taken from the racks at the Church doors. Registration in the Parish facilitates access to the Religious Education Program and other Parish ministries. Also, it enables the Parish to provide Certificates of Eligibility to serve as Sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation.

REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

The role of a sponsor is primarily a Spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate **must** be a registered, **participating** member of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, a **practicing** Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the Church laws), at least 16 years of age and **have received the sacraments of initiation** (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the Parish office to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry at St. Gianna are expected to contact the Priest to arrange a date and time **FIRST**. Second, they must attend the Pre-Cana conferences as mandated by the Most Reverend Bishop. The period of preparation for marriage is a minimum of **six** months to ensure completion of all arrangements before the wedding day. Please contact the Parish office for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA

Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210

For information and to register for the class please call **609-287-9205 or 609-827-2127**.

We are sincerely thankful to you for your cooperation in using contribution envelopes **Offering Envelopes** each Sunday. It shows not only good example but **helps us** in our system of running your Parish since donations are recorded by your I.D. # on your envelope. **PLEASE** we encourage **EVERYONE** to use contribution envelopes. If you would like to request them, please contact the Parish office. **Thank you!**



We would like to thank

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for advertising in our weekly Bulletin.

GIVE
the Gift of Giving

AS WE AWAIT THE HAPPY EVENT OF CHRISTMAS, THE BIRTH OF OUR SAVIOR,
WE WHO SERVE YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR TALENTS FREELY GIVEN, YOUR
FINANCIAL SACRIFICES, YOUR SUPPORT AND YOUR PRAYERS



FIRST READING: A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips. Then the wolf shall be a guest of the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the young lion shall browse together, with a little child to guide them. The cow and the bear shall be neighbors, together their young shall rest; the lion shall eat hay like the ox. The baby shall play by the cobra's den, and the child lay his hand on the adder's lair. There shall be no harm or ruin on all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be filled with knowledge of the LORD, as water covers the sea. On that day, the root of Jesse, set up as a signal for the nations, the Gentiles shall seek out, for his dwelling shall be glorious. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.*

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son;
he shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save.

May his name be blessed forever; as long as the sun his name shall remain.
In him shall all the tribes of the earth be blessed; all the nations shall proclaim his happiness.

SECOND READING: A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters: Whatever was written previously was written for our instruction, that by endurance and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to think in harmony with one another, in keeping with Christ Jesus, that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I say that Christ became a minister of the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, to confirm the promises to the patriarchs, but so that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: *Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.* The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

John the Baptist appeared, preaching in the desert of Judea and saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand!" It was of him that the prophet Isaiah had spoken when he said: *A voice of one crying out in the desert, Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.* John wore clothing made of camel's hair and had a leather belt around his waist. His food was locusts and wild honey. At that time Jerusalem, all Judea, and the whole region around the Jordan were going out to him and were being baptized by him in the Jordan River as they acknowledged their sins. When he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? Produce good fruit as evidence of your repentance. And do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father!' For I tell you, God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones. Even now the ax lies at the root of the trees. Therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. I am baptizing you with water, for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is mightier than I. I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand. He will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

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.

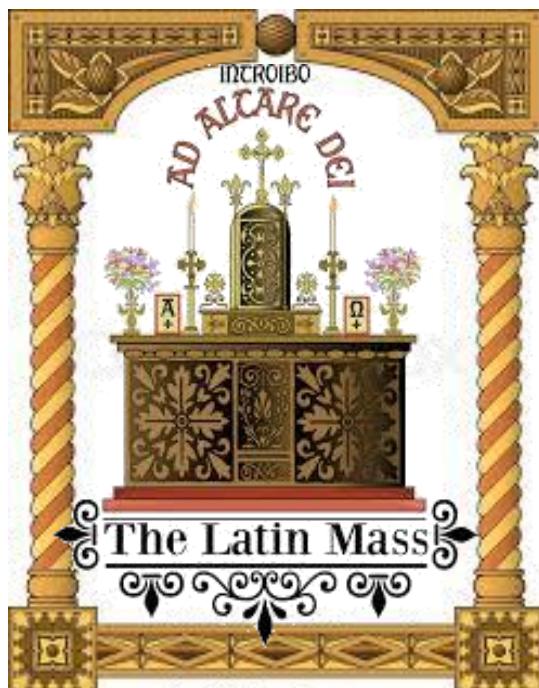


Making Time For Prayer Strengthens Our Connection with God

Stewardship Reflection

Give Generously to Others

As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, Advent offers us a new opportunity to say "yes" to God. Mary, whose own "yes" made possible the birth of Jesus, serves as a wonderful model and support for our Advent journey. Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others. To be a good steward is to be conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us.



TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS
SUNDAYS 12 NOON
PARISH CHURCH

PREPARE

PRAYER FOR THE 2ND WEEK OF ADVENT

Lord, may we have the courage of John the Baptist.
Bless us with his love of You and his perseverance
as we prepare for Your coming.

In this day and age, make ours the voice crying in
the desert.

We pray for strength and for grace as we light these
candles this week.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Whose way we
prepare, Amen.



Festividad de la Inmaculada Concepción, December 8, 2022

DÍA PRECEPTO OBLIGATORIO QUE NOS OBLIGA A ASISTIR A MISA

La Fiesta de la Inmaculada Concepción de la Santísima Madre Virgen María se celebra anualmente en la Iglesia Católica como un Día de precepto de Obligación el 8 de diciembre. El Día de la Fiesta está destinado a honrar de una manera especial a Nuestra Señora, que fue elegida por Dios entre todas las personas de todos los tiempos, escogida para ser la Madre de Jesús, nuestro Salvador, Dios en forma humana visible.

La Iglesia decreta y enseña que María, en vista de su vocación de Madre de Cristo y en virtud de sus méritos, fue preservada desde el primer momento de su concepción del Pecado Original y fue llena de gracia desde el mismo comienzo de su vida en el vientre de su Madre, Santa Ana. La festividad data desde el 8 de diciembre de 1854, cuando el Papa Pío IX definió el Dogma de la Inmaculada Concepción. La proclama decía:

“Declaramos, afirmamos y definimos que la Doctrina que establece que la Santísima Virgen María fue preservada y exenta de toda mancha del Pecado Original desde el primer instante de su concepción, en vista de los méritos de Jesucristo, el Salvador de toda la humanidad, es una Doctrina revelada por Dios y en la que, por eso, todos los cristianos están obligados a creer firmemente y con confianza”. Sonaron las campanas de San Pedro, el Papa Pío IX confirmó en Dogma esa noche, lo que los católicos habían creído durante siglos, que María, la Madre de Dios, había sido concebida sin la mancha del Pecado Original. La Santísima Madre misma había allanado el camino para esta proclamación en 1830, cuando a Catherine Laboure, se llamó a sí misma: “María concibió sin pecado”. En 1858, menos de cuatro años después de su proclamación, el Papa Pío IX se enteró de que nuestra Santísima Madre se había aparecido en Lourdes a una campesina llamada Bernadette e identificándose, dijo: “Yo soy la Inmaculada Concepción” poniendo en sus palabras lo que parecía ser un sello de aprobación. “¡En el nombre de Jesús, toda rodilla se doblará! ¡Al nombre de María, toda cabeza se levantará! María, la simple doncella de Nazaret, sin embargo declarada “Bendita entre las mujeres”; María, la Madre marginada de un Niño marginado, y sin embargo, la Madre misma de Dios; María, la silenciosa maravillada, que habló poco, y pasó por la vida poco notada, que “no entendió” todo lo que su Hijo dijo e hizo, sino que lo guardó y meditó en su corazón, mientras los demás hombres lo olvidaban; María, la espectadora apartada, mientras su Hijo salía a salvar a la humanidad; María, la compañera fiel, que estuvo allí mientras ahorcaban a su Hijo delante de ella; María, triunfante ahora en el Cielo, pero con la naturaleza de su Madre inalterada, ésta es la María de los Evangelios. La María que conocemos es la María a quien Dios y los hombres se complacen en honrar. Una fiesta temprana de la Inmaculada Concepción, que atestiguaba la creencia de larga data en esta verdad, se observó en Oriente en el siglo VIII, en Irlanda en el siglo IX y posteriormente en los países europeos. En el año de 1846, María fue proclamada Patrona de los Estados Unidos bajo el título de La Inmaculada Concepción.

HORARIO DE MISAS: VIGILIA: 7 DE NOVIEMBRE A LAS 19:00 hrs.

DÍA FESTIVO: 8:30 AM – 12 MEDIODÍA—19:00 hrs.



MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES 7 PM

DOMINGOS 2 PM

Si usted visita semanalmente Santa Gianna y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la parroquia, por favor hágalo. Las planillas de registro están ubicadas en el vestíbulo de la iglesia. El proceso de registro es simple pero muy importante para la administración de nuestra iglesia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad. **También Necesitamos de su Colaboración...** Para mantener los archivos de nuestra parroquia en orden. Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial si desea solicitar sobres de contribución, cambiar su número telefónico, su estado civil o su domicilio. Gracias!

