

# 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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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2023**

### HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

**ENTRANCE:** #475 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

**OFFERTORY:** #787 in the St. Michael Hymnal "The Strife Is O'er"

**COMMUNION:** "Easter Alleluia"

**CLOSING:** #490 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Come ye Faithful!"

## *From the Pastor's Desk*

### *First Holy Communion*

**O**n Saturday, May 6th, at 10:30 a.m., our dear little children will make their First Holy Communion.

What a beautiful sight of these innocent children of God coming up to receive our Blessed Lord for the very first time. It should remind all of us of the day we made our First Holy Communion and ask our dear Lord to re-ignite our devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

It is my prayer that these children will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith with the help of their parents who will be committed to their faith and show their children by good example to go to Mass every Sunday and confession frequently.

Let us all pray that parents will take their responsibility seriously by making sure these little innocent children are brought up to love Mass and always fulfill this obligation to God by attending Mass every Sunday.



## *Honoring Mary in May*



Mark your calendar and plan to be a part in this meaningful Parish event!!

**May Crowning and Procession  
Consecration of our Parish to the  
Immaculate Heart of Mary  
Sunday, May 7, 2023  
4:00 PM**

*Adults are asked to meet in front of the  
Church facing New Road*

*Children will meet in the Religious Edu-  
cation's classrooms in the Parish Hall*

### **ORDER OF PROCESSION**

- ◆ Altar Servers
- ◆ Priests
- ◆ First Communion Children  
(Grades Pre-School, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
- ◆ Banners
- ◆ Congregation

**Thank  
you!**

## From the Church Office

Dear Parishioners,

In order to serve the Priests and the People of the Parish in an orderly manner, we need everyone's help. Regarding the following...

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

### **Bulletin Announcements/Articles**

While the Parish is happy to place all articles/announcements you wish to appear in the parish bulletin we kindly ask you to please **submit** those **articles/announcements to the Parish office on Mondays so we can reach the Bulletin deadline.**

**Please refrain from handling administrative affairs in the sacristy of the church, most especially before or after of any of the Liturgies. The sacristy is used by Priests, Deacons and Altar Servers preparing to celebrate the Liturgies and distractions of this nature can easily disturb the holiness and the tranquility they need.**

**Pulpit Announcements:** Due to time, Diocese and Parish priorities, pulpit announcements are limited and subject to the Pastor's discretion. However, the announcements **MUST be submitted to the Parish office FIRST, NOT to any of the priests in the sacristy of the church.**

**Flyers, cards and/or propaganda in the church** (*bulletin boards at the entrances of the church*). Our Parish welcomes Parishioners, Visitors and Friends to God's house every day. We are proud of the appearance of our Church and our heartfelt thanks to those people working to keep God's dwelling in order, devoid of disturbing distractions, and preserving the décor and respect our Lord deserves. We ask you to please remember that::

- ◆ NO announcements/ articles and/or propaganda of any kind are permitted on the *Main Bulletin Boards* placed in the gathering area of the church
- ◆ Flyers of events that are not taking place in our Parish are welcome to be placed at any of the four bulletin boards (side entrances of the church). However, they need to be submitted to the Parish for Pastoral approval **NOT to the priests in the sacristy of the church.**

**Private meetings & invitations to the parish priests:** If you would like to make an appointment to meet with one of the Priests or invite them to a special celebration, please call the Parish office so the event/celebration can be placed on the Priests' calendars. Remember that the Priests' schedule of church (parish) related appointments/meetings/invitations is handled by the administrative staff of the Parish.

Thank you for your understanding, your help and cooperation.

Devotion  
for the Month of  
April



The Blessed  
Sacrament

**DID YOU KNOW  
THAT ...**

**T**he month of April is dedicated both to devotion to the Eucharist and devotion to the Holy Spirit. This tradition has developed because Easter Sunday often falls in April, and when it does fall in March, the Easter Season continues on through all of April. In essence, April is a month of Easter, and during the Easter celebration we remember the Eucharistic Sacrifice Christ gave us and the baptism in the Holy Spirit, which would come after Jesus' Resurrection.

