

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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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English)

Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 & 10 AM

12 Noon Traditional Latin Mass

2 PM Mass in Spanish

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 7:00 PM

Feast Day: 8:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

7:00 PM (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays (English): 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Sundays (Spanish): 1:15-1:45 PM

SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

ENTRANCE: #719 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Praise to the Holiest in the Height"

OFFERTORY: #746 "Shepherd of Souls, Refresh and Bless"

COMMUNION: "Come to Me"

CLOSING: #641 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Now Thank We All Our God"

July- *Month of the Most Precious Blood*

Divine Blood Transfusion



Imagine, if you will; a man lying on a hospital bed motionless, eyes closed, breathing so shallow that the faint movement is hard to detect. He is dying. The natural color of life has left his face. His heart has all but stopped beating. With closed eyes he sees not his friends standing about his bed; anxiously concerned about his condition. Nor does he hear their sobs, asking, "Can't something be done to help him?" "Yes, something more can be done, which we shall try shortly," says the doctor, "a blood transfusion may help." "We are locating a matching donor, and through the assistance of medical instruments, the blood of the well man is flowing into the body of the sick one."

A change comes over the sick man! Why, it is almost a miracle! He moves! Color returns to his features! His eyes open! He speaks! He is now on the way to recovery. And it doesn't take long before he is completely well. The dying man is alive! Not because of his own blood, but because of someone else's blood. **The dying man living on the blood of his friend.** A marvelous thing is a blood transfusion. Still more marvelous are its effects. A miracle in the very truth. **You and I are dying.** It is our immortal nature that is in such bad shape. Our soul is dying. A blood transfusion is the **ONLY** thing that will save us. Because our soul is immortal and its destiny is eternal, no human help, no human blood can save us. The only one who can save us is one that is "large" enough; one who is at least equal to our immortality and eternity.

More than such a helper is our Savior. Jesus offers His Blood to us. We receive it, live by it in the Sacraments, especially in Holy Communion. In Holy Communion, a blood transfusion takes place. Our souls receive Life and Strength, for our heart pumps and our veins flow the Blood of God within us. We who before were weak and anemic – yes, destined for certain doom – now gather strength and vigor. As the death of the soul would have lasted forever, so now its Life, nourished on the "**Blood of the Lamb**" is **Eternal. Holy Communion – Divine Blood.**

Transfusion! Never fear! No one – nothing can hurt you. Jesus is with you. Not even death, bodily or spiritual. Jesus conquered them both. Now He imparts His own Strength, His own Life, to you, for **HIS OWN BLOOD** flows in you!

Fear nothing! There is help – unfailing help – for **EVERYONE!** It has to, for HE bled for each one of us. His Sacred Body was tapped for all of us on Calvary. The Host delivers that Blood to our body and soul the moment it touches our tongue in Holy Communion. And – **WE LIVE!**

If a physical blood transfusion is a miracle, what are we to say of the wonders of the Divine Blood Transfusion – Holy Communion. We who before were dying – dead – live! We live on the Blood of our best friend, Christ! We live in Godly royalty! Eternally!

"And I live, now not I: but Christ lives in me." (Gal. 2:20)

Class registration in Progress!

On October, 2023 we will begin Instructional Classes for anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic and also, any adult baptized Catholic who has not yet made Confirmation, received Holy Communion or First Penance. Please spread the word about our RCIA Program to your non-Catholic friends and those who are Baptized but have not received the Sacraments. If you wish you can take the classes as a refresher course. It's a great opportunity to grow in faith! Mark your calendars!! Classes begin in October. Every Thursday at 7:00 pm. Those who are interested, please fill out the form below and return it to the Parish office or drop it in the collection basket.



R.C.I.A. 2023-2024

Name

Date of Birth: ____ / ____ / ____ Age: ____

Address

Home Phone

Cell Phone

I am a non-Catholic ()

I need the following Sacraments: Baptism () First Communion () Confirmation ()

I am a baptized Catholic, but need the following Sacraments:

First Communion () Confirmation ()

I would like to take the class as a Refresher Course ()



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

Parish Membership

New parishioners are always welcome! We invite you to call or visit the Parish Office so we may welcome you into our community. Register with the Parish.

