

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

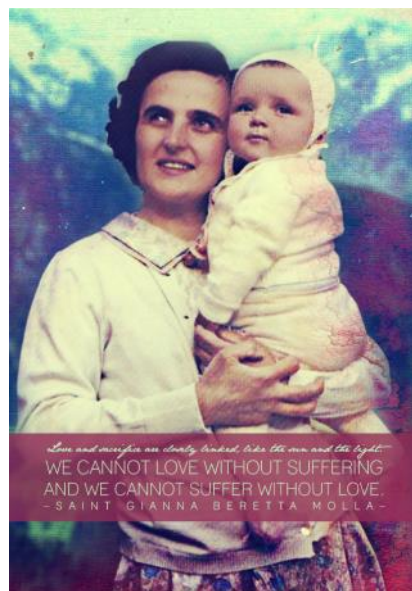
1421 New Road, Northfield, NJ

Phone: 609-646-5611 ~ Fax: 609-484-8345

Religious Education: 609-484-0249 *RelEdDirStGianna@gmail.com

Email: stgianna@comcast.net * Website: www.stgiannanorthfieldnj.org

Bulletin: bulletinstgianna@comcast.net



ST. GIANNA PARISH SERVED BY

Rev. Anthony J. Manuppella, Pastor

Part-Time Parochial Vicar
Rev. Franklin Opara, MSSCC

In Residence
Rev. Sunny Mathew
Mr. George Del Rossi, Deacon

PARISH STAFF

Parish Secretary/Bulletin Editor
Claudia A. Costa

Parish Finance Manager, Anne Hyatt

Director of Music, Dr. Michael Phelps

Director of Religious Education
Mrs. Cece Whittaker -DiAngelo

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

MASSSES 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.

REGISTRATION: We invite you to officially register as a member of our Parish community. Registration forms can be found in the gathering area of the church. Completed forms can be dropped in the collection basket on any given Sunday or at the Parish office during regular business hours. Sponsorship letters for the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation or Matrimony will **ONLY** be issued to registered parishioners.

SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023
16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

From time to time, all of us could use a few gentle reminders about Church etiquette to help us to keep on the right track as we come to worship our God. He has given us His best so it is only right and fitting for us to reciprocate in like manner.



“Time is of the Essence”

The most valuable commodity we have is time. Therefore, use it well! With regard to worship be sure to give God His due! **Be on time** and **do not leave early**. Tardiness and premature departure from worship offends our Divine Gracious Host and distracts everyone else. Make your Eucharist complete by staying for the **final Blessing, recessional hymn** and **greeting your Priests, Deacons and fellow Parishioners**.



“Chatting before Mass”

The **Church is a place of prayer** not a place for full-blown conversations. Please remember that those who come early to Mass are there to spend a few moments in prayer and preparation. If you need to discuss something, please take your conversation outside of the Church.



“Proper Attire”

With the warmer weather, we all tend to dress more casually. PLEASE remember that there are limits to casual attire. Remember what St. Paul said: “Our bodies are Temples of the Holy Spirit.” Therefore, tight, skimpy, suggestive attire is not acceptable at any time as it may cause a brother or sister to sin. Modesty, Chastity and Purity should always be fostered, especially in God’s House of Prayer. It is not sufficient to reason that “*as least we’re here*” and that Jesus doesn’t care how we dress. **We** should care how we dress. Our Sunday best relates to both the clothes we wear and the attitudes we bring to Church.



“Cell Phones”

Cell phones should be **turned OFF before you enter the Church** for prayer or Holy Mass. The time you spend in Church should be calm and free from worry. On those rare occasions that you need to remain in contact, please use the vibrate feature on your phone.



“No Gum, Please”

The Church requires that we **fast for one hour prior to the reception of Holy Communion**. (Canon 919 – One who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain from any food or drink, with the exception only of water and medicine for a least the period of one hour before Holy Communion.) Please **discard your gum before entering the Church**.



“Crying Room”

We are blessed to have so many children in our Parish. They and their parents are most welcome to participate fully in the celebration of Mass. The community needs to be patient with parents trying to teach their children how to behave in church. Parents need to be mindful of how and when to teach such lessons. During the celebration of Mass, the “crying room” is intended to serve as a place of refuge for parents whose children need to be removed from the assembly. It is NOT an alternative seating area where adults can talk or children simply play or munch on cereal. Therefore, parents with children who are able to be seated in the church are kindly asked not to take up the space in the crying room from those parents who may find their children need a “timeout.”



