

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

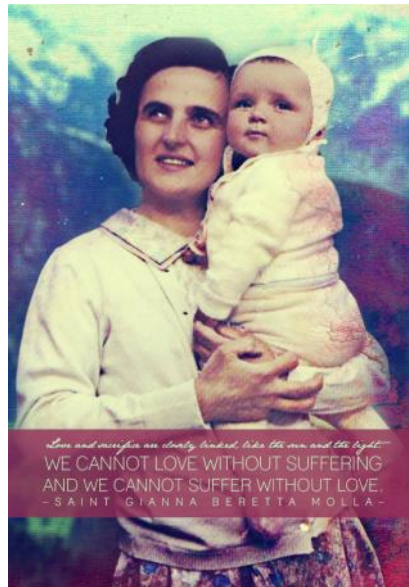
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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

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 30, 2023
17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. GIANNA PARISH R.C.I.A. PROGRAM BEGINS IN OCTOBER !!

In the fall we will begin instructional classes for anyone interested in becoming Catholic. We will meet in the Parish Hall every week for one hour.

What is the RCIA?

The letters R-C-I-A, stand for the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. Basically, it is a group of adults coming together each week, who wish to become Catholic, or baptized Catholics who have really never been instructed in the Catholic faith. These people, for one reason or another, never made their Holy Communion or Confirmation.



The beauty of the R.C.I.A. process is that you are not alone in your conversion – you are part of a community of people who seek to deepen their relationship with Christ in the Catholic faith! The question one person is afraid to ask, another one will ask. You are not alone. as a community we will support each other to move forward.

We will be meeting every Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Only one hour each week, leading up to the Easter Vigil when the non-Catholics will be received into the Church, and the baptized Catholics will receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation. It is a beautiful and moving ceremony.

The R.C.I.A. is not really new. After our Lord's Resurrection, remember that in the early Church most of your converts were adults who went through the process we now call R.C.I.A. They were prepared and instructed in the faith over a period of time so that not only did they learn about Christ and His Church, but they began to live a new way, the Catholic Christian way! Part of the teaching of the second Vatican Council was to bring back the R.C.I.A. process when dealing with the Faith.

So be a Missionary!! Spread the word to your non-Catholic friends and relatives or to those Baptized Catholics who have never really been instructed in the Faith and have not received Holy Communion or Confirmation. Bring to them a copy of the Parish bulletin so they can fill out the short form provided on the next page. Everyone interested can return the completed form via the Sunday collection basket, or bring it to the Parish office, Monday through Thursday from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. For more information please call the Parish office (609) 646-5611.

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. For info call Maryann at (609)226-2130.

TRAVELING BLESSED MOTHER

The Traveling Blessed statue will continue to travel through the summer months. The Blessed Mother statue is available to be put in a place of honor in your home for one week for you and your family to pray to her. If you would like to sign up for a week of adoration, please contact Diane Del Rossi at 609-653-6905 to sign up.

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 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

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

2:00PM **Marcos Carranza** r/b Jose Acero
Luis Alberto Peralta r/b Dulce Osoria

MONDAY, JULY 31

8:30AM **Living & Deceased Members of the Parish**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

8:30AM **Patricia Harris** r/b Dana Boyer

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

8:30AM **Louis Orlando** r/b Hong Family

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

8:30AM **Joseph DiAngelo** r/b Cecelia Whittaker

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

8:30AM **Marie & Bill Hodge** r/b Marie

7:00PM **Amparo Peña** r/b Son, Diego Morales

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8:30AM **Mass of Thanksgiving** r/b Alfred & Claudia

4:30PM **Concetta Faia** r/b Carmen & Barbara Faia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

8:00AM **Emma Scanlon** r/b Leeds Family

10:00AM **Anthony Guerrero** r/b Paul, Diana, Paul Jr.
Intentions of Dante Vespertino r/b Family
Ediberto Rojas & Family r/b Palomeque Fam-
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12 Noon **Eulogia & Isaac Barak** r/b Alfred & Claudia

2 PM **Arturo Carranza** r/b Jose Acero
Miguel Bolinar r/b Family

JULY 29— AUGUST 4

MAIN ALTAR

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

ROY NERI

Requested By

NERI FAMILY

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN
FOR INCREASE IN DEVOTION FOR
THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

Requested By

BERNARD DE LURY



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

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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



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



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)

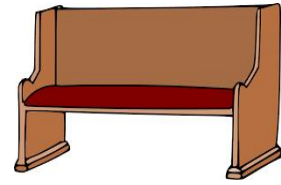
Registration is Open Now!