- A. So we know who you are
- B. So if you need a letter, certificate, etc., you're on record
- C. So you can be on our mailing list
- D. Most importantly, so we can serve YOU!

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: August 5-6, 2023

St Gianna's Seniors of Northfield group is inviting new members to come out and participate in our Senior get-together. The 2nd 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.



Try to make it a habit to give God the first few minutes of each day by simply praying. "Lord, what do You want me to do today with all the gifts You have given me?" Then, as a good **Steward** be sure to listen for His response throughout each day.



BAPTISMS

Baptisms 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).

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.**

What are the Five First Saturdays?

Our Lady explained those Five First Saturdays to Sr. Lucia dos Santos, one of the Fatima visionaries, on Dec. 10, 1925, in the following way:

“See, my daughter, my Heart encircled by thorns with which ungrateful men pierce it at every moment by their blasphemies and ingratitude. Do you, at least, strive to console me. Tell them that I promise to assist at the hour of death with the graces necessary for salvation all those who, in order to make reparation to me, on the First Saturday of five successive months, go to Confession, receive Holy Communion, say five decades of the Rosary, and keep me company for a quarter of an hour, meditating on the ... mysteries of the Rosary.”

Why *five* First Saturdays in particular? Jesus explained this to Sr. Lucia on May 29-30, 1930, saying:

*Daughter, the motive is simple: There are five kinds of offenses and blasphemies spoken against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. **First:** blasphemies against the Immaculate Conception. **Second:** against her Virginity. **Third:** against the Divine Maternity, refusing, at the same time, to receive her as the Mother of mankind. **Fourth:** those who seek publicly to implant, in the hearts of children, indifference, disrespect, and even hate for this Immaculate Mother. **Fifth:** those who revile her directly in her sacred images. Here, dear daughter, is the motive that led the Immaculate Heart of Mary to petition Me to ask for this small act of reparation. And, out of regard for her, to move My mercy to pardon those souls who have had the misfortune to offend her. As for you, seek endlessly, with your prayers and sacrifices, to move Me to mercy in regard to these poor souls.*

Do they still matter?

Now, a lot of people have forgotten about the Five First Saturdays devotion, but it's still relevant today - wars are still going on! We still haven't seen the fulfillment of Our Lady's promise that "In the end, my Immaculate Heart will triumph. The Holy Father will consecrate Russia to me, and she will be converted, and a period of peace will be granted to the world." According to Sr. Lucia, St. John Paul II consecrated Russia to Mary's Immaculate Heart on March 25, 1984.

The USSR fell shortly afterwards. And yet there's still not peace in the world. Why? Ask yourself: Have most of us been faithful to her requests, especially the First Saturdays of Reparation? So I call on everyone to start making the Five First Saturdays a regular part of their prayer life! In order to encourage devotion to the "missing ingredient" of Our Lady of Fatima's request, St. Gianna's will be offering the necessary elements:

8:00 a.m.: Recitation of the Rosary — 8:30 a.m.: Mass — 9:05 – 9:20 a.m.: Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary — 3:00 p.m.: Confessions

Each month we will dedicate our prayers to reparation of a particular blasphemy against the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Four left (**August 5th, September 2nd, October 7th, and November 4th**) — can continue on your own! Worship aid provided.

Please put these dates on your calendar and join us! Any questions, feel free to email cw.gianna@comcast.net





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, JULY 8

4:30PM Angie Martirone r/b Pat Coll

SUNDAY, JULY 9

8:00AM Pompei & Isabel Palmentieri r/b Andrew Palmentieri, Nancy Norton & Chris Ade

10:00AM John Burns r/b Renee & Charbel Fleifel
Joseph DiCosola r/b Family & Friends
Stanley & Bernice Steinga r/b Palomeque Family

12Noon Atonement of Past Sins of Mateo Corona
Mary Delaney r/b Ray & Barbara Sands

