

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

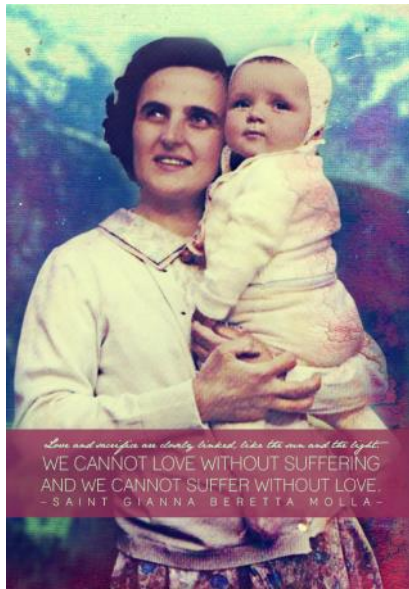
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WEEKDAY MASSES

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)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: Closed

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, AUGUST 27, 2023
21ST. SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Importance of Parental Blessing



As your children return to school in a couple of weeks, I am suggesting to parents that they return to the age-old custom of *blessing* their children. Start a new chapter in your family's history. A half century ago – and far beyond – the *parental blessing* used to be a common custom. In recent years, as conveniences, we gradually abandoned many of our precious spiritual values. Does this mean that we don't need spiritual blessings anymore? Indeed, the opposite is true. We need them more than ever before! Because along with our increasing worldliness we have suffered a corresponding loss of spiritual values! Let's not just talk about our loss and bewail it, but, get moving and rebuild our Catholic faith, our Catholic customs. Fathers and mothers are the *priests* and *sisters* of their own "little churches" – their homes! They are placed there to teach and to bless. It is a solemn scene, a touching sight for a mother or a father passing from one kneeling child to another, imparting their blessing. Open hands are laid momentarily on the child's head. You may wish to add a few words, admirations, petitions, etc. Parental blessing is as old as the human race! It began with the oldest patriarchs. Throughout the Old Testament it was the usual method of transmitting divine favors. The blessings conferred on their children by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are known to all who read the Bible. The Bible gives us an authoritative statement on parental blessing:

"In word and deed, honor your father that his blessing may come upon you, for a father's blessing gives a family firm roots, but a mother's curse uproots the growing plant." Ecclesiastes 3:8-9

Our Lord used to gather the little children around Him and bless them. He said, "Suffer the little children to come unto Me! Then, embracing them and laying His hands upon them, He blessed them. Parents love their children. They embrace them. Why do they not lay their hands upon them in a blessing? Parents so rarely bless their children that one is inclined to think that the privilege no longer exists. JESUS WANTS CHILDREN TO BE BLESSED! Certainly, the blessing bestowed by Jesus is more efficacious than that bestowed by parents. So also is the blessing of the Priest. Even so, parental blessing is something so Holy, so powerful, that it deserves to be called the Sacrament of the Domestic Hearth. The picture of a young mother placing hands of benediction on an innocent child is beautiful to behold. No less inspiring is the sight of an aged parent giving with trembling hands a blessing to a full-grown son or daughter! This is a privilege that belongs to fathers and mothers. Often you are urged to do your duty. Here you are urged to use a privilege. This is yours by divine grant – a privilege that goes with the dignity of parenthood. *SO, WHY NOT BLESS YOUR CHILDREN?* If this "Sacrament of the Domestic Hearth" were more frequently administered, there would be many more happy, contented families. The two indispensable factors for happiness in the home are amiable authority on the part of the parents and loving obedience on the part of the children. If your home is not all that you would like it to be, try blessing your children regularly. It will encourage oneness, love, reverence and obedience. Some years ago, the newspapers attracted the attention of readers with the headline: "Bishop kneels for Mother's blessing." The bishop was Bishop Roach of India. He met his mother at the railway station, then in the presence of a crowd of people, he knelt before his mother to receive her blessing and the grand old lady, placing her wrinkled hands on the head of her illustrious son, moved many spectators to tears. Fathers and mothers, open up to your children this effective means of grace. Make a diligent and frequent use of this great privilege. Pray over them, "May you live a long life in holiness and happiness in Christ."

When ought parents bless their children?