Por favor por cortesía a toda la comunidad que se presenta en Misa, si sus niños están inquietos y pueden, de alguna manera, servir de distracción, diríjase al cuarto que está designado para niños en frente de la sacristía. Si no encuentra el cuarto, por favor, contácte algunos de los Ushers. Gracias por su colaboración.

Por favor recordemos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que no están pasando por un buen momento en estos días; especialmente los que se encuentran en hospitales y casas para ancianos y muy especialmente recordemos a todos aquellos que están terminalmente enfermos.

EL SANTISIMO SACRAMENTO ESTA PRESENTE EN NUESTRA IGLESIA. UNA PROFUNDA SALUTACION AL ENTRAR Y AL SALIR DE LA IGLESIA ES RECOMENDABLE. TAMBIEN LE RECORDAMOS POR FAVOR GUARDAR SILENCIO DENTRO DE LA IGLESIA POR RESPETO A LAS PERSONAS QUE ESTAN ORANDO. GRACIAS.

Recuerden: Los Bautismos se celebran los **Primeros Sábados** de cada mes a las **11 AM**. Por favor llame a la Oficina Parroquial para hacer los arreglos administrativos necesarios. La **Clase de Preparación Bautismal** para los Padres y los Padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **último Viernes** de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa en la iglesia.

POR FAVOR TOMEN NOTA:

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES: 6:00 PM

SABADOS: 7:30 PM

SI USTED NECESITA CONFESARSE FUERA DE ESTE HORARIO POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL LOS DIAS LUNES.

Es necesario el silencio para escuchar la Palabra de Dios, para prepararnos a escuchar esa Palabra. Dios se hizo Palabra en Jesús, y condición para escuchar esa Palabra es el silencio: silencio del corazón, de la mente, de los sentidos, silencio ambiental.

Estamos preparando los Sobres de Contribución para el año 2023. Por favor si desea solicitar un set, llame a la oficina parroquial.

PRIMERA LECTURA DEL LIBRO DEL PROFETA ISAIAS

En aquel día, brotará un renuevo del tronco de Jesé, un vástagos florecerá de su raíz. Sobre él se posará el espíritu del Señor, espíritu de sabiduría e inteligencia, espíritu de consejo y fortaleza, espíritu de piedad y temor de Dios. No juzgará por apariencias, ni sentenciará de oídas; defenderá con justicia al desamparado y con equidad dará sentencia al pobre; herirá al violento con el látigo de su boca, con el soplo de sus labios matará al impío. Será la justicia su ceñidor, la fidelidad apretará su cintura. Habitará el lobo con el cordero, la pantera se echará con el cabrío, el novillo y el león pacarán juntos y un muchachito los apacentará. La vaca pastará con la osa y sus crías vivirán juntas. El león comerá paja con el buey. El niño jugará sobre el agujero de la víbora; la creatura meterá la mano en el escondrijo de la serpiente. No harán daño ni estrago por todo mi monte santo, porque así como las aguas colman el mar, así está lleno el país de la ciencia del Señor. Aquel día la raíz de Jesé se alzará como bandera de los pueblos, la buscarán todas las naciones y será gloriosa su morada. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: *R. Ven, Señor, rey de justicia y de paz.*

Comunica, Señor, al rey tu juicio y tu justicia, al que es hijo de reyes;
así tu siervo saldrá en defensa de tus pobres y regirá a tu pueblo justamente. **R.**

Florecerá en sus días la justicia y reinará la paz, era tras era.
De mar a mar se extenderá su reino y de un extremo al otro de la tierra. **R.**

Al débil librará del poderoso y ayudará al que se encuentra sin amparo;
se apiadará del desvalido y pobre y salvará la vida al desdichado. **R.**

Que bendigan al Señor eternamente y tanto como el sol, viva su nombre.
Que sea la bendición del mundo entero y lo aclamen dichoso las naciones. **R.**

LECTURA DE LA CARTA DE SAN PABLO A LOS ROMANOS

Hermanos: Todo lo que en el pasado ha sido escrito en los libros santos, se escribió para instrucción nuestra, a fin de que, por la paciencia y el consuelo que dan las Escrituras, mantengamos la esperanza. Que Dios, fuente de toda paciencia y consuelo, les conceda a ustedes vivir en perfecta armonía unos con otros, conforme al espíritu de Cristo Jesús, para que, con un solo corazón y una sola voz alaben a Dios, Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Por lo tanto, acójanse los unos a los otros como Cristo los acogió a ustedes, para gloria de Dios. Quiero decir con esto, que Cristo se puso al servicio del pueblo judío, para demostrar la fidelidad de Dios, cumpliendo las promesas hechas a los patriarcas y que por su misericordia los paganos alaban a Dios, según aquello que dice la Escritura: *Por eso te alabaré y cantaré himnos a tu nombre.* Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