2:00PM Angeles Ortega Torres r/b Mayra Torres

MONDAY, JULY 10

8:30AM Joseph Flynn r/b The Hong Family

TUESDAY, JULY 11

8:30AM Nicola Cecco r/b The Hong Family

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

8:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

THURSDAY, JULY 13

8:30AM Elizabeth Chau r/b Erland Chau

FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:30AM Intentions of Anthony DiCosola. Happy Bday Dad!! r/b Your Son Joe

7:00PM Feligreses Vivos y Difuntos de Sta. Gianna

SATURDAY, JULY 15

4:30PM Dorothy Kern r/b Carmen & Barbara Faia

SUNDAY, JULY 16

8:00AM Rinaldo Provenzano r/b Lisa & Bill Carlton

10:00AM Angela Renda & Salvatrice Morello r/b Perez Family
Dolores & Samuel Carboni r/b Children
Angelina Martirone r/b Lorraine & Edward Pierce

12 Noon Spiritual Warfare of Andrea Corona

2 PM Angeles Ortega Torres r/b Mayra Torres

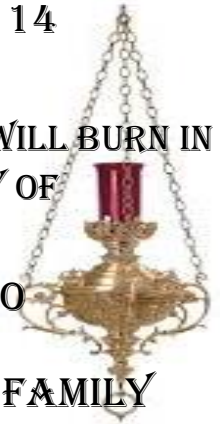
JULY 8 – JULY 14

MAIN ALTAR
THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN
LOVING MEMORY OF

SONIA MANNO

Requested By

PAULA VARGAS & FAMILY



“In the end my Immaculate Heart will Triumph”

In order to encourage devotion to the “missing ingredient” of Our Lady of Fatima’s request, St. Gianna’s will be offering the necessary elements on the First Saturdays of July - August, 2023:

8:00 AM: Recitation of the Rosary

8:30 AM: Mass

9:05–9:20 AM:

Meditations on the Mysteries of the Rosary

3:00 PM: Confessions

*Each month we will dedicate our prayers to reparation of a particular blasphemy against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

*If you’ve missed a month, worship aids will be provided to help you finish this devotion on your own. Any questions, please email cw.gianna@comcast.net



ST. GIANNA INVITES YOU TO SET SAIL!!

MAY 31—JUNE 7, 2024

ABOARD ROYAL CARIBBEAN CRUISE'S SYMPHONY OF THE SEAS



Sugar-white beaches and warm sunshine await you in the Bahamas. Swim with dolphins and tropical fish in the turquoise waters. Soar above the sea in parasail. Or explore the islands' thrilling history. It's all yours in the Bahamas. Comfort Coach Bus will be departing St. Gianna's parking lot on May 31st. to Cape Liberty and will bring us back from Cape Liberty on June 7th, cost of the bus round trip TBD.

- * May 31 Embark Cape Liberty, NJ
- * June 1 Cruising
- * June 2 Port Canaveral, (Orlando), FL
- * June 3 Nassau, Bahamas
- * June 4 Perfect Day Cococay, Bahamas
- * June 5 Cruising
- * June 6 Cruising
- * June 7 Disembark Cape Liberty, NJ

* 4D - Ocean View Balcony \$1,699

* 4V - Interior \$797.00

* Taxes, fees and port expenses of \$169.36 per person are additional. Rates are per person and based on double occupancy unless otherwise noted.

* Special Features: \$50.00 On Board Credit per Stateroom

* Gratuities are additional at \$112.00 per person

* **DEPOSIT:** \$250.00 per person at time of reservation

* **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due February 21, 2024

* For Reservation and Information, please contact Patti Scharfetter, Travel Advisor, AAA Club Alliance INC. 908-941-3630 or pscharfetter2@aaamidatlantic.com



Religious Education

Registration for 2023 - 2024 Religious Education is now underway. The office will be open to register on Mondays and Tuesdays from 9:15 a.m. till 12 Noon through the summer. The office will be closed the month of July. For more information please email the Director at RelEdDirStGianna@gmail.com.

A Special Call to Our Men!!

(women welcome, too, of course!)