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.



LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

Not too long ago an advertisement for a place called Club Ob-session 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:

"Begin and end each day with a grateful heart."

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!



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 KINGS

The LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream at night. God said, "Ask something of me and I will give it to you." Solomon answered: "O LORD, my God, you have made me, your servant, king to succeed my father David; but I am a mere youth, not knowing at all how to act. I serve you in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a people so vast that it cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?" The LORD was pleased that Solomon made this request. So God said to him: "Because you have asked for this – not for a long life for yourself, nor for riches, nor for the life of your enemies, but for understanding so that you may know what is right – I do as you requested. I give you a heart so wise and understanding that there has never been anyone like you up to now, and after you there will come no one to equal you." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *R. Lord, I love your commands.*

I have said, O LORD, that my part is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is to me more precious than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise to your servants.
Let your compassion come to me that I may live, for your law is my delight.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

For I love your command more than gold, however fine.
For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate.

R. Lord, I love your commands.

Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words sheds light, giving understanding to the simple. *R.*

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brothers and sisters: We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, so that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined he also called; and those he called he also justified; and those he justified he also glorified. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

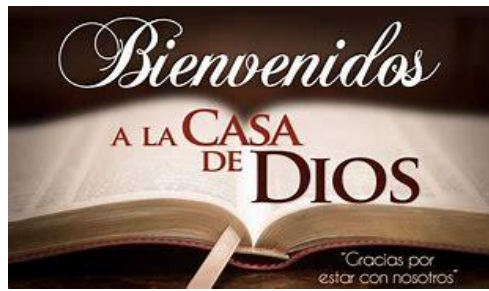
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

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

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net thrown into the sea, which collects fish of every kind. When it is full they haul it ashore and sit down to put what is good into buckets. What is bad they throw away. Thus it will be at the end of the age. The angels will go out and separate the wicked from the righteous and throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be wailing and grinding of teeth. "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



MISAS EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES 7 PM

DOMINGOS 2 PM

RICCA

RITO DE INICIACION CRISTIANA

En el otoño vamos a comenzar las clases instructivas Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos (R.I.C.A.). Como ya lo hemos anunciado las clases comienzan en Octubre a las 7 PM en el Salón Grande. Básicamente, las clases están designadas para personas adultas que por un motivo u otro no han sido bautizadas, no han recibido los sacramentos de la Primera Comunión o Confirmación, o aquellas que han sido bautizadas pero que nunca se han instruido en la fe Católica. También son bienvenidas aquellas personas que desean refrescar sus conocimientos religiosos e instruirse en la fe más profundamente. ¡Cada una de estas personas no están solas en su conversión, sino que forman parte de un grupo que desea profundizar su relación con Jesucristo en la Fe Católica! Las preguntas que uno no hace seguramente serán expuestas por alguien más y juntos, avanzarán en el camino de la fe.

Nos reuniremos todos los Jueves a las 7:00 PM. Esta preparación nos llevará a la Vigilia Pascual donde los no-católicos serán recibidos en la Iglesia y los bautizados católicos recibirán los sacramentos de Primera Comunión y Confirmación. Es una hermosa y cálida ceremonia.

El curso de R.I.C.A no es nuevo. Recuerden que después de la Resurrección de nuestro Señor, la mayoría de los convertidos al catolicismo eran adultos que eran instruidos en la fe a través del proceso que hoy se conoce como R.I.C.A. Ellos fueron preparados durante un periodo tiempo no solo para aprender acerca de Jesucristo y su Iglesia, sino a vivir de una manera diferente, una manera Católica y Cristiana. Una de las resoluciones del Vaticano Segundo fue reestablecer este proceso de enseñanza.