YOU DO  
NOT HAVE  
TO BE RICH  
TO BE  
GENEROUS.





Let us remember and keep in our prayers those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces, especially our troops away from home. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ grant them Peace and Joy today and always.



Through the Resurrection of Jesus, God has *Redeemed* us and made us *His Children*. May God bless us with Joy. May we inherit *Everlasting Life*. May our lives be *Holy*, so that we will be *United* with Jesus forever. May almighty God bless us, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



**Easter Duty Obligation:** After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty\*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 26, 2023 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, June 4, 2023.

Hallelujah!

**WISHING YOU EASTER BLESSINGS**

**"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON THAT WHOSE- EVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."**

**JOHN 3:16**

**REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES**

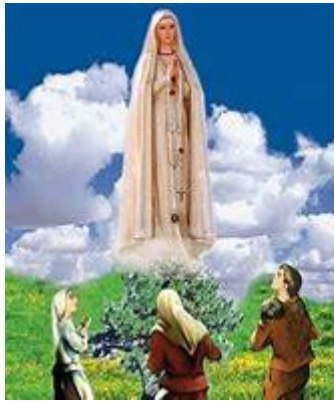
The role of a sponsor is primarily a Spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate **must** be a registered, **participating** member of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, a **practicing** Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the Church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



**“Pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world...”**  
 — Our Lady of Fatima

**33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY  
 FEAST DAY OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA  
 MAY 13, 2023 @ 8:30 AM  
 MASS AND CONSECRATION**

**BAPTISMS**

**B**aptisms are celebrated on the **LAST** Saturday of the month at 11 AM. Please call the Parish office to make the necessary arrangements two months prior to the Baptism date. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism class which is to be held on the **LAST Friday** of every month at 7 PM. in the Parish Hall. **Both Parents** are expected to attend the brief class (approximately 45 minutes).

**PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:**

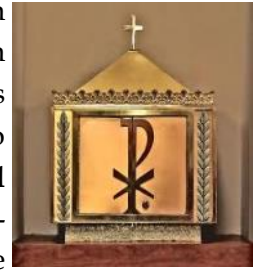
Be aware of the following qualifications before you ask someone to be the Godparent of your child. According to Canon Law the Godparent...

- ◆ Must be at least 16 years of age
- ◆ If the sponsor is married must be married in accord with the laws of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion).
- ◆ Be a practicing Catholic; i.e., attend Mass regularly on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation and receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly

*If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the Parish office (646-5611).*

**THE LORD’S REAL PRESENCE**

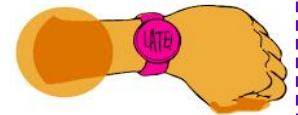
**W**e are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is **reserved**. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord’s Real Presence** with a brief act of worship on *entering or leaving* the Church and **every time** passing by the Sanctuary. Normally, a *genuflection* in the direction 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.**

**P**lease make every effort to arrive on time for the start of Holy Mass, which **begins** with the **Sign of the Cross** and **ends** with the dismissal, **“Go in Peace.”** It is the Lord we insult when we do not give Him our time. He is never too busy to be with us!



**Missionaries of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary**  
 P.O. Box 189 2249 Shore Road, Linwood  
 NJ 08221-0189

**FLEA MARKET**

Friday, May 19, 2023—9:00 am to 2:00 pm  
 Saturday, May 20, 2023—9:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information, please contact:  
 Nollie at 609-665-2707 or Kim at 609-226-4823

**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

**We would like to thank**

**ELISA JO EAGAN OF BALLEY LOSCO**

*Www.TheRealEstateGodmother.com*

**For advertising in our weekly bulletin**

**Father’s Quick Quote:**

*“Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.”*

~Anonymous



**SATURDAY, APRIL 22**

4:30PM Lee & Joe Catani r/b Their Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 23**