Help fight for our families, our Church, and our world by learning about the powerful intercession of St. Joseph!

Please join us for the Consecration to St. Joseph -The Wonders of Our Spiritual Father

We will be reading Fr. Donald Calloway's book on St. Joseph and meeting at St. Gianna's Hall, 6:30 p.m., on Tuesdays, July 11th - Aug 15th to discuss and go deeper in the readings. We will finish with Mass on Monday, August 21st, 7 p.m., the Feast of Our Lady of Knock, to consecrate ourselves to St. Joseph.

We have ordered 25 books and are asking for a \$15 donation. Books will be given out during the first meeting. david@castellanilaw.com for more info.

What does it mean for a person to be consecrated to St. Joseph?

Well, it basically means that you acknowledge that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy. Total consecration to St. Joseph means you make a formal act of filial entrustment to your spiritual father so that he can take care of your spiritual well-being and lead you to God.

The person who consecrates himself to St. Joseph wants to be as close to their spiritual father as possible, to the point of resembling him in virtue and holiness. St. Joseph, in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance. ~From the Marian Fathers Website



Visitors and Friends of St. Gianna, thank you for being here with us. We learned that many of you would like to received 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 gathering area of the church, and returned 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!

ALTAR FLOWERS

If you wish to donate Altar flowers for a special intention or in memory of a loved one, you may do so by calling the Parish office. Your flowers will beautifully decorate the Sanctuary for the entire week, and at the same time your donation will defray the cost of flowers for the Altar. The name of the person being remembered and the donor's name will be posted in the Parish bulletin.



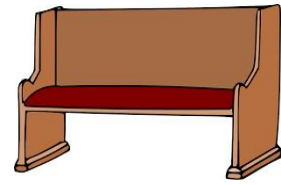
Religious Education

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is **looking for aides** to help with the 3-6 year old children in our fall pre-school classes. This unique Montessori based program is growing and the results are amazing. **No experience is needed** and the rewards are heavenly. For more information please call Vici 609-646-0806.

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
Religious Formation Program for Children
Level 1 (AGES 3, 4, & 5)

Registration is Open Now!

Please call Vici Butler at (609) 646-0806



TOGETHERNESS

We would ask our Parishioners and Visitors to kindly fill our pews during the celebration of Holy Mass, especially during the weekend's Liturgies. As we know, summertime brings a host of good people and we would like to fill up all empty spaces so that everyone can be seated.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Not too long ago an advertisement for a place called Club Obsession said, "The newest and most glamorous nightclub. Featuring the hottest DJ's in the Nation. Turning out the hottest R&B, Hip Hop, Reggae dance music ever." In large 16 point bold type along one side of the folder were these words: "**Dress to Impress** – *no denim tops or bottoms, no T-shirts or jerseys, no flannel shirts, no mini skirts, spaghetti straps or exposed mid-section, no baseball caps, no combat/hiking boots, no jeans, short shorts or tennis shoes.*" Just below that, in large type, were these words: "No exceptions." We are sorry to say that we see men and women attending Mass in many churches that would not be able to get into this night club. Please remember that we all can dress cool for the summer but with class! **Let us all show God that we want to look our best for Him when visiting His house.**

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.



Everyone looks forward to a little R & R during the summer. A weekend at the shore or in the mountains does wonders for the body and the spirit! Let's use this time to appreciate the wonders of God's Creations and thank Him for His goodness! As you travel this summer with your family, we ask you to please continue to support your Parish in Northfield by keeping up with your contributions. Remember that the expenses of the Church continue during the vacation months. God will surely reward you, and the Priests of the Parish thank you for your generosity! May you enjoy the beauty of summer and return home safely!



Remember, the *kneelers* are for kneeling. We kindly ask that you not use them, up or down, as *foot-rests*. Thanks.

For those who have a hearing impairment: We have some hearing-aid assistance available for you in the Sacristy of the church. If you wish to use one, while attending Mass, please stop by the Sacristy before the Liturgy begins.



Father's Quick Quote:

"When you hold grudges, your hands aren't free to catch blessings."

