

# St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

## Roman Catholic Church

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

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## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 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, 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 Education'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



## **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...

### **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::

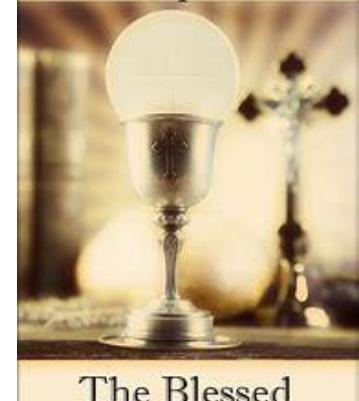
- ♦ NO announcements/articles and/or propaganda of any kind are permitted on the *Main Bulletin Boards* placed in the gathering area of the church
- ♦ Flyers of events that are not taking place in our Parish are welcome to be placed at any of the four bulletin boards (side entrances of the Church). However, 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.

**PLEASE READ:  
IMPORTANT  
MESSAGE**

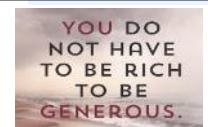
Devotion  
for the Month of  
April



The Blessed  
Sacrament

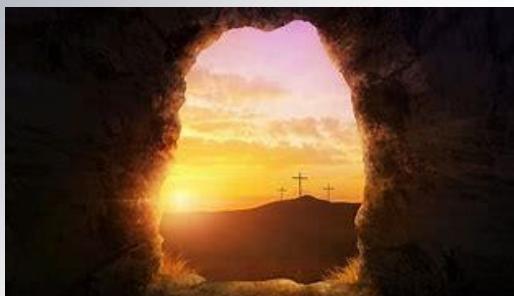
### **DID YOU KNOW THAT ...**

**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.





**L**et 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.



**T**hrough 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.



Spot light on...

**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 WHOSOEVER BELIEVETH IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH, BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE."**

**JOHN 3:16**

#### REQUESTS FOR ELIGIBILITY CERTIFICATES

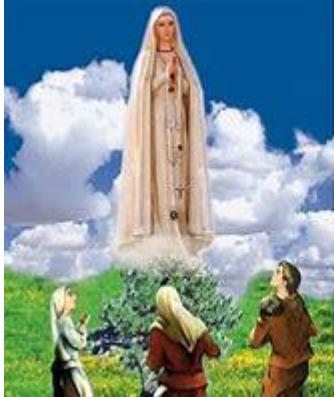
The role of a sponsor is primarily a Spiritual role to model a Christian life for the child. Therefore, anyone requesting a certificate **must** be a registered, **participating** member of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, a **practicing** Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the Church 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

**C**ouples 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**

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.

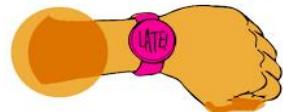


**If You CANNOT Be on Time, Then Be EARLY.**

**Making Time For Prayer Strengthens Our Connection with God.**

Please 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**

**Castellani, Law Firm, LLC**

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**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 29**

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

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30**

8:00AM **David Wigglesworth** r/b Deacon George &

Diane Del Rossi

10:00AM **Mary Doorley** r/b Michael & Nancy Fitzgerald  
**Frances Greydanus** r/b Palomeque Family  
**Matthew Giannini** r/b Grandmother &  
Family  
**Intentions of Adrianna Moratti** r/b Eleonora & Dante Vespertino

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

2:00PM **Salud de Jefferson Rivera** r/b Lisbet Rivera

**MONDAY, MAY 1**

8:30AM **Dorothy Walsh** r/b Joan Ratzlaff

**TUESDAY, MAY 2**

8:30AM **The Salama Family** r/b Raymond Salama

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 3**

8:30AM **Intentions of Elizabeth Hays** r/b Kathy Hays

**THURSDAY, MAY 4**

8:30AM **Joseph DiCosola** r/b Family  
**Intentions of John Hays Jr.** r/b Kathy Hays

**FRIDAY, MAY 5**

8:30AM **Elizabeth Chau** r/b Erland Chau

7:00PM **Mass in Spanish**

**SATURDAY, MAY 6**

4:30PM **Sally McGettigan** r/b Marie

**SUNDAY, MAY 7**

8:00AM **John Schriner** r/b Wife, France

10:00AM **Kathleen Fitzgerald** r/b Michael & Nancy Fitzgerald

**Giuseppe Martirone** r/b Family

**Edwin, Emily, Margaret & Helen Benz** r/b The Palomeque Family

**Joseph W. DiCosola** r/b Mom, Dad & Anthony

12 Noon **Hon. John J. DeLury** r/b Bernard & Margaret DeLury

2 PM **Miembros Vivos y Difuntos de la Parroquia**

**APRIL 29 – MAY 5**

**MAIN ALTAR**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN**

**LOVING MEMORY OF**

**GREGORY MANNO**

Requested By

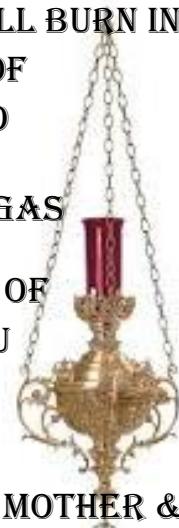
**SISTER PAULA VARGAS**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**ELIZABETH CHAU**

Requested By

**ERLAND CHAU**



**IN GRATITUDE TO BLESSED MOTHER & ST. JOSEPH FOR PRAYERS ANSWERED**

Requested By

**H.G. & P. G.**

**LAMPS FOR THE ALTARS**

**A**fter 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 #: \_\_\_\_\_

Donation (\$20)

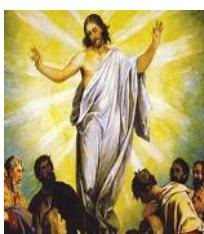
Cash Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_ Check #: \_\_\_\_\_

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!!



## Honoring Mary in May



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.



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### 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.



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: "Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, and they asked Peter and the other apostles, "What are we to do, my brothers?" Peter said to them, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is made to you and to your children and to all those far off, whomever the Lord our God will call." He testified with many other arguments, and was exhorting them, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand persons were added that day. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM R. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose;  
beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

R. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley  
I fear no evil; for you are at my side.

With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

R. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

R. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life;  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

R. *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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

**B**eloved: If you are patient when you suffer for doing what is good, this is a grace before God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example that you should follow in his footsteps. *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.* When he was insulted, he returned no insult; when he suffered, he did not threaten; instead, he handed himself over to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body upon the cross, so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you had gone astray like sheep, but you have now returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

### A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

**J**esus said: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever does not enter a sheepfold through the gate but climbs over elsewhere is a thief and a robber. But whoever enters through the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens it for him, and the sheep hear his voice, as the shepherd calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has driven out all his own, he walks ahead of them, and the sheep follow him, because they recognize his voice. But they will not follow a stranger; they will run away from him, because they do not recognize the voice of strangers." Although Jesus used this figure of speech, the Pharisees did not realize what he was trying to tell them. So Jesus said again, "Amen, amen, I say to you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters through me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. A thief comes only to steal and slaughter and destroy; I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



### Building a Culture of Life

#### LIFENET South Jersey Outreach

Calling all DREs, Youth Leaders, Deacons, Priests, and Respect for Life Groups. Experience the actual program firsthand as presented to the students in Youth Groups, Confirmation classes, and schools.

**May 13, 2023**

**Our Lady of Sorrows**

**724 Maple Ave., Linwood, NJ 08221**

**12:30 to 3:00 PM**

**Lunch served at noon before Presentation.**

**To register call Maureen Masters (978) 239-2285**

**Email: UnitedForLife@comcast.net**



**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)

#### **Job Vacancy**

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish is seeking a part-time secretary. Office hours are Monday - Thursday 10am - 4pm & Friday 10am - 2pm. If interested, please submit a resume for this position with two references to [parishoffice@olphparish-nj.org](mailto:parishoffice@olphparish-nj.org) or call 609-652-0008 x201. Office located at 146 S. Pitney Road in Galloway.

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)



### SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA

The Sodality of St. Gianna is a spiritual organization of women who are devoted to the Blessed Mother and who promote the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

**MEETING:** Next meeting will be Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 7 p.m. Come to the meeting and enjoy an ice cream treat.

**EXPECTANT MOTHERS:** The Sodality adopts expectant mothers and keep them and the babies they are carrying in their prayers. All pregnant women are welcome to contact Cindy Kern (609) 513-8178 for further information.

**TRAVELING BLESSED MOTHER:** The Traveling Blessed Mother program is in full swing. The Blessed Mother statue is available to be put in a place of honor in your home for one week for you and your family to pray to her. If you would like to sign up for a week of adoration, please contact Dieane Del Rossi (609) 653-6905.

**MONTHLY COLLECTION:** We will be collecting items for veterans in nursing homes on the weekend of May 20th & 21st. Puzzle books (large print please); puzzles, deodorant, razors, etc.

**SPRING LUNCHEON:** Our spring luncheon will be held at Little Italy in Northfield. The cost is \$35 per person and includes: family style appetizer, soup or salad, choice of entrée; and dessert. Please contact Linda Cohen (609)703-6962 to make a reservation.



Sister Dolores has a sister who is very ill; who lives in Franklin, NJ. It is too far for sister to drive, so she is looking for a willing driver. Gas will be paid for. If you can help Sister, please call her at 732-421-3115.