8:00AM Clare Berenato r/b Lectors of St. Gianna

10:00AM Sylvia Dirocco r/b Dante & Eleonora Vespertino  
Freddy Chirinos r/b Sisters  
Conrado, Nieves, Fernando Palomeque r/b The Palomeque Family  
Nina Fisher r/b Family

12Noon Attonement of Past Sins of Jorge Corona r/b Familia

2:00PM Jose Luis Duarte r/b Familia y Esposa  
Carlina Bolivar r/b Su Familia

**MONDAY, APRIL 24**

8:30AM Intentions of Ruth Tayao r/b Christy

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25**

8:30AM Marge Kane r/b Marie

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**

8:30AM Louis Fleifel r/b Charbel & Renee Fleifel

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**

8:30AM Helen Vincent r/b Frank & Patti Vincent  
James Pontari r/b Marlene Pontari

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28**

8:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish  
7:00PM Henry O. Encarnacion Soto r/b Su Familia  
Milagros Diaz r/b La Familia

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29**

4:30PM Fran Finizio r/b Ken & Nancy Norton

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

8:00AM David Wigglesworth r/b Deacon Del Rossi & Dianne Del Rossi

10:00AM Mary Doorly r/b Michael & Nancy Fitzgerald  
Matthew Giannini r/b Grandmother & Family  
Frances Greydanus r/b The Palomeque Family

12 Noon Atonement of Past Sins of Monserrat Corona r/b Su Familia

2 PM Miembros Vivos y Difuntos de la Parroquia

**APRIL 22 – APRIL 28**

MAIN ALTAR

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN**

**LOVING MEMORY OF**

**GREGORY MANNO**

Requested By

**SISTER PAULA VARGAS**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**ELIZABETH CHAU**

Requested By

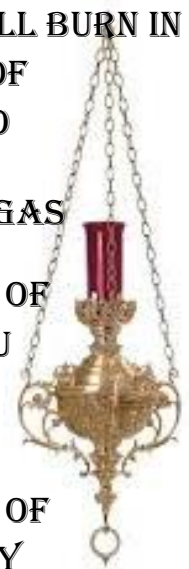
**ERLAND CHAU**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**BERNARD DE LURY**

Requested By

**CHILDREN & GRANDCHILDREN**



**LAMPS FOR THE ALTARS**

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:

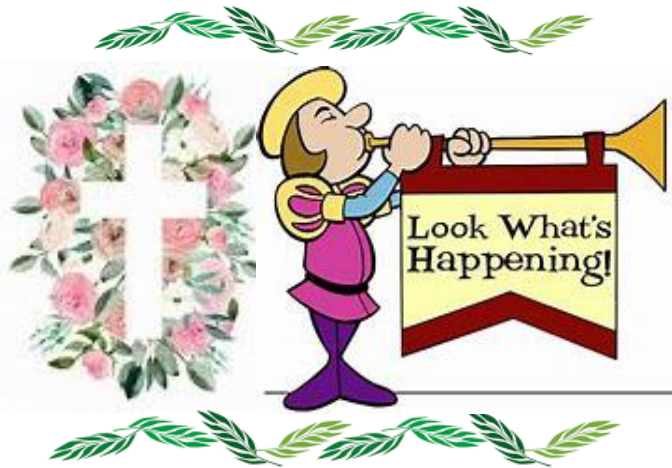
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Donation (\$20)

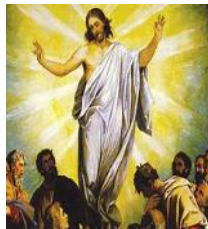
Cash Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle one:

SANCTUARY B. MOTHER ST. JOSEPH



The Latin-rite Diocesan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark met last week and unanimously decided to permanently transfer the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus from the Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter to the following Sunday. Therefore, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus will be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. For this year, it will be observed on May 21st.



### Millions of Monicas

*Praying with Confidence for our Children*

Join us "Monicas" in praying for our children, grandchildren, godchildren, nieces and nephews – whoever you have on your heart! -just as St. Monica prayed for her son, St. Augustine. We are not a support group or self-help group – it's purely one hour of prayer for our children's joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. Gather with other "mama hearts" to petition Our Lord on behalf of these children to know His peace and love in this confusing world. Visit [MillionsofMonicas.com](http://MillionsofMonicas.com) for our calendar and more information or email at [StGiannas.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com](mailto:StGiannas.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com).