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ZECHARIAH

Thus says the LORD: Rejoice heartily, O daughter Zion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just savior is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will extol you, O my God and King, and I will bless your name forever and ever.
Every day will I bless you, and I will praise your name forever and ever.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and of great kindness.
The LORD is good to all and compassionate toward all his works.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Let all your works give you thanks, O LORD, and let your faithful ones bless you.
Let them discourse of the glory of your kingdom and speak of your might.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The LORD is faithful in all his words and holy in all his works.
The LORD lifts up all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

R. I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters: You are not in the flesh; on the contrary, you are in the spirit, if only the Spirit of God dwells in you. Whoever does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you. Consequently, brothers and sisters, we are not debtors to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

At that time Jesus exclaimed: "I give praise to you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned you have revealed them to little ones. Yes, Father, such has been your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son wishes to reveal him." "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Trate de imaginarse un hombre en una cama de hospital, inmóvil, con los ojos cerrados, respirando muy poco y casi al borde de la muerte. No tiene un color saludable y la única esperanza es hacerle una transfusión de sangre que los médicos comenzaran inmediatamente. Solo así podrá vivir. Poco después de haberle hecho la transfusión de sangre el hombre enfermo comienza a revivir. Su color vuelve a ser saludable, su corazón palpita fuertemente y todo su ser se transforma.

¡Es un milagro!, comentan sus familiares. Volvió a la vida, gracias a la sangre de un buen amigo.

Usted y yo somos ese enfermo. Nuestra alma esta enferma y el color que refleja la paz y el amor de Dios se va muriendo poco a poco en nosotros. Solo un milagro puede salvarnos. Solo la transfusión de sangre que nos pueden ofrecer los Sacramentos, especialmente la Santa Comunión, podrá devolvernos la vida y nuestra alma podrá recibir la fuerza y la Gracia necesarias para hacer que nuestro corazón palpite fuertemente otra vez. Solo la sangre del mejor amigo que tenemos, nuestro eterno Salvador nos devolverá la vida. Comunión: ¡Transfusión Divina!

¡Transfusión! ¡¡Nunca temas!! Nadie podrá dañarte porque Jesús está contigo. El es que nos da su propia fuerza, su propia vida, su sangre fluye por nuestras venas. El sangró por cada uno de nosotros. Por nosotros fue castigado y su cuerpo fue ultrajado en el calvario. ¡Sin embargo, la Santa Comunión toca nuestra lengua y volvemos a la VIDA. Nos devuelve la vida y nos fortalece inmensamente. Eternamente.

Si decimos que una transfusión de sangre es un milagro, ¿qué podríamos decir entonces de la Santa Sangre de nuestro Divino Salvador, la santísima Comunión que nos salva y nos fortalece eternamente?

Nosotros que estábamos casi muertos, volvemos a VIVIR. Vivimos eternamente gracias a nuestro amigo y Salvador, Jesucristo. No nos dejemos morir. Bebemos de su sangre para que así, purificados por el poder de Dios, podamos obtener la Gracia que nos devolverá la Vida Eterna.

2023-2024 PROGRAMA DE RELIGION EDUCATIVA

La 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 visitar la oficina de Educación Religiosa los Lunes y Martes de 9 am a 12 Noon.

Recuerden: Los Bautismos se celebran los **Primeros Sábados** de cada mes a las **11 AM**. La **clase de Preparación Bautismal** para los padres y los padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **último Viernes** del mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 7 de la tarde en la iglesia.

IMPORTANTE INFORMACION PARA LOS BAUTISMOS EN STA. GIANNA

Si usted desea bautizar a sus hijos en Santa Gianna por favor asegúrese que la Madrina y/o el Padrino cumplan con los siguientes requisitos, **de acuerdo con el Código de Derecho Canónico**

- 1) Los candidatos tienen que ser mayores de 16 años.
- 2) Ser católico y haber recibido los sacramentos de Bautismo y Confirmación.
- 3) De ser "casado" el matrimonio debe de estar reconocido por la Iglesia Católica.
- 4) De no ser un feligrés **registrado y activo** en la Parroquia de Santa Gianna debe presentar una carta de la parroquia donde practica su fe todos los domingos y fiestas de guardar. La misma debe declarar que esta calificado, de acuerdo al Código de Derecho Canónico, para ser padrino/madrina de bautismo.