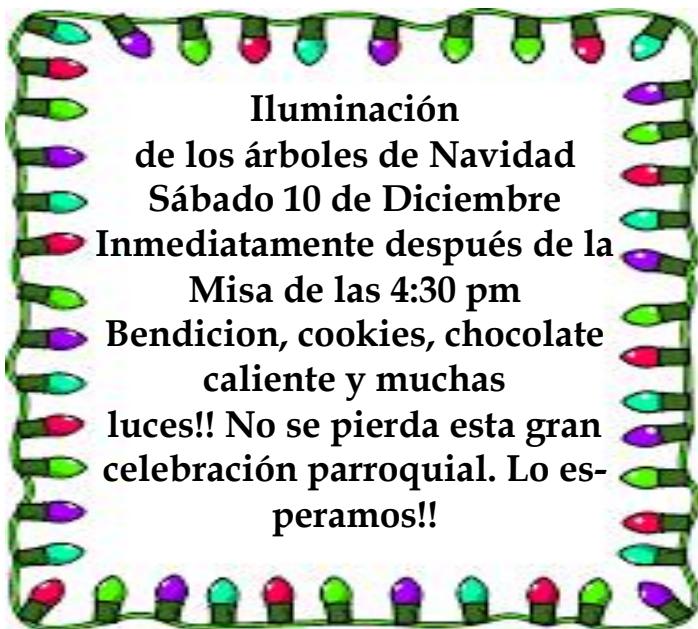
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Preparen el camino del Señor, hagan rectos sus senderos, y todos los hombres verán al Salvador.

R. Aleluya.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN MATEO

En aquel tiempo, comenzó Juan el Bautista a predicar en el desierto de Judea, diciendo: “Arrepiéntanse, porque el Reino de los cielos está cerca”. Juan es aquel de quien el profeta Isaías hablaba, cuando dijo: *Una voz clama en el desierto: Preparen el camino del Señor, enderecen sus senderos.* Juan usaba una túnica de pelo de camello, ceñida con un cinturón de cuero, y se alimentaba de saltamontes y de miel silvestre. Acudían a oírlo los habitantes de Jerusalén, de toda Judea y de toda la región cercana al Jordán; confesaban sus pecados y él los bautizaba en el río. Al ver que muchos fariseos y saduceos iban a que los bautizara, les dijo: “Raza de víboras, ¿quién les ha dicho que podrán escapar al castigo que les aguarda? Hagan ver con obras su conversión y no se hagan ilusiones pensando que tienen por padre a Abraham, porque yo les aseguro que hasta de estas piedras puede Dios sacar hijos de Abraham. Ya el hacha está puesta a la raíz de los árboles, y todo árbol que no dé fruto, será cortado y arrojado al fuego. Yo los bautizo con agua, en señal de que ustedes se han convertido; pero el que viene después de mí, es más fuerte que yo, y yo ni siquiera soy digno de quitarle las sandalias. Él los bautizará en el Espíritu Santo y su fuego. Él tiene el bieldo en su mano para separar el trigo de la paja. Guardará el trigo en su granero y quemará la paja en un fuego que no se extinguire.” Palabra del Señor. **Gloria a ti, Señor.**



MISA RORATE
SABADO 10 DE DICIEMBRE, 2022
6:00 AM



Festividad de la Immaculada Concepción
de la Santísima Virgen María
Día de Precepto Obligatorio

Miercoles, Diciembre 7, 2022 @ 7 PM

Jueves, Diciembre 8, 2022

8:30 AM – 12 Noon –

7 PM (Bilingual Mass)

ATENCION LECTORES!!

Los libros de práctica para el año entrante ya han arrivado. Diríjase a la oficina parroquial para retirar una copia de Lunes a Jueves de 9 de la mañana a 4 de la tarde.

Visite la Pagina Oficial de Facebook de la Diocesis de Camden, Ministerio Hispano, para enterarse de todos los eventos para la Comunidad. <https://www.facebook.com/MinisterioHispanoDOC>

Atención feligreses !!

No hay una manera más fácil de ayudar a St. Gianna que comer en el Shore Diner en Northfield. Presentando el boletín parroquial nuestros feligreses que visiten el restaurante estaran beneficiando con el 20% de las ventas correspondientes. Lo único que tiene que hacer es llevar a su familia y amigos al Shore Diner en cualquier sábado o domingo con una copia de nuestro boletín parroquial. ¡¡Eso es todo!! Escuchamos que tienen deliciosos desayunos y cenas. No te decepcionará. Gracias de antemano.