**CALENDAR UPDATE**  
**WEDNESDAYS**  
**6:30 PM PARISH CHURCH**

## MEETINGS TO ALL MINISTRIES & GROUPS MEETINGS AT ST. GIANNA

Please remember to **notify the Parish office** of your meetings for the current year. We need your cooperation in order to properly schedule the use of any of the available rooms in the Parish buildings. The Parish Calendar is available at the Parish office Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thank you!



### SHARE THE WORD PRAYER GROUP

Every Monday

6:45 p.m. Rosary

7:00 p.m. Meeting

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

### LEGION OF MARY

Every Monday - 3:00 PM Choir Room

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

### SENIORS

2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the Month

1:00 PM, Parish Hall

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

### SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA

First Tuesday of the Month

7:00 PM in the Parish Hall

NEW MEMBERS ARE MOST WELCOME!!

### BINGO

Our Parish hosts **BINGO** on **Wednesday & Saturday** mornings at 10 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Doors open at 8 a.m. \$1,000 in prize money, instant winners and progressive jackpots! Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun.

### 33 DAYS TO MORNING GLORY

Tuesdays

6:30 PM in the Parish Hall

St Gianna's Seniors of Northfield group is inviting new members to come out and participate in our Senior get-together. The second Wednesday of the Month we meet from 12:45 till 2:30 p.m. We socialize, we have speakers, games, we go to 'eat out'. We meet at St Gianna's Parish Hall – behind the church. Join us and meet some new seniors. Every one is invited. For info call Maryann at (609)226-2130.



**WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS**

Our Parish's BINGO is a great way to supplement the income gained through Church collections, bequests, and other donations. St. Gianna hosts BINGO every Wednesday and Saturday in the Parish hall (building located at the end of the parking lot, behind the church). Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the games start at 10 a.m. Join us!! \$1,000 in prize money. Instant winners. Progressive Jack-Pots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun. Come and enjoy the games!! And meet that wonderful group of parishioners who freely donate their time and talent to make our bingo games, week after week, a delightful and great success. Don't miss it!! Thank you all!!



**May Crowning and Procession  
Sunday, May 7, 2023  
4:00 PM**

All Parish Families are invited to the May Crowning on Sunday, May 7 at 4:00 PM. We will meet in the Church parking lot. We will pray the Rosary, sing hymns, and together we will process into the church where the children of the Parish will crown the statue of Our Lady. Mark your calendar and plan to be present at this meaningful Parish event.



**SIMPLE**

**SECURE**

**CONVENIENT**

**Loaves & Fishes Project**

Our Parish collects non-perishable food for local food banks on the **first Sunday of every month**. Please remember to bring your donations and place them in the Gathering Area of the church. Thank you.



**Food Drive**

**Next Collection Day: May 6-7, 2023**



### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

**T**hen Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice, and proclaimed: "You who are Jews, indeed all of you staying in Jerusalem. Let this be known to you, and listen to my words. You who are Israelites, hear these words. Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God with mighty deeds, wonders, and signs, which God worked through him in your midst, as you yourselves know. This man, delivered up by the set plan and foreknowledge of God, you killed, using lawless men to crucify him. But God raised him up, releasing him from the throes of death, because it was impossible for him to be held by it. For David says of him: *I saw the Lord ever before me, with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed. Therefore my heart has been glad and my tongue has exulted; my flesh, too, will dwell in hope, because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld, nor will you suffer your holy one to see corruption. You have made known to me the paths of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence.*" My brothers, one can confidently say to you about the patriarch David that he died and was buried, and his tomb is in our midst to this day. But since he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn an oath to him that he would set one of his descendants upon his throne, he foresaw and spoke of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he abandoned to the netherworld nor did his flesh see corruption. God raised this Jesus; of this we are all witnesses. Exalted at the right hand of God, he received the promise of the Holy Spirit from the Father and poured him forth, as you see and hear." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

*R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Keep me, O God, for in you I take refuge; I say to the LORD, "My Lord are you."