Entonces atrévete **¡Sé un misionero! Propaga la noticia de nuestro Programa de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos o participa de las clases como un "Curso Refrescante"** ¿Tienes preguntas? Llama a la oficina parroquial (609) 646-5611.

Si estas interesado en asistir a las clases o participar del "Curso refrescante," completa el formulario que encontrarás en la pagina #3 de este boletín y regrésalo completo a la oficina parroquial o deposítalo en el canasto de la colecta.

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.

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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 los Reyes

En aquellos días, el Señor se le apareció al rey Salomón en sueños y le dijo: "Salomón, pídemelo lo que quieras, que yo te lo dare." Salomón le respondió: "Señor, tú trataste con misericordia a tu siervo David, mi padre, porque se portó contigo con lealtad, con justicia y rectitud de corazón. Más aún, también ahora lo sigues tratando con misericordia, porque has hecho que un hijo tuyo lo suceda en el trono. Sí; tú quisiste, Señor y Dios mío, que yo, tu siervo, sucediera en el trono a mi padre, David. Pero yo no soy más que un muchacho y no sé cómo actuar. Soy tu siervo y me encuentro perdido en medio de este pueblo tuyo, tan numeroso, que es imposible contarlo. Por eso te pido que me concedas sabiduría de corazón para que sepa gobernar a tu pueblo y distinguir entre el bien y el mal. Pues sin ella, ¿quién será capaz de gobernar a este pueblo tuyo tan grande?" Al Señor le agradó que Salomón le hubiera pedido sabiduría y le dijo: "Por haberme pedido esto, y no una larga vida, ni riquezas, ni la muerte de tus enemigos, sino sabiduría para gobernar, yo te concedo lo que me has pedido. Te doy un corazón sabio y prudente, como no lo ha habido antes ni lo habrá después de ti. Te voy a conceder, además, lo que no me has pedido: tanta gloria y riqueza, que no habrá rey que se pueda comparar contigo." Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: *R. Yo amo, Señor, tus mandamientos.*

A mí, Señor, lo que me toca es cumplir tus preceptos.

Para mí valen más tus enseñanzas que miles de monedas de oro y plata. *R.*

Señor, que tu amor me consuele, conforme a las promesas que me has hecho.

Muéstrame tu ternura y viviré, porque en tu ley he puesto mi contento. *R.*

Amo, Señor, tus mandamientos más que el oro purísimo;
por eso tus preceptos son mi guía y odio toda mentira. *R.*

Tus preceptos, Señor, son admirables, por eso yo los sigo.

La explicación de tu palabra da luz y entendimiento a los sencillos. *R.*

Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Romanos

Hermanos: Ya sabemos que todo contribuye para bien de los que aman a Dios, de aquellos que han sido llamados por él según su designio salvador. En efecto, a quienes conoce de antemano, los predestina para que reproduzcan en sí mismos la imagen de su propio Hijo, a fin de que él sea el primogénito entre muchos hermanos. A quienes predestina, los llama; a quienes llama, los justifica; y a quienes justifica, los glorifica. 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 dijo a la multitud: "El Reino de los cielos se parece a un tesoro escondido en un campo. El que lo encuentra lo vuelve a esconder, y lleno de alegría, va y vende cuanto tiene y compra aquel campo. El Reino de los cielos se parece también a un comerciante en perlas finas que, al encontrar una perla muy valiosa, va y vende cuanto tiene y la compra. También se parece el Reino de los cielos a la red que los pescadores echan en el mar y recoge toda clase de peces. Cuando se llena la red, los pescadores la sacan a la playa y se sientan a escoger los pescados; ponen los buenos en canastos y tiran los malos. Lo mismo sucederá al final de los tiempos: vendrán los ángeles, separarán a los malos de los buenos y los arrojarán al horno encendido. Allí será el llanto y la desesperación. ¿Han entendido todo esto?" Ellos le contestaron: "Sí". Entonces él les dijo: "Por eso, todo escriba instruido en las cosas del Reino de los cielos es semejante al padre de familia, que va sacando de su tesoro cosas nuevas y cosas antiguas". 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.