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





Mass Intentions

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 Mercedes Grote r/b Christy Wimberg
Robert Greydanus r/b Palomeque Family
Mario Martirone r/b Martirone Family
Claire Quigley r/b Family

12Noon Spiritual Warfare of Veronica & Pablo Corona

2:00PM Trigidia Azuri r/b Esposo e Hijos

MONDAY, JULY 24

8:30AM Maria & Emeterio Bengson r/b Siazon Family

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:30AM Henry O. Encarnacion Soto r/b Familia

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

8:30AM Grace Sullivan r/b Theresa Di Maiao

THURSDAY, JULY 27

8:30AM Mercedes Grote r/b Vici & Gerald Butler

FRIDAY, JULY 28

8:30AM Ralph Cabrezos r/b Olivia Pacan

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

SATURDAY, JULY 29

4:30PM Nicholas Pessolano r/b Ann & Anthony Marinaccio

SUNDAY, JULY 30

8:00AM Richard Whittaker r/b Cecelia Whittaker

10:00AM Intentions of Josephine Mancinelli r/b Elena Bobbato
Mary Masciulli r/b Greg & Carol Bell
Carolyn & James Greydanus r/b Palomeque Family

12 Noon Alfred R. Whittaker r/b Cecelia Whittaker
Atonement of Past Sins of Iluminosa Franco

2 PM Marcos Carranza r/b Jose Acero

JULY 22— JULY 28

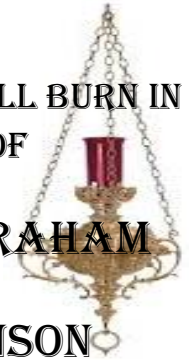
MAIN ALTAR

THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN
LOVING MEMORY OF

TOM & ANNETTA GRAHAM

Requested By

SUE & JIM DICKINSON



"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.



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!!

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



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)

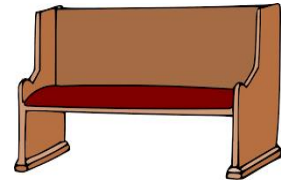
Registration is Open Now!

Please call Vici Butler at (609) 646-0806

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.



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.**

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

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.



Father's Quick Quote:

"I find joy in every day, not because life is always good, but because God is."

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!



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 WISDOM

There is no god besides you who have the care of all, that you need show you have not unjustly condemned. For your might is the source of justice; your mastery over all things makes you lenient to all. For you show your might when the perfection of your power is disbelieved; and in those who know you, you rebuke temerity. But though you are master of might, you judge with clemency, and with much lenience you govern us; for power, whenever you will, attends you. And you taught your people, by these deeds, that those who are just must be kind; and you gave your children good ground for hope that you would permit repentance for their sins. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

You, O LORD, are good and forgiving, abounding in kindness to all who call upon you.

Hearken, O LORD, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my pleading. **R.**

All the nations you have made shall come and worship you, O LORD,
and glorify your name. For you are great, and you do wondrous deeds; you alone are God. **R.**

You, O LORD, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in kindness and fidelity.

Turn toward me, and have pity on me; give your strength to your servant. **R.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters: The Spirit comes to the aid of our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes with inexpressible groanings. And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will. 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

Jesus proposed another parable to the crowds, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everyone was asleep his enemy came and sowed weeds all through the wheat, and then went off. When the crop grew and bore fruit, the weeds appeared as well. The slaves of the householder came to him and said, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where have the weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' His slaves said to him, 'Do you want us to go and pull them up?' He replied, 'No, if you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let them grow together until harvest; then at harvest time I will say to the harvesters, "First collect the weeds and tie them in bundles for burning; but gather the wheat into my barn."' He proposed another parable to them. "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.'" He spoke to them another parable. "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with three measures of wheat flour until the whole batch was leavened." All these things Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables. He spoke to them only in parables, to fulfill what had been said through the prophet: *I will open my mouth in parables, I will announce what has lain hidden from the foundation of the world.* Then, dismissing the crowds, he went into the house. His disciples approached him and said, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field." He said in reply, "He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. Just as weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all who cause others to sin and all evildoers. They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears ought to hear." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

COMIDA PARA EL ESPIRITU

Cada tanto, todos nosotros debemos “refrescar” nuestra memoria acerca de las normas simples de “etiqueta” que debemos observar y que nos ayudaran a encaminar nuestro espíritu en el camino correcto cuando venimos a la Iglesia a adorar a nuestro Señor. Él nos ha dado todo lo mejor, por lo que es justo y apropiado que nosotros le correspondamos de la misma manera.

"El tiempo es la esencia"

El bien más valioso que tenemos es el tiempo. Por lo tanto, ¡úsalo bien! Con respecto a la adoración, ¡asegúrese de darle a Dios lo que le corresponde! Llegue a tiempo y no se vaya temprano. La tardanza y la partida prematura de la adoración ofenden a nuestra Divina Gracia y distraen a los demás. Complete su Eucaristía quedándose para la bendición final, el himno recesivo y saludando a sus Sacerdotes, Diáconos y feligreses.



"Charlar antes de la misa"

La Iglesia es un lugar de oración, no un lugar para conversaciones aburridas. Recuerde que aquellos que llegan temprano a la Misa están allí para pasar unos momentos en oración y preparación. Si necesita discutir algo, por favor lleve su conversación fuera de la Iglesia.



"Vestimenta adecuada"

Con el clima más cálido, todos tendemos a vestir de manera más informal. Pero por favor recuerda que hay límites para el atuendo informal. Recuerda lo que dijo San Pablo: "Nuestros cuerpos son Templos del Espíritu Santo". Por lo tanto, la vestimenta sutil, escasa y sugestiva no es aceptable en ningún momento, ya que puede causar que un hermano o una hermana pequen. La modestia, la castidad y la pureza siempre deben fomentarse, especialmente en la Casa de oración de Dios. No es suficiente razonar que "al menos estamos aquí" y que a Jesús no le importa cómo nos vistamos. Deberíamos preocuparnos de cómo nos vestimos. Nuestro mejor domingo se relaciona tanto con la ropa que vestimos como con las actitudes que traemos a la Iglesia.



"Celulares"

Los teléfonos celulares deben estar APAGADOS antes de ingresar a la Iglesia para la oración o la Santa Misa. El tiempo que pasas en la Iglesia debe ser tranquilo y libre de preocupaciones. En las raras ocasiones en que necesita permanecer en contacto, use la función vibrar en su teléfono.



"No chicle, por favor"

La Iglesia requiere que ayunemos durante una hora antes de la recepción de la Sagrada Comunión. (Canon 919-Quien debe recibir la Santísima Eucaristía es abstenerse de cualquier alimento o bebida, con la excepción únicamente de agua y medicinas durante al menos el período de una hora antes de la Sagrada Comunión.) Por favor, descarte su chicle antes de ingresar al Iglesia.



"Cuarto de llanto para nuestros pequeños feligreses "

Tenemos la bendición de tener muchos niños en nuestra Parroquia. Ellos y sus padres son bienvenidos a participar plenamente en la celebración de la Misa. La comunidad debe ser paciente con los padres que tratan de enseñar a sus hijos a comportarse en la Iglesia. Los padres deben ser conscientes de cómo y cuándo enseñar esas lecciones. Durante la celebración de la Misa, la "Sala de Llanto" está destinada a servir como un lugar de refugio para los padres cuyos hijos deben ser removidos de la asamblea. No es una zona de asientos alternativa donde los adultos pueden reunirse para charlar. Por lo tanto, se les pide amablemente a los padres que pueden estar sentados en la Iglesia, que no ocupen el espacio de la Sala de Llanto porque este espacio está designado para aquellos padres que necesitan descansar a sus pequeños.

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!!

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 confusion que les toca vivir. Nos reunimos todos los Miércoles a las 630 p.m.

St. Gianna's Parish Northfield NJ
StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com
One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children
Wednesdays 6:30pm

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.

Lectura del Libro del Profeta Isaías

No hay más Dios que tú, Señor, que cuidas de todas las cosas. No hay nadie a quien tengas que rendirle cuentas de la justicia de tus sentencias. Tu poder es el fundamento de tu justicia, y por ser el Señor de todos, eres misericordioso con todos. Tú muestras tu fuerza a los que dudan de tu poder soberano y castigas a quienes, conociéndolo, te desafían. Siendo tú el dueño de la fuerza, juzgas con misericordia y nos gobiernas con delicadeza, porque tienes el poder y lo usas cuando quieres. Con todo esto has enseñado a tu pueblo que el justo debe ser humano, y has llenado a tus hijos de una dulce esperanza, ya que al pecador le das tiempo para que se arrepienta. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. Tú, Señor, eres bueno y clemente.

Puesto que eres, Señor, bueno y clemente y todo amor con quien tu nombre invoca, escucha mi oración y a mi súplica da respuesta pronta. **R.**

Señor, todos los pueblos vendrán para adorarte y darte gloria, pues sólo tú eres Dios, y tus obras, Señor, son portentosas. **R.**

Dios entrañablemente compasivo, todo amor y lealtad, lenta a la cólera, ten compasión de mí, pues clamo a ti, Señor, a toda hora. **R.**

Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Romanos

Hermandades: El Espíritu nos ayuda en nuestra debilidad, porque nosotros no sabemos pedir lo que nos conviene; pero el Espíritu mismo intercede por nosotros con gemidos que no pueden expresarse con palabras. Y Dios, que conoce profundamente los corazones, sabe lo que el Espíritu quiere decir, porque el Espíritu ruega, conforme a la voluntad de Dios, por los que le pertenecen. 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 propuso esta parábola a la muchedumbre: "El Reino de los cielos se parece a un hombre que sembró buena semilla en su campo; pero mientras los trabajadores dormían, llegó un enemigo del dueño, sembró cizaña entre el trigo y se marchó. Cuando crecieron las plantas y se empezaba a formar la espiga, apareció también la cizaña. Entonces los trabajadores fueron a decirle al amo: 'Señor, ¿qué no sembraste buena semilla en tu campo? ¿De dónde, pues, salió esta cizaña?' El amo les respondió: 'De seguro lo hizo un enemigo mío'. Ellos le dijeron: '¿Quieres que vayamos a arrancarla?' Pero él les contestó: 'No. No sea que al arrancar la cizaña, arranquen también el trigo. Dejen que crezcan juntos hasta el tiempo de la cosecha y, cuando llegue la cosecha, diré a los segadores: Arranquen primero la cizaña y átenla en gavillas para quemarla, y luego almacenen el trigo en mi granero' ". Luego les propuso esta otra parábola: "El Reino de los cielos es semejante a la semilla de mostaza que un hombre siembra en un huerto. Ciertamente es la más pequeña de todas las semillas, pero cuando crece, llega a ser más grande que las hortalizas y se convierte en un arbusto, de manera que los pájaros vienen y hacen su nido en las ramas". Les dijo también otra parábola: "El Reino de los cielos se parece a un poco de levadura que tomó una mujer y la mezcló con tres medidas de harina, y toda la masa acabó por fermentar". Jesús decía a la muchedumbre todas estas cosas con parábolas, y sin parábolas nada les decía, para que se cumpliera lo que dijo el profeta: *Abriré mi boca y les hablaré con parábolas; anunciaré lo que estaba oculto desde la creación del mundo.* Luego despidió a la multitud y se fue a su casa. Entonces se le acercaron sus discípulos y le dijeron: "Explícanos la parábola de la cizaña sembrada en el campo". Jesús les contestó: "El sembrador de la buena semilla es el Hijo del hombre, el campo es el mundo, la buena semilla son los ciudadanos del Reino, la cizaña son los partidarios del maligno, el enemigo que la siembra es el diablo, el tiempo de la cosecha es el fin del mundo, y los segadores son los ángeles. Y así como recogen la cizaña y la queman en el fuego, así sucederá al fin del mundo: el Hijo del hombre enviará a sus ángeles para que arranquen de su Reino a todos los que inducen a otros al pecado y a todos los malvados, y los arrojen en el horno encendido. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación. Entonces los justos brillarán como el sol en el Reino de su Padre. El que tenga oídos, que oiga". 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.

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.