O LORD, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot.

*R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

I bless the LORD who counsels me; even in the night my heart exhorts me.

I set the LORD ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

*R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence;  
because you will not abandon my soul to the netherworld,  
nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

*R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

You will show me the path to life, abounding joy in your presence,  
the delights at your right hand forever. *R. Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

### A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PETER

**B**eloved: If you invoke as Father him who judges impartially according to each one's works, conduct yourselves with reverence during the time of your sojourning, realizing that you were ransomed from your futile conduct, handed on by your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a spotless unblemished lamb. He was known before the foundation of the world but revealed in the final time for you, who through him believe in God who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.

*R. Alleluia, alleluia.*

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" They stopped, looking downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, said to him in reply, "Are you the only visitor to Jerusalem who does not know of the things that have taken place there in these days?" And he replied to them, "What sort of things?" They said to him, "The things that happened to Jesus the Nazarene, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, how our chief priests and rulers both handed him over to a sentence of death and crucified him. But we were hoping that he would be the one to redeem Israel; and besides all this, it is now the third day since this took place. Some women from our group, however, have astounded us: they were at the tomb early in the morning and did not find his body; they came back and reported that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who announced that he was alive. Then some of those with us went to the tomb and found things just as the women had described, but him they did not see." And he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are! How slow of heart to believe all that the prophets spoke! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them what referred to him in all the Scriptures. As they approached the village to which they were going, he gave the impression that he was going on farther. But they urged him, "Stay with us, for it is nearly evening and the day is almost over." So he went in to stay with them. And it happened that, while he was with them at table, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it to them. With that their eyes were opened and they recognized him, but he vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the Scriptures to us?" So they set out at once and returned to Jerusalem where they found gathered together the eleven and those with them who were saying, "The Lord has truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" Then the two recounted what had taken place on the way and how he was made known to them in the breaking of bread.

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

**Saint Joseph Regional School in Somers Point, NJ is hiring the following positions:**

**\*Full Time Middle School Religion Teacher (Grades 6, 7 & 8)**

**\*Part-time Custodian/Maintenance**

**\*Part-time In-Class Support Aides**

**\*Substitute Teachers and Substitute Aides**

**Please send a letter of interest and resume to [applicants@sjrs.org](mailto:applicants@sjrs.org)**

Bells are ringing for married couples! Not church bells, not school bells, not wedding bells, but faith, knowledge and married love WILL grow if you hear the wake-up bell reminding you to go on a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend! The next weekend is 9/29-10/1/2023. Questions? Need more information? Call our application couple at 609-741-8012 or email [applications@wwme-southjersey.org](mailto:applications@wwme-southjersey.org)

Visit our website [wwme-southjersey.org](http://wwme-southjersey.org)

**BEGIN AGAIN...**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**



**Father's Quick Quote: "When you pray God listens. When you listen God speaks. When you believe God works."**

*Anonymous*



El domingo 7 de mayo a las 4:00 pm, honraremos a nuestra Madre Celestial aquí en la Parroquia de San Gianna para manifestar nuestro amor publicamente y demostrar lo que sentimos por la Madre de Dios, nuestra Madre. Sí, es verdad que hay personas en la actualidad que dicen que la Iglesia ha desentendido a María. Si usted oye a alguien hacer ese comentario los que lo hacen son personas que se alegran en levantar falsos. El Concilio Vaticano II reitera la enseñanza de Jesús. Y usted se preguntara, ¿cuál es la enseñanza de Jesús? Cuando murió mientras estaba colgado en la Cruz, expresó su ultima voluntad diciendo: "mira ahí tienes a tu Madre". María es nuestra Madre. Jesús nos la dio. ¡Es la enseñanza de Cristo! Y, nadie puede ponerlo en duda.