- ◆ At night is a very good time to give a daily blessing
- ◆ Before going on a trip, undertaking an important or dangerous task, during sickness, children ought to receive their parent's Blessing
- ◆ At the more important turning points in life, e.g.: entering school; First Holy Communion, entering Marriage or upon entering the convent, monastery or seminary

Send a blessing to your absent children. Before you go to bed at night, think of your absent sons or daughters. They may be in real need of your help. Your blessing is the most powerful help you can give them. Protect them with the Sacred Sign of the Cross that you make over them or in their direction.

Senior Wellness Tips: Dealing and Healing through Grief, Loss and Change

We offer this guidance to help you journey with your own grief or to be mindful of when speaking to others who may be grieving:

- *Acknowledge the pain grief brings.
- *Remember that everyone's grieving process is different; there is no time limit for how long a person should grieve.
- *Try to spend time with someone you think may be grieving, lonely or sad.
- *Take care of yourself and be kind to yourself, grief can be consuming.
- *Seek out help for yourself or someone who you feel may be suffering from depression.

VITALity *Life to the Full-est* membership program informs and connects seniors to the information they need to stay safe and healthy. Membership is free to all seniors age 65 and over living in South Jersey. For more information, visit www.vitality.camdendiocese.org

Father's Quick Quote:
BE THE REASON
SOMEONE
SMILES TODAY



HELP WANTED

VOLUNTEERS
needed

God bless you

COME ONE. COME ALL!! If you are looking to make a difference in your community, look no more. St. Gianna Religious Education Program is your place!! Whether you're a working adult, a retiree, or a high school or college student, we need you! The Religious Education Program is recruiting aids for the upcoming year to teach our children faith. Everyone is welcome—we need all kinds of skill-sets and no experience is necessary. If you are willing to give us a helping hand and share your talent and energy with your Parish family please contact Cece Whittaker-Di Angelo at 609-484-0249 or visit her at the Religious Education office Mondays & Tuesdays from 9 AM—12:30 PM.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Mass


If this year, 2023, you are celebrating a milestone Wedding Anniversary of 25, 50, 60 or 70 years or more, please join us in celebrating Mass with Bishop Dennis Sullivan on

Sunday, September 24, 2023 3:00PM
St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, 08201

Registration forms are placed in the Gathering Area of the Church.

Completed forms are to be brought to the Parish office no later than 9/8/2023.



IN OUR PARISH
ST. MONICA MASS 
FOR OUR CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 30TH
6:30 PM ROSARY
6:50 PM MASS
DIVINE CHAPLET TO FOLLOW

Join with others as we pray for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church.

HOLY SPIRIT HIGH SCHOOL
FATHER'S CLUB
SELLING RAFFLE
TICKETS AFTER
ALL THE MASSES
NEXT WEEKEND
SEPTEMBER 2-3, 2023



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!

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 7:30 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 hesi-

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.

Your Catholic Cemetery ... An Essential Component of Catholic Life

As Catholics, we are blessed with the promise of life everlasting. To be with our Lord in Heaven, we are baptized, we follow the Holy Scripture, and we keep the Lord in our hearts throughout our earthly journey. Death is not the end but rather the next step. During life our bodies are the temple of the Holy Spirit. At death we present our bodies to a sacred Catholic funeral and burial, to be prepared for the Resurrection. Just as you have chosen to be a part of a Christian community, you will want the burial of your remains to reflect that same Christian faith while choosing to rest in peace with other Christians in a Catholic cemetery. Choosing a final resting place on consecrated grounds is your choice, your privilege and the right of every Catholic, as well as a confirmation of faith in our everlasting union with our Lord. For more information visit our website at SouthJerseyCatholicCemeteries.org or call 855-MyPrePlan (855-697-7375) and a member of our staff will gladly help you.



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 A Ministry of the Diocese of Camden

THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is re-served. 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.



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.

Loaves & Fishes Project

The Sodality of St. Gianna will be collecting non-perishable food for families in need on the **first Sunday of every month**.

Please place your donations in the Church's Gathering Area. Next Collection: **September 2-3, 2023**



Visitors and Friends of St. Gianna, thank you for being here with us. We learned that many of you would like to receive the parish's contribution envelopes. We will be happy to mail them to you. Please fill out **one** of the **Parish registration forms**, placed at the 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!

ATTENTION PARENTS AND STUDENTS!!

Gianna Parish Religious Education registration forms for the upcