

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

MASSES ON HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM

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

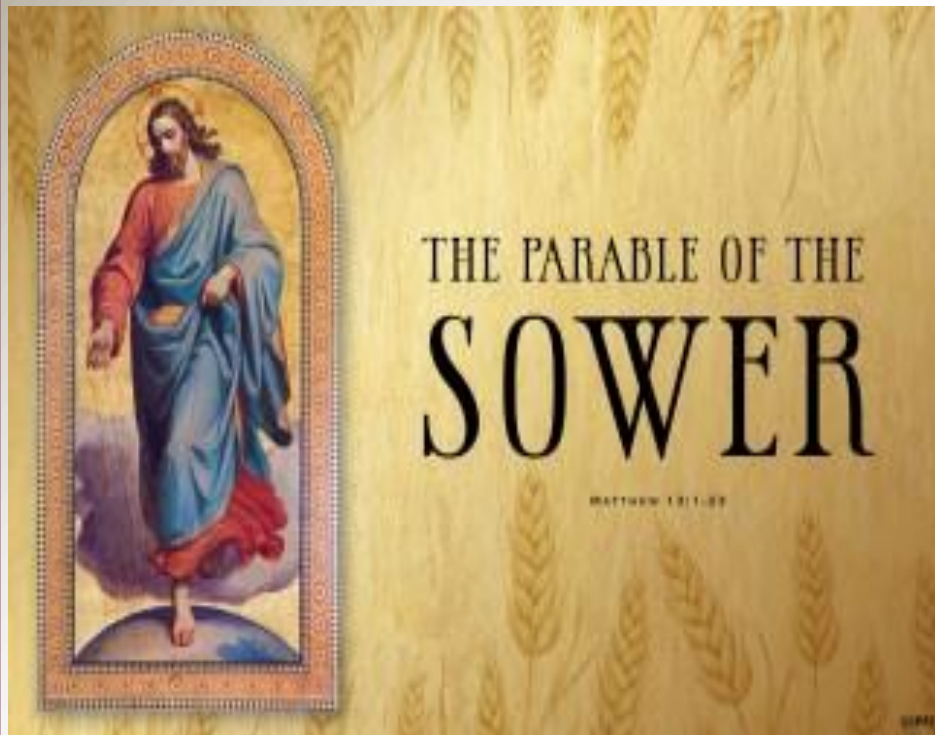
7:00 PM (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS

Saturdays (English): 3:00 – 4:30 PM

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

For any other time please call the Parish office to make the necessary arrangements.



ST. GIANNA PARISH SERVED BY

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Rev. Franklin Opara, MSSCC

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SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023

15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

ENTRANCE: #704 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

OFFERTORY: #537 in the St. Michael Hymnal "God of Grace and God of Glory"

COMMUNION: #593 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All"

CLOSING: #569 in the St. Michael Hymnal "How Great Thou Art"

Is it God's day or Is it the Coach's day?

We must never confuse the "weekend" as a time to recreate, unwind and just enjoy. That is a great thing. American's invention – the weekend. It is such an American thing that even in foreign languages others use the American word "weekend."



But this idea always, always included going to church on Sunday, the last day of "the weekend." It was part of the way Catholics went to give thanks to God on Sunday for all God had done for them. It really was a Sacred day. Sacrosanct is probably a better word. Think of it like this, millennials and XGen's and the rest: *No stores were open *Never would coaches schedule games or practices on a Sunday morning (Yes. Even secular coaches). That was a time when coaches wanted to free up their athletes to recharge their spiritual batteries to become a whole person, not a sports addict, and so the result and outcome of games and practices would be better.

Today, in most places we have lost this sacrosanct meaning of Sunday. Not enough of us stood up to those who wanted to water down, make meaningless, ridicule and ultimately destroy the sacredness of Sunday as a very special day... *God – centered first*. And I must admit unfortunately this has been a very tempting thing for us –more time for me, don't have to "waste time" in church, use that time to go shopping, etc. It has not been hard for even devout Christians to be sucked into this very secular mentality.