Siempre ha sido la enseñanza de los Apóstoles. Siempre fue la enseñanza de los primeros Concilios de la Iglesia y es la enseñanza del Concilio Vaticano II. Cualquiera que diga algo diferente, ¡dile que vuele un cometa! La Constitución del Vaticano II dice: "Que todo el cuerpo de los fieles derrame una oración perseverante a la Madre de Dios". Eso es lo que el Vaticano II dice acerca de María. Luego, el Concilio continúa diciendo: "La verdadera devoción a María procede de una Fe profunda que mueve en nosotros un amor filial hacia nuestra Madre y hace que queramos imitar sus virtudes". La Iglesia le otorgó un nuevo título a María — "María, Madre de la Iglesia". ¡Esa es la enseñanza del Concilio Vaticano II! Si María es nuestra Madre Celestial, ¿podrías imaginar cuánto cuida de nosotros? ¿Podrías imaginar cuánto ora por nosotros? ¿Podrías imaginar lo mucho que se preocupa por nosotros? Si nuestras madres terrenales hacen esto, ¿cuánto más hace nuestra Madre Celestial?



Reserva un tiempo el domingo 7 de mayo para honrar a tu Madre en el Cielo, María. Celebremos y alabemosla con flores, himnos, canciones, rezando el Rosario, procesándonos con su imagen, alzando cartels con sus titulus. Digamos juntos, con una sola voz ¡TE AMAMOS, MADRE MARÍA! Traigale a Nuestra Madre Santísima sus preocupaciones, sus dificultades y sus problemas. Traigale a Nuestra Madre Bendita a su hijo o hija, su esposo o esposa, su madre o padre a todos aquellos que necesitan su oración maternal. ¿necesita de un favor especial? ¡Tráelo a María! ¡Sí, haz el sacrificio, haz el tiempo, y versa que no pasará desapercibido para nuestra Madre Celestial.

Cuando el gran pintor, Whistler, pintó un bello retrato de su madre, "La Madre de Whistler", decidió que la pintura fuera exhibida para que todos la vieran en su Galería de arte. Mucha gente vino a ver la pintura. Una mujer se acercó a él y le dijo: "Qué maravilloso poder haber pintado a tu madre tan bien." Whistler le dijo: "Bueno, ya sabes cómo es, a uno le gusta hacer a su mamá tan agradable como sea posible". Y eso es lo que Dios hizo. ¡Hizo que su Madre fuera lo más agradable posible y Hermosa del mundo!

*Padre Anthony*

## Primera Comunión



El próximo sábado, 6 de mayo, a las 10:30 a.m., los niños de nuestra Parroquia harán su Primera Comunión.

Qué hermosa vista nos ofrecera ver a estos inocentes Hijos de Dios acercarse al Altar para recibir a nuestro Bendito Señor por primera vez.



Esta imagen debería recordarnos a todos el día en que hicimos nuestra Primera Comunión y deberíamos pedirle a nuestro Señor que vuelva a encender nuestra devoción al Santísimo Sacramento.

Es mi oración que estos niños continúen creciendo en su Fe católica con la ayuda de sus padres, quienes estarán comprometidos y les mostrarán a sus hijos, con buen ejemplo, que deben concurrir a la Misa todos los domingos y confesarse con frecuencia.

Oremos todos para que los padres tomen en serio su responsabilidad asegurándose que estos pequeños inocentes sean llevados a la misa con amor y cumplan siempre esta obligación con Dios asistiendo a la Misa todos los domingos.

Padre Anthony

HONRANDO A MARIA EN EL  
MES DE MAYO



Marquen sus calendarios!!

