

# 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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## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

#### HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

**ENTRANCE:** #659 in the St. Michael Hymnal "O God Beyond All Praising "

**OFFERTORY:** #673 in the St. Michael Hymnal "O Lord, with Wondrous Mystery"

**COMMUNION:** "O Holy Mary"

**CLOSING:** #622 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Lord of All Hopefulness"

From the Pastor's Desk



Happy Mother's Day to all the Mothers of our Parish! It is often said how proud a Mother is when there is a vocation in the family, but the vocation to be a Wife and Mother is itself a great vocation. It is a special calling of God and it has its own dignity and responsibility. It is precious in the sight of God.

The most important person on earth is a Mother! She cannot claim the honor of building Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral—a dwelling for an immortal soul—the tiny perfection of her baby's body.

The Angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God's creative miracle to bring a new Saint to Heaven. Only a Mother can! What on God's good earth is more glorious than this—to be a Mother?

We will remember all the Mothers, living and deceased, whose names are submitted to us during the month of May.

Fr. Anthony



### A Prayer for Mothers

We pray for young mothers, who give life and count toes and tend to our every need. May they be blessed with patience and tenderness to care for their families and themselves with great joy.

We pray for our own mothers who have nurtured and cared for us. May they continue to guide us in strong and gentle ways.

We remember mothers who are separated from their children because of war, poverty or death. May they feel the loving embrace of our God who wipes every tear away.

We pray for women who are not mothers but still love and shape us with motherly care and compassion.

We remember mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers who are no longer with us, but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love. Amen

### ATTENTION PARISHIONERS!!

**"FAITH COMES BY HEARING, AND HEARING BY THE WORD OF GOD."** (*Romans 10:17*)

Starting on Monday, May 15th during the Share the Word Prayer meeting, a conference will be given by Fr. Franklin Opara on the Acts of the Apostles. The Prayer group meets every Monday in the Parish Hall. The meeting starts at 6:45 p.m. with the prayer of the Rosary. Please join us. God's Word is soul food, and spending time in it is the easiest way to grow our faith. Hope to see you on Monday!

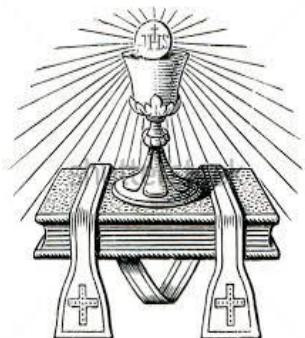


## May Ordination Month!

During this beautiful month of May, most Priests celebrate their Priestly Anniversaries. It is always a time for special reflection and gratitude to Almighty God and His Blessed Mother! On May 20th I will be celebrating 47 years as a Priest. Father Sunny Mathew celebrated the 29th anniversary of his Ordination on January 2, 2023. Father Franklin Opara will celebrate his 3rd anniversary of his Ordination on October 10th. One wonders where have the years all gone—so many years of Priestly service and love for His Church! Blessed Charles De Foucauld wrote to a friend preparing for Ordination: *The Priest...is something transcendent; through Baptism he brings souls to birth; through the Sacrament of Penance he purifies them; through Communion he gives them our Lord's Body as He Himself did at the Last Supper; and at their death he helps them to appear before the Beloved by giving them their final forgiveness and the supreme strength...Every single day of his life, a Priest does what Jesus did during His three years of ministry – he teaches men to know, love and serve their Good Master. What a vocation!*

Please pray for your Priests here at St. Gianna Parish. We need your love, support and encouragement to spur us on and help us to be the best possible Priests close to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Please pray for our newly ordained Priests, as well as our Priests who celebrate anniversaries this month.



YOU ARE A PRIEST FOREVER

### MAY THE MONTH OF MARY

#### DID YOU KNOW THAT ...

It is a centuries-old custom of Catholics to dedicate the month of May to the Blessed Virgin Mary. The month of May is always part of the Easter season, the fifty days we celebrate in the liturgy the Resurrection of Our Lord, a time also of awaiting the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. The celebration of May as a Marian month fits well with the liturgical celebrations of Easter and Pentecost as we recall Mary's great joy in her Son's victory over death as well as her presence with the apostles in the upper room prayerfully awaiting the descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost.

Registration for the Religious Education Program for 2023-2024 is now open. Please stop by the Religious Education as soon as you can. Classes are filled in the order we receive your registration, so please register early.

## 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).



## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!!

**C**ongratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 6th. Please keep them and their families in your prayers as they continue their life's spiritual journey.