Remember, generally speaking, people seek the path of least resistance, the least common denominator. And this is what I believe we fell for, and haven't these been the results of this secular mentality? Our churches have closed, our schools have closed, very few vocations, no nuns, less children, less baptisms, Mass attendance at 12%. Less people go to Mass=less people who get married in church; less people going to church=less people live a moral life; less people go to Mass=less of a community; less people go to Mass=less care for their Eternal Salvation.

We so desperately need to get our priorities in order! I make an appeal as Pastor of St. Gianna Beretta Molla in Northfield to encourage coaches of all types of sports in our schools and little leagues and all kinds of leagues to reschedule games and practices either to Saturdays or Sunday afternoons! This would go a long way in helping parents to get their children to go to Sunday Mass. Leave Sunday mornings free for us to adore our God. For a young person very often its too difficult to stand up to their teams and say "I can't come Coach; I have to go to church."

Rather our children need to be encouraged to attend Mass. They don't need further impediments making it more difficult for them to go to church when they have to make a choice between Mass and a game or a practice. I appeal to all coaches to work with their local churches and ban practices and games on Sunday morning from 8 to noontime! What a wonderful gesture that would be to our parents and young athletes. I encourage parents whose children are involved in sports to encourage their coaches and schools and leagues to consider NOT having practices and/or games on Sunday mornings. It will add so much to our community!!

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**). You can finish 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

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

12Noon Spiritual Warfare of Andrea Corona

2:00PM Acción de Gracias a la Virgen Del Carmen r/b Norma y Hector Cuellar

MONDAY, JULY 17

8:30AM Emma E. Scanlon r/b Uncle Joe, Glory & Britt

TUESDAY, JULY 18

8:30AM Sigmund Cohen r/b Linda Cohen

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

8:30AM Louis M. Costan r/b Marie McGettigan

THURSDAY, JULY 20

8:30AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, JULY 21

8:30AM Frederick Little r/b Christy Wimberg

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

SATURDAY, JULY 22

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

SUNDAY, JULY 23

8:00AM Marie Pinto r/b Lois D'Anna Pinto & Family

10:00AM Claire Quigley r/b Family
Mercedes Grote r/b Christy Wimberg
Robert Greydanus r/b Palomeque Family
Mario Martirone r/b Martirone Family

12 Noon Spiritual Warfare of Veronica & Pablo Corona

2 PM Trigidia Azuri r/b Esposo e Hijos

JULY 15– JULY 21

MAIN ALTAR

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

MICHAEL R. SCHURMAN

Requested By

DEBBIE & FAMILY



**“In the end my Immaculate
Heart will Triumph”**

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*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 Ba- *
 * hamas. 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 addi- *
 * tional. 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 Scharfet- *
 * ter, Travel Advisor, AAA Club Alliance INC. 908-941-3630 or *
 * pscharfetter2@aaamidatlantic.com *
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**BINGO 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!!

 **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

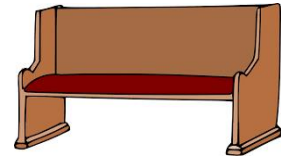
The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is **looking for aides** to help with the 3-6 year old children in our fall pre-school classes. This unique Montessori based program is growing and the results are amazing. **No experience is needed** and the rewards are heavenly. For more information please call Vici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

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!



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.



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

Father's Quick Quote:

"Only by GIVING are you able to receive more than you already have." *Jim Rohm*

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.



A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the LORD: Just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

You have visited the land and watered it; greatly have you enriched it.

God's watercourses are filled; you have prepared the grain. **R.**

Thus have you prepared the land: drenching its furrows, breaking up its clods,
Softening it with showers, blessing its yield. **R.**

You have crowned the year with your bounty, and your paths overflow with a rich harvest; The untilled meadows overflow with it, and rejoicing clothes the hills. **R.**

The fields are garmented with flocks and the valleys blanketed with grain.

They shout and sing for joy. **R.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters: I consider that the sufferings of this present time are as nothing compared with the glory to be revealed for us. For creation awaits with eager expectation the revelation of the children of God; for creation was made subject to futility, not of its own accord but because of the one who subjected it, in hope that creation itself would be set free from slavery to corruption and share in the glorious freedom of the children of God. We know that all creation is groaning in labor pains even until now; and not only that, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, we also groan within ourselves as we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower. All who come to him will have life forever.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

On that day, Jesus went out of the house and sat down by the sea. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat down, and the whole crowd stood along the shore. And he spoke to them at length in parables, saying: "A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil, and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The disciples approached him and said, "Why do you speak to them in parables?" He said to them in reply, "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted. To anyone who has, more will be given and he will grow rich; from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. This is why I speak to them in parables, because *they look but do not see and hear but do not listen or understand*. Isaiah's prophecy is fulfilled in them, which says: *You shall indeed hear but not understand, you shall indeed look but never see. Gross is the heart of this people, they will hardly hear with their ears, they have closed their eyes, lest they see with their eyes and hear with their ears and understand with their hearts and be converted, and I heal them*. "But blessed are your eyes, because they see, and your ears, because they hear. Amen, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. "Hear then the parable of the sower. The seed sown on the path is the one who hears the word of the kingdom without understanding it, and the evil one comes and steals away what was sown in his heart. The seed sown on rocky ground is the one who hears the word and receives it at once with joy. But he has no root and lasts only for a time. When some tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, he immediately falls away. The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word, but then worldly anxiety and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit. But the seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Del Escritorio del Párroco

Nunca debemos tomar el "fin de semana" solo como un momento para recrearnos, relajarnos y simplemente disfrutar. "Fin de Semana" fue una invención de America. Es algo tan americano que incluso en idiomas extranjeros, otros usan la palabra estadounidense "fin de semana."

Pero esta idea siempre, siempre incluía ir a la iglesia el domingo, el último día del "fin de semana". Fue una forma en la que los católicos iban a dar gracias a Dios el domingo por todo lo que Dios había hecho por ellos. Realmente era un día sagrado. Sacrosanto

es probablemente una mejor palabra. Era un día en el que los entrenadores querían liberar a sus atletas para que recargaran sus baterías espirituales y se convirtiesen en mejores personas. No en ser adictos al deporte, por lo que el resultado de los juegos iban a ser mejores y las prácticas también. Y debo admitir que lamentablemente esto ha sido algo muy tentador para nosotros: más tiempo para mí, no tengo que "perder el tiempo" en la iglesia, usar ese tiempo para ir de compras, etc. No ha sido difícil incluso para cristianos devotos ser absorbidos en esta mentalidad secular.

Recuerde, en general, las personas buscan el camino de la menor resistencia, el mínimo común denominador. Nuestras iglesias han cerrado, nuestras escuelas han cerrado, hay muy pocas vocaciones religiosas, menos niños, menos bautismos, la asistencia a Misa es solo de un 12%.

Menos personas van a misa = menos personas que se casan en la iglesia; menos personas van a la iglesia = menos personas viven una vida moral; menos personas van a Misa = menos de una comunidad; menos personas van a misa = menos cuidado por su salvación eterna.

¡Necesitamos desesperadamente poner nuestras prioridades en orden!

Hago un llamamiento como Pastor de St. Gianna Beretta Molla en Northfield para alentar a los entrenadores de todo tipo de deportes en nuestras escuelas y ligas menores y todo tipo de ligas a reprogramar juegos y prácticas ya sea los sábados o domingos por la tarde. Esto ayudaría mucho a los padres a hacer que sus hijos asistan a la misa dominical.

Deje libres los domingos por la mañana para que adoremos a nuestro Dios. Para un joven muchas veces es muy difícil enfrentar a sus equipos y decir: "No puedo venir como entrenador, tengo que ir a la iglesia". Pido a los padres cuyos hijos están involucrados en deportes a alentar a sus entrenadores y escuelas y ligas a considerar NO tener prácticas y / o juegos los domingos por la mañana. Esto beneficiaría muchísimo a nuestra comunidad y a los padres de nuestros niños. Bendiciones!!