**Coronación y Procesión**

**Consagración de la Parroquia al**

**Corazón Inmaculado de María**

**Domingo 7 de Mayo,**

**4:00 PM**

*Adultos se reúnen en frente de la Iglesia*

*Niños se reúnen en el Salón Grande*

**MISA BILINGUE EL VIERNES 28 de abril A LAS 7PM**

**FESTIVIDAD DE ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLL**

**PATRONA DE NUESTRA IGLESIA**



### Lectura del Libro de los Hechos de los Apostoles

**E**l día de Pentecostés, se presentó Pedro, junto con los Once, ante la multitud, y levantando la voz, dijo: "Israelitas, escúchenme. Jesús de Nazaret fue un hombre acreditado por Dios ante ustedes, mediante los milagros, prodigios y señales que Dios realizó por medio de él y que ustedes bien conocen. Conforme al plan previsto y sancionado por Dios, Jesús fue entregado, y ustedes utilizaron a los paganos para clavarlo en la cruz. Pero Dios lo resucitó, rompiendo las ataduras de la muerte, ya que no era posible que la muerte lo retuviera bajo su dominio. En efecto, David dice, refiriéndose a él: *Yo veía constantemente al Señor delante de mí, puesto que él está a mi lado para que yo no tropiece. Por eso se alegra mi corazón y mi lengua se alborozó; por eso también mi cuerpo vivirá en la esperanza, porque tú, Señor, no me abandonarás a la muerte, ni dejarás que tu santo sufra la corrupción. Me has enseñado el sendero de la vida y me saciarás de gozo en tu presencia.* Hermanos, que me sea permitido hablarles con toda claridad: el patriarca David murió y lo enterraron, y su sepulcro se conserva entre nosotros hasta el día de hoy. Pero como era profeta y sabía que Dios le había prometido con juramento que un descendiente suyo ocuparía su trono, con visión profética habló de la resurrección de Cristo, el cual no fue abandonado a la muerte ni sufrió la corrupción. Pues bien, a este Jesús Dios lo resucitó, y de ello todos nosotros somos testigos. Llevado a los cielos por el poder de Dios, recibió del Padre el Espíritu Santo prometido a él y lo ha comunicado, como ustedes lo están viendo y oyendo". Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

#### **Salmo responsorial: R. Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida. Aleluya.**

Protégeme, Dios mío, pues eres me refugio. Yo siempre he dicho que tú eres mi Señor.

El Señor es la parte que me ha tocado en herencia: mi vida está en sus manos.

**R. Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida. Aleluya.**

Bendeciré al Señor, que me aconseja, hasta de noche me instruye internamente.

Tengo siempre presente al Señor y con él a mi lado, jamás tropezaré.

**R. Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida. Aleluya.**

Por eso se me alegran el corazón y el alma y mi cuerpo vivirá tranquilo, porque tú no me abandonarás a la muerte ni dejarás que sufra yo la corrupción.

**R. Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida. Aleluya.**

Enséñame el camino de la vida, sácíame de gozo en tu presencia y de alegría perpetua junto a ti.

**R. Enséñanos, Señor, el camino de la vida. Aleluya.**

#### **Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pedro**

**H**ermanos: Puesto que ustedes llaman Padre a Dios, que juzga imparcialmente la conducta de cada uno según sus obras, vivan siempre con temor filial durante su peregrinar por la tierra. Bien saben ustedes que de su estéril manera de vivir, heredada de sus padres, los ha rescatado Dios, no con bienes efímeros, como el oro y la plata, sino con la sangre preciosa de Cristo, el cordero sin defecto ni mancha, al cual Dios había elegido desde antes de la creación del mundo y, por amor a ustedes, lo ha manifestado en estos tiempos, que son los últimos. Por Cristo, ustedes creen en Dios, quien lo resucitó de entre los muertos y lo llenó de gloria, a fin de que la fe de ustedes sea también esperanza en Dios.

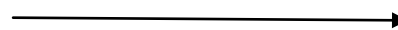
**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

Señor Jesús, haz que comprendamos la Sagrada Escritura. Enciende nuestro corazón mientras nos hablas.