**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.

## 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**.

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.**

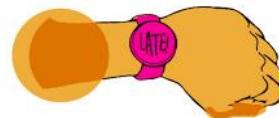
**Private meetings & invitations to the parish priests:** If you would like to make an appointment to meet with one of the Priests or invite them to a special celebration, please call the Parish office so the event/celebration can be placed on the Priests' calendars. Remember that the Priests' schedule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



### 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!



**SATURDAY, MAY 13**

- 8:30AM Consecration Mass 33 Days to Morning Glory  
4:30PM The Guerrera Family r/b Linda Cohen

**SUNDAY, MAY 14**

- 8:00AM Ellen DeStefano & Virginia Young r/b Family  
10:00AM Joseph Di Cosoloa r/b Mom, Dad & Anthony  
Mass of Thanksgiving r/b Dante & Eleonora  
Lee Catani r/b The Family  
Intentions of Gloria Mc Glynn r/b Christy

- 12Noon Hon. John J. DeLury r/b Bernard & Margaret  
DeLury  
João Martins r/b Jonathan Duerbeck  
Marie& James Burns r/b Kathy Thompson

- 2:00PM Salud de Jefferson Rivera r/b Lisbet Rivera  
Feligreses Vivos y Difuntos de St. Gianna

**MONDAY, MAY 15**

- 8:30AM MOTHERS ENROLLED IN THE NOVENA

**TUESDAY, MAY 16**

- 8:30AM MOTHERS ENROLLED IN THE NOVENA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17**

- 8:30AM MOTHERS ENROLLED IN THE NOVENA

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

- 8:30AM MOTHERS ENROLLED IN THE NOVENA

**FRIDAY, MAY 19**

- 8:30AM MOTHERS ENROLLED IN THE NOVENA  
7:00PM MOTHERS ENROLLED IN THE NOVENA

**SATURDAY, MAY 20**

- 4:30PM Mc Gettigan Family r/b Marie McGettigan  
Intentions of Eileen & James Williamson r/b  
Kathy Thompson

**SUNDAY, MAY 21**

- 8:00AM Roseann Gerri r/b BINGO Volunteers  
10:00AM Mike Cusack r/b Anthony Dolceamore  
Samuel & Petra Greydanus r/b Palomeque  
Family  
Elizabeth Chau r/b Erland Chau  
Joseph DiCosola r/b Mom, Dad & Anthony  
12 Noon Jonathan & Jane Duerbeck r/b Family  
2 PM Miembros Vivos y Difuntos de la Parroquia

**MAY 13– MAY 19**

**MAIN ALTAR**

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN  
LOVING MEMORY OF**

**MARGARITA PEREZ**

Requested By

**THE PEREZ ROBLES FAMILY**

**IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**ELIZABETH CHAU**

Requested By

**ERLAND CHAU**



**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:

Phone #:

Donation (\$20)

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

**Circle one:**

**SANCTUARY    B. MOTHER    ST. JOSEPH**

**Father Quick Quote:** "Whoever is trying to bring you down is already below you."

~Anonymous

We would like to thank  
**BARBERIO MCCLELLAND**  
[www.BarberioFS.com](http://www.BarberioFS.com)  
For advertising in our weekly bulletin

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.

#### CALENDAR UPDATE

WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM PARISH CHURCH

**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

### 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.

#### MILLIONS OF MONICAS

Wednesdays 6:30 PM in the Parish Church  
Please join us!!

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



SIMPLE

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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.



**Next Collection Day: June 4-5, 2023**

## MOTHER'S DAY

During the month of May, we will remember all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers, living and deceased, whose names are submitted to us (envelope included in your contribution set). Six Masses will be offered for enrolled Mothers beginning on Monday, May 15th through Friday, May 19th at the daily 8:30 am Mass.



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.

### A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city. Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Shout joyfully to God, all the earth, sing praise to the glory of his name; proclaim his glorious praise. Say to God, "How tremendous are your deeds!"

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

"Let all on earth worship and sing praise to you, sing praise to your name!"

Come and see the works of God, his tremendous deeds among the children of Adam.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

He has changed the sea into dry land; through the river they passed on foot; therefore let us rejoice in him. He rules by his might forever.

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Hear now, all you who fear God, while I declare what he has done for me.

Blessed be God who refused me not my prayer or his kindness!

**R. Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

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

**B**eloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. t. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**J**esus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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

## **From the Church Office**

Visitors and Friends of St. Gianna, thank you for being here with us. We learned that many of you would like to receive the parish's contribution envelopes. We will be happy to mail them to you. Please fill out one of the **Parish registration forms**, placed at the entrances of the church, and return it to the Parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your earliest convenience so you can be formally registered with the Parish. Thank you!