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 feligres **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 Isaías

Esto dice el Señor: "Como bajan del cielo la lluvia y la nieve y no vuelven allá, sino después de empapar la tierra, de fecundarla y hacerla germinar, a fin de que dé semilla para sembrar y pan para comer, así será la palabra que sale de mi boca: no volverá a mí sin resultado, sino que hará mi voluntad y cumplirá su misión". 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.**

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.**

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.**

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.**

Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Romanos

Hermanos: Considero que los sufrimientos de esta vida no se pueden comparar con la gloria que un día se manifestará en nosotros; porque toda la creación espera, con seguridad e impaciencia, la revelación de esa gloria de los hijos de Dios. La creación está ahora sometida al desorden, no por su querer, sino por voluntad de aquel que la sometió. Pero dándole al mismo tiempo esta esperanza: que también ella misma, va a ser liberada de la esclavitud de la corrupción, para compartir la gloriosa libertad de los hijos de Dios. Sabemos, en efecto, que la creación entera gime hasta el presente y sufre dolores de parto; y no sólo ella, sino también nosotros, los que poseemos las primicias del Espíritu, gemimos interiormente, anhelando que se realice plenamente nuestra condición de hijos de Dios, la redención de nuestro cuerpo. 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

Un día salió Jesús de la casa donde se hospedaba y se sentó a la orilla del mar. Se reunió en torno suyo tanta gente, que él se vio obligado a subir a una barca, donde se sentó, mientras la gente permanecía en la orilla. Entonces Jesús les habló de muchas cosas en parábolas y les dijo: "Una vez salió un sembrador a sembrar, y al ir arrojando la semilla, unos granos cayeron a lo largo del camino; vinieron los pájaros y se los comieron. Otros granos cayeron en terreno pedregoso, que tenía poca tierra; ahí germinaron pronto, porque la tierra no era gruesa; pero cuando subió el sol, los brotes se marchitaron, y como no tenían raíces, se secaron. Otros cayeron entre espinos, y cuando los espinos crecieron, sofocaron las plantitas. Otros granos cayeron en tierra buena y dieron fruto: unos, ciento por uno; otros, sesenta; y otros, treinta. El que tenga oídos, que oiga." Después se le acercaron sus discípulos y le preguntaron: "¿Por qué les hablas en parábolas?" Él les respondió: "A ustedes se les ha concedido conocer los misterios del Reino de los cielos; pero a ellos no. Al que tiene, se le dará más y nadará en la abundancia; pero al que tiene poco, aun eso poco se le quitará. Por eso les hablo en parábolas, porque viendo no ven y oyendo no oyen ni entienden. En ellos se cumple aquella profecía de Isaías que dice: *Oirán una y otra vez y no entenderán; mirarán y volverán a mirar, pero no verán; porque este pueblo ha endurecido su corazón, ha cerrado sus ojos y tapado sus oídos, con el fin de no ver con los ojos, ni oír con los oídos, ni comprender con el corazón. Porque no quieren convertirse ni que yo los salve.* Pero, dichosos ustedes, porque sus ojos ven y sus oídos oyen. Yo les aseguro que muchos profetas y muchos justos desearon ver lo que ustedes ven y no lo vieron y oír lo que ustedes oyen y no lo oyeron. Escuchen, pues, ustedes lo que significa la parábola del sembrador. A todo hombre que oye la palabra del Reino y no la entiende, le llega el diablo y le arrebató lo sembrado en su corazón. Esto es lo que significan los granos que cayeron a lo largo del camino. Lo sembrado sobre terreno pedregoso significa al que oye la palabra y la acepta inmediatamente con alegría; pero, como es inconstante, no la deja echar raíces, y apenas le viene una tribulación o una persecución por causa de la palabra, sucumbe. Lo sembrado entre los espinos representa a aquel que oye la palabra, pero las preocupaciones de la vida y la seducción de las riquezas la sofocan y queda sin fruto. En cambio, lo sembrado en tierra buena, representa a quienes oyen la palabra, la entienden y dan fruto: unos, el ciento por uno; otros, el sesenta; y otros, el treinta". 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.

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LLAME AL 609-484-0249.**