**R. Aleluya.**

#### **Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Juan**

**E**l mismo día de la resurrección, iban dos de los discípulos hacia un pueblo llamado Emaús, situado a unos once kilómetros de Jerusalén, y comentaban todo lo que había sucedido. Mientras conversaban y discutían, Jesús se les acercó y comenzó a caminar con ellos; pero los ojos de los dos discípulos estaban velados y no lo reconocieron. Él les preguntó:



"¿De qué cosas vienen hablando, tan llenos de tristeza?" Uno de ellos, llamado Cleofás, le respondió: "¿Eres tú el único forastero que no sabe lo que ha sucedido estos días en Jerusalén?" Él les preguntó: "¿Qué cosa?" Ellos le respondieron: "Lo de Jesús el nazareno, que era un profeta poderoso en obras y palabras, ante Dios y ante todo el pueblo. Cómo los sumos sacerdotes y nuestros jefes lo entregaron para que lo condenaran a muerte, y lo crucificaron. Nosotros esperábamos que él sería el libertador de Israel, y sin embargo, han pasado ya tres días desde que estas cosas sucedieron. Es cierto que algunas mujeres de nuestro grupo nos han desconcertado, pues fueron de madrugada al sepulcro, no encontraron el cuerpo y llegaron contando que se les habían aparecido unos ángeles, que les dijeron que estaba vivo. Algunos de nuestros compañeros fueron al sepulcro y hallaron todo como habían dicho las mujeres, pero a él no lo vieron". Entonces Jesús les dijo: "¿Qué insensatos son ustedes y qué duros de corazón para creer todo lo anunciado por los profetas! ¿Acaso no era necesario que el Mesías padeciera todo esto y así entrara en su gloria?" Y comenzando por Moisés y siguiendo con todos los profetas, les explicó todos los pasajes de la Escritura que se referían a él. Ya cerca del pueblo a donde se dirigían, él hizo como que iba más lejos; pero ellos le insistieron, diciendo: "Quédate con nosotros, porque ya es tarde y pronto va a oscurecer". Y entró para quedarse con ellos. Cuando estaban a la mesa, tomó un pan, pronunció la bendición, lo partió y se lo dio. Entonces se les abrieron los ojos y lo reconocieron, pero él se les desapareció. Y ellos se decían el uno al otro: "¿Con razón nuestro corazón ardía, mientras nos hablaba por el camino y nos explicaba las Escrituras!" Se levantaron inmediatamente y regresaron a Jerusalén, donde encontraron reunidos a los Once con sus compañeros, los cuales les dijeron: "De veras ha resucitado el Señor y se le ha aparecido a Simón". Entonces ellos contaron lo que les había pasado en el camino y cómo lo habían reconocido al partir el pan.

Palabra del Señor. **Gloria a Ti Señor**

### PROCESIÓN DEL PAN Y EL VINO DURANTE LA MISA

Aquellas personas que han reservado una Misa por una intención particular son bienvenidas, si así lo desean, a procesar con las ofrendas del pan y el vino durante la Misa. Sólo comuníquense con la señora María Isabel Girón antes del comienzo de la Misa.



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**One Hour**  
**One Purpose**  
**Our Children**  
**Wednesdays 6:30pm**

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 de las 7 de la tarde en la iglesia.

Unase a "Millones de Monicas" para rezar por nuestros hijos, nietos, sobrinos o cualquie persona que tenga en su Corazon, como lo hizo Santa Monica al rezar por su hijo San Augustin. No somos un grupo de apoyo sino que nos reunimos puramente para rezar por una hora sólo una hora para que nuestros hijos regresen con corazones llenos de regozijo a la Iglesia Catolica. Nos reunimos con nuestros corazones de mamas para pedirle a nuestro Senor por nuestros hijos. Para que conoczan su paz en este mundo de tanta confusion que nos toca vivir. Nos reunimos todos los Miercoles a las 630 p.m. Esperamos que nos pueda acompañar!

Próxima Reunion en la Iglesia:  
Abril 26

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.

### POR FAVOR TOME NOTA: CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES: 6:15 PM DOMINGOS: 1:15-1:45 PM  
SI USTED NECESITA CONFESARSE FUERA DE ESTE HORARIO POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.

Hallelujah!

**MISAS EN ESPAÑOL**  
VIERNES 7 PM  
DOMINGOS 2 PM