Estos requisitos son mandatorios de acuerdo con el Código de Derecho Canónico es decir, no son regulaciones de una parroquia en particular, por consiguiente, son requisitos que aplican a la Iglesia Católica en general. Para más información por favor comuníquese con nuestro Pastor, Fr. Manuppella, Fr. Opara o Fr. Mathew al finalizar la Misa.

Atención Parishioners of St. Gianna: CELEBRACION DE QUINCIAÑERAS

La celebración de las quinciañeras no se llevará a cabo en Sta. Gianna. *¿Recuerdan cuál era el motivo principal de esta celebración?*

Muchos años atrás, en Mexico, en el tiempo de los Aztecas, cuando las niñas cumplían 15 años de edad se consideraba que estaban listas para contraer matrimonio y esta celebración tenía un significado muy especial tanto para los padres, que aceptaban que sus niñas ya podían contraer matrimonio, como para aquellos que buscaban contraer matrimonio.

En la sociedad actual esta mentalidad dejó de existir. Las niñas no contraen matrimonio a temprana edad. Las niñas ya no se casan a los 15, 16 o 17 años sino mucho más tarde en la vida. Por consiguiente esta celebración no tiene ningún significado. Es más podríamos decir que no tiene absolutamente ningún propósito en nuestra sociedad.

Celebrar una "quincianera" es enviar un mensaje erróneo a cerca de nuestras jóvenes. La celebración en sí, tiene el significado que puede ser interpretado como si dijésemos "mi pequeña ya está lista para tener sexo!" Algo que ningún padre en nuestra sociedad, puede admitir o aceptar. Estas celebraciones además de ser inaceptables son muy costosas, costos que deberíamos utilizar en la educación y el bienestar de las muchachas. Preservemos la inocencia de nuestros niños!!

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One Hour

One Purpose

Our Children

Wednesdays 6:30pm

Unase 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. Nos reunimos para rezar por sólo una hora para que nuestros hijos regresen llenos con alegría a la Iglesia Católica. Nos reunimos con otras madres para pedir a nuestro Señor por nuestros hijos. Para que encuentren su paz en medio de tanta confusión que les toca vivir. Nos reunimos todos los Miércoles a las 630 p.m. Esperamos que nos pueda acompañar!

Lectura del Libro del Profeta Zacarias

Esto dice el Señor: "Alégrate sobremanera, hija de Sión; da gritos de júbilo, hija de Jerusalén; mira a tu rey que viene a ti, justo y victorioso, humilde y montado en un burrito. Él hará desaparecer de la tierra de Efraín los carros de guerra, y de Jerusalén, los caballos de combate. Romperá el arco del guerrero y anunciará la paz a las naciones. Su poder se extenderá de mar a mar y desde el gran río hasta los últimos rincones de la tierra". Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

R. Acuérdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Dios y rey mío, yo te alabaré, bendeciré tu nombre siempre y para siempre.

Un día tras otro bendeciré tu nombre y no cesará mi boca de alabarte.

R. Acuérdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

El Señor es compasivo y misericordioso, lento para enojarse y generoso para perdonar.

Bueno es el Señor para con todos y su amor se extiende a todas sus creaturas.

R. Acuérdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

El Señor es siempre fiel a sus palabras, y lleno de bondad en sus acciones.

Da su apoyo el Señor al que tropieza y al agobiado alivia.

R. Acuérdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Que te alaben, Señor, todas tus obras, y que todos tus fieles te bendigan.

Que proclamen la gloria de tu reino y den a conocer tus maravillas.