**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, June 6, 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.

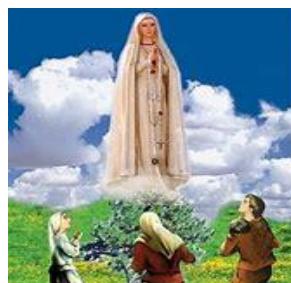
**TRAVELING BLESSED MOTHER:** The Traveling Blessed Mother program is in full swing. The Blessed Mother statue is available to be put in a place of honor in your home for one week for you and your family to pray to her. If you would like to sign up for a week of adoration, please contact Dieane Del Rossi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



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



Feliz día de la madre a todas las madres de nuestra parroquia!

Se suele decir lo orgullosa que se siente una madre cuando hay una vocación religiosa en la familia, pero la vocación de ser esposa y madre es en sí misma una gran vocación. Es un llamado especial de Dios que trae en si mismo dignidad y unprivilegio propio. La vocación de ser madre es una vocación preciosa a los ojos de Dios tanto que podemos decir que las personas más importantes en esta tierra son las madres.

Ellas no puede reclamar el honor de construir la Catedral de Notre Dame. Sin embargo ellas han construido en su vientre algo más significativo y valioso que cualquier edificio en el mundo: la vida del ser que tiene un alma inmortal, la pequeña perfección del cuerpo de sus bebés hechos a la imagen y semejanza de Dios.

Los ángeles no han sido bendecidos con tal gracia. No se pueden compartir en el milagro creativo de Dios para traer un nuevo santo al cielo. ¡Sólo una madre lo puede hacer! No hay en la tierra algo mas glorioso que ser madre.

Oren por sus madres, vivas y difuntas. Ellas fueron elegidas por Dios para dar a luz y colaborar con Dios en la misión cumpliendo con la voluntad de Dios.

Recordaremos durante el mes de Mayo a todas las madres, vivas y difuntas, cuyos nombres hayan sido incluídos en los sobres enviados a todos los feligreses. Feliz día!!

## ORACIÓN

**S**enor Jesús: Gracias por las madres que nos has dado. Los más nobles sentimientos que tenemos, los sembró en nosotros nuestra madre: la fe, la honestidad, el amor al trabajo.  
Señor Jesús: En esta hora de retos y desafíos, las madres necesitan de tu ayuda: para atender a la casa y al trabajo, para hacer de padre y madre, para educar en los valores cristianos, para defenderse de la tentación, para no caer en el pecado.

Señor Jesús: Que la Virgen Madre las llene de fortaleza.

Señor Jesús: Que la Virgen María siga siendo modelo de todas las madres.

Señor Jesús: Que también ellas luchen por la justicia y que confíen en el Dios de los pobres: El Dios que quiere pan en todas las mesas y paz en todos los hogares; el Dios que destruye el poder corrompido y protege a los indefensos y humillados.

Señor Jesús: Ilumina la vida de nuestras madres. Premia sus desvelos y trabajos. Da paz a las madres ya difuntas. Bendice a todos los hogares. Y que los hijos sean siempre gloria y corona de las madres. Amén.



## ¡Mes de la ordenación de mayo!

Durante este hermoso mes de mayo, la mayoría de los Sacerdotes celebran sus aniversarios sacerdotales. ¡Siempre es un momento de especial reflexión y agradecimiento a Dios Todopoderoso y a su Santísima Madre! El 20 de mayo estaré celebrando 47 años como sacerdote. El Padre Sunny Mathew celebrará el 29 aniversario de su ordenación el 2 de enero de 2023. El Padre Franklin Opara celebrará su 3er aniversario de su Ordenación el 10 de octubre. Uno se pregunta adónde han ido todos los años, ¡tantos años de servicio sacerdotal y de amor por su Iglesia! El Beato Charles De Foucauld escribió a un Amigo que se preparaba para la Ordenación: El Sacerdote... es algo trascendente; por el bautismo hace nacer las almas; por el Sacramento de la Penitencia los purifica; a través de la Comunión les da el Cuerpo de nuestro Señor como Él mismo lo hizo en la Última Cena; y al morir les ayuda a presentarse ante el Amado dándoles el perdón final y la fuerza suprema...Cada día de su vida, un Sacerdote hace lo que Jesús hizo durante Sus tres años de ministerio: enseña a los hombres a conocer ; amar y servir a su Buen Maestro. ¡Qué vocación! Por favor oren por sus Sacerdotes aquí en la Parroquia de St. Gianna. Necesitamos vuestro amor, vuestro apoyo y vuestro aliento para animarnos y ayudarnos a ser los mejores Sacerdotes posibles cerca de los Corazones de Jesús y de María. Oren por nuestros Sacerdotes recién ordenados, así como por nuestros Sacerdotes que celebran aniversarios este mes.