### **BEGIN AGAIN...**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!**





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 vuela 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 ofrecerá 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 concursar 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 reunen en frente de la Iglesia*

*Niños se reunen en el Salón Grande*



## PRIMERA COMUNION

**SABADO, MAY 6, 2023 AT 10:30 AM**

**CORONACION DE LA VIRGEN MARIA, DOMINGO 7, 4:00 PM**



### Lectura del Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles

El día de Pentecostés, se presentó Pedro, junto con los Once, ante la multitud, y levantando la voz, dijo: "Sépa todo Israel con absoluta certeza, que Dios ha constituido Señor y Mesías al mismo Jesús, a quien ustedes han crucificado." Estas palabras les llegaron al corazón y preguntaron a Pedro y a los demás apóstoles: "¿Qué tenemos que hacer, hermanos?" Pedro les contestó: "Arrepiéntanse y bautíicense en el nombre de Jesucristo para el perdón de sus pecados y recibirán el Espíritu Santo. Porque las promesas de Dios valen para ustedes y para sus hijos y también para todos los paganos que el Señor, Dios nuestro, quiera llamar, aunque estén lejos." Con éstas y otras muchas razones, los instaba y exhortaba, diciéndoles: "Pónganse a salvo de este mundo corrompido." Los que aceptaron sus palabras se bautizaron, y aquel día se les agregaron unas tres mil personas. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

**Salmo responsorial: R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará. Aleluya.**

El Señor es mi pastor, nada me falta; en verdes praderas me hace reposar  
y hacia fuentes tranquilas me conduce para reparar mis fuerzas.

**R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará. Aleluya.**

Por ser un Dios fiel a sus promesas, me guía por el sendero recto;  
así, aunque camine por cañadas oscuras, nada temo, porque tú estás conmigo,  
tu vara y tu cayado me da seguridad.

**R. El Señor es mi pastor, nada me faltará. Aleluya.**

Tú mismo me preparas la mesa, a despecho de mis adversarios;  
me unges la cabeza con perfume y llenas mi copa hasta los bordes.

Tu bondad y tu misericordia me acompañarán todos los días de mi vida;  
y viviré en la casa del Señor por años sin término.

### Lectura de la Carta del Apóstol San Pedro

Hermanos: Soportar con paciencia los sufrimientos que les vienen a ustedes por hacer el bien, es cosa agradable a los ojos de Dios, pues a esto han sido llamados, ya que también Cristo sufrió por ustedes y les dejó así un ejemplo para que sigan sus huellas. El no cometió pecado ni hubo engaño en su boca; insultado, no devolvió los insultos; maltratado, no profería amenazas, sino que encomendaba su causa al único que juzga con justicia; cargado con nuestros pecados, subió al madeiro de la cruz, para que, muertos al pecado, vivamos para la justicia. Por sus llagas ustedes han sido curados, porque ustedes eran como ovejas descarriadas, pero ahora han vuelto al pastor y guardián de sus vidas. Palabra de Dios. **te alabamos Señor**

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

Yo soy el buen pastor, dice el Señor; yo conozco a mis ovejas y ellas me conocen a mí.

**R. Aleluya.**

### Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Juan

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los fariseos: "Yo les aseguro que el que no entra por la puerta del redil de las ovejas, sino que salta por otro lado, es un ladrón, un bandido; pero el que entra por la puerta, ése es el pastor de las ovejas. A ése le abre el que cuida la puerta, y las ovejas reconocen su voz; él llama a cada una por su nombre y las conduce afuera. Y cuando ha sacado a todas sus ovejas, camina delante de ellas, y ellas lo siguen, porque conocen su voz. Pero a un extraño no lo seguirán, sino que huirán de él, porque no conocen la voz de los extraños." Jesús les puso esta comparación, pero ellos no entendieron lo que les quería decir. Por eso añadió: "Les aseguro que yo soy la puerta de las ovejas. Todos los que han venido antes que yo, son ladrones y bandidos; pero mis ovejas no los han escuchado. Yo soy la puerta; quien entre por mí se salvará, podrá entrar y salir y encontrará pastos. El ladrón sólo viene a robar, a matar y a destruir. Yo he venido para que tengan vida y la tengan en abundancia."

## CARRERA ANUAL POR LAS VOCACIONES

DOMINGO 30 DE ABRIL

Pista Oval del Parque Cooper River en Pennsauken  
Misa a la 1 PM seguida por la Carrera de 5K o una caminata de 1 milla. Habrá música, comida y actividades para gente de todas las edades. Todos son bienvenidos! Recuerden: El trabajo de fomentar las vocaciones es el trabajo de toda la Comunidad Cristiana Católica.

## PROCESIÓN DEL PAN Y EL VINO DURANTE LA MISA

**A**quellas 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.



**R**ecuerden: 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.

## Registración Para el Programa de Religión Educativa en Santa Gianna

Por favor llamar al # 609-484-0249

### **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.

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

Hallelujah!

## DENUNCIE EL ABUSO SEXUAL

1-800-964-6588

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manejadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y Permanencia y a la policía. Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo llame al 1-800-964-6588.

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

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

**U**nase a "Millones de Monicas" para rezar por nuestros hijos, nietos, sobrinos o cualquier 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 Católica. Nos reunimos con nuestros corazones de mamas para pedirle a nuestro Señor por nuestros hijos. Para que conozcan su paz en este mundo de tanta confusión que nos toca vivir. Nos reunimos todos los Miércoles a las 6:30 p.m. Esperamos que nos pueda acompañar!

Próxima Reunión en la Iglesia: Abril 26

### \*\*\*\*\* PRIMERA COMUNIÓN

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SABADO 6 DE MAYO

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10:30 AM

Los invitamos a visitar la página oficial de Facebook del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Camden:

<http://www.facebook.com/MinisterioHispanoDOC>