R. Acuérdate, Señor, de tu misericordia.

Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Romanos

Hermanos: Ustedes no viven conforme al desorden egoísta del hombre, sino conforme al Espíritu, puesto que el Espíritu de Dios habita verdaderamente en ustedes. Quien no tiene el Espíritu de Cristo, no es de Cristo. Si el Espíritu del Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos habita en ustedes, entonces el Padre, que resucitó a Jesús de entre los muertos, también les dará vida a sus cuerpos mortales, por obra de su Espíritu, que habita en ustedes. Por lo tanto, hermanos, no estamos sujetos al desorden egoísta del hombre, para hacer de ese desorden nuestra regla de conducta. Pues si ustedes viven de ese modo, ciertamente serán destruidos. Por el contrario, si con la ayuda del Espíritu destruyen sus malas acciones, entonces vivirán. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Te doy gracias, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra,
porque has revelado los misterios del Reino a la gente sencilla..

R. Aleluya.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Mateo

En aquel tiempo, Jesús exclamó: "¡Te doy gracias, Padre, Señor del cielo y de la tierra, porque has escondido estas cosas a los sabios y entendidos, y las has revelado a la gente sencilla! Gracias, Padre, porque así te ha parecido bien. El Padre ha puesto todas las cosas en mis manos. Nadie conoce al Hijo sino el Padre; nadie conoce al Padre sino el Hijo y aquel a quien el Hijo se lo quiera revelar. Vengan a mí, todos los que están fatigados y agobiados por la carga y yo les daré alivio. Tomen mi yugo sobre ustedes y aprendan de mí, que soy manso y humilde de corazón, y encontrarán descanso, porque mi yugo es suave y mi carga, ligera". Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a ti Señor**

**RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (R.C.I.A)
REGISTRACION COMIENZA EN AGOSTO**

¿Qué es RICA?

Las clases de RICA son parte de la catequesis que ofrece nuestra parroquia y está orientada a aquellas personas adultas de 14 años en adelante que desean aprender más acerca de la Iglesia Católica Romana y ser miembros en plena comunión con la Iglesia. En este bonito caminar aprendemos a ver como la iglesia ve a la persona en su semejanza e imagen de Dios, qué importancia tiene la vida cristiana para nuestra comunidad, usamos el catecismo de la iglesia, la Biblia y otros artículos de apoyo. Los temas que estudiamos son muy variados, algunos de ellos son:

- ¿QUÉ ES LA IGLESIA?
- PERSONA DE JESÚS
- HISTORIA DE LA IGLESIA
- COSTUMBRES Y ORACIÓN
- LITURGIA, MISA
- LA BIBLIA, MAGISTERIO Y TRADICIÓN
- LOS SACRAMENTOS Y SACRAMENTALES
- MARÍA Y LOS SANTOS
- EL CREDO
- EL REZO DEL SEÑOR Y SUS PETICIONES

Este camino de Fe termina su jornada en la Vigilia Pascual -Sábado Santo- celebración solemne durante la cual los candidatos que hayan cumplido con su preparación, reciben los sacramentos.

¿A quién está dirigida RICA? RICA esta dirigida a todos aquellos que:

- Están interesados en aprender más acerca de la fe en la Iglesia Católica
- Aquellos que nunca fueron bautizados o carecen de los sacramentos de iniciación, BAUTISMO, PRIMERA COMUNIÓN (EUCARISTÍA) Y CONFIRMACIÓN, (la CONFESIÓN es necesaria para recibir los otros sacramentos)
- Aquellos que han sido bautizados en otra fe y estan interesados en formar parte de la Iglesia Católica
- Aquellos que estan casados con una persona que profesa la fe católica, asisten a Misa y desean ser miembros de la iglesia
- Aquellos católicos que ya tienen los sacramentos y buscan profundizar en su fe

Las clases de RICA comenzarán la última semana de Octubre 2023. Nos reunimos en el salón grande todos los Jueves a las 7 p.m. La instrucción culmina con la recepción de los Sacramentos en la vigilia Pascual el Sábado 30 de Marzo, 2024. Todos son bienvenidos. Para mayor información contactarse con la oficina parroquial 609-646-5611.

**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

VIERNES 7 P.M.

DOMINGOS 2 P.M.

**CLASES DE EDUCACION RELIGIOSA
2023-2024 ESTA ABIERTA**

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