### HONRANDO A MARIA EN EL MES DE MAYO



Felicidades a todos los niños de la parroquia de Santa Gianna que hicieron su Primera Comunión

### 2023-2024 PROGRAMA DE RELIGION EDUCATIVA

**L**a registración para el Programa de Educación Religiosa de nuestra Parroquia ya ha comenzado. Por favor registre a sus niños rápidamente porque las vacantes son escasas. Para recibir información llamar 609-484-0249 o visitar la oficina de Educación Religiosa los Lunes y los Martes de 9 am a 12 Noon.

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

**E**n aquellos días, Felipe bajó a la ciudad de Samaria y predicaba allí a Cristo. La multitud escuchaba con atención lo que decía Felipe, porque habían oído hablar de los milagros que hacía y los estaban viendo: de muchos poseídos salían los espíritus inmundos, lanzando gritos, y muchos paralíticos y lisiados quedaban curados. Esto despertó gran alegría en aquella ciudad. Cuando los apóstoles que estaban en Jerusalén se enteraron de que Samaria había recibido la palabra de Dios, enviaron allá a Pedro y a Juan. Éstos, al llegar, oraron por los que se habían convertido, para que recibieran el Espíritu Santo, porque aún no lo habían recibido y solamente habían sido bautizados en el nombre del Señor Jesús. Entonces Pedro y Juan impusieron las manos sobre ellos, y ellos recibieron el Espíritu Santo. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

**Salmo responsorial: R. Los obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.**

Que aclame al Señor toda la tierra. Celebremos su gloria y su poder, cantemos un himno de alabanza, digamos al Señor: "Tu obra es admirable".

**R. Los obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.**

Que se postre ante ti la tierra entera y celebre con cánticos tu nombre.

Admiremos las obras del Señor, los prodigios que ha hecho por los hombres.

**R. Los obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.**

El transformó el mar Rojo en tierra firme y los hizo cruzar el Jordán a pie enjuto.

Llenémonos por eso de gozo y gratitud: el Señor es eterno y poderoso.

**R. Los obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.**

Cuantos temen a Dios, vengan y escuchen, y les diré lo que ha hecho por mí.

Bendito sea Dios, que no rechazó mi súplica, ni me retiró su gracia.

**R. Los obras del Señor son admirables. Aleluya.**

### **Lectura de la Primera Carta del Apóstol San Pedro**

**H**ermanos: Veneren en sus corazones a Cristo, el Señor, dispuestos siempre a dar, al que las pidieron, las razones de la esperanza de ustedes. Pero háganlo con sencillez y respeto y estando en paz con su conciencia. Así quedarán avergonzados los que denigran la conducta cristiana de ustedes, pues mejor es padecer haciendo el bien, si tal es la voluntad de Dios, que padecer haciendo el mal. Porque también Cristo murió, una sola vez y para siempre, por los pecados de los hombres; él, el justo, por nosotros, los injustos, para llevarnos a Dios; murió en su cuerpo y resucitó glorificado. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

El que me ama, cumplirá mi palabra, dice el Señor; y mi Padre lo amará y vendremos a él.

**R. Aleluya.**

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

**E**n aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Si me aman, cumplirán mis mandamientos; yo le rogaré al Padre y él les dará otro Paráclito para que esté siempre con ustedes, el Espíritu de la verdad. El mundo no puede recibirlo, porque no lo ve ni lo conoce; ustedes, en cambio, sí lo conocen, porque habita entre ustedes y estará en ustedes. No los dejaré desamparados, sino que volveré a ustedes. Dentro de poco, el mundo no me verá más, pero ustedes sí me verán, porque yo permanezco vivo y ustedes también vivirán. En aquel día entenderán que yo estoy en mi Padre, ustedes en mí y yo en ustedes. El que acepta mis mandamientos y los cumple, ése me ama. Al que me ama a mí, lo amará mi Padre, yo también lo amo y me manifestaré a él".

**Palabra de Dios. Gloria a ti Señor**

## **GRUPO DE ORACIÓN**

**LUNES 6:45 PM SALÓN GRANDE**

El grupo (en inglés) se reúne todos los lunes a las 6:45 pm en el salón grande. Comienza con el rezo del santo Rosario. Padre Opara estará dando una conferencia todos los lunes a cerca del Evangelio de los Hechos de los Apóstoles. Todos están invitados.

# 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 **Pri-  
meros 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 pa-  
drinos 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  
ESTE DIA NECESITA CONFESARSE FUERA DE ESTE  
MISMO HORARIO POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARA  
CONSEGUIR UNA CITA.**

**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, religious, 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.

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## 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 Catolica. 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 Miercoles a las 630 p.m. Esperamos que nos pueda acompañar!

## Próxima Reunión en la Iglesia: Abril 26

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Rezamos el Santo Rosario  
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Los Viernes  
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Antes de la Misa de las 7 p.m.  
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Los invitamos a visitar la página oficial de Facebook del Ministerio Hispano de la Diócesis de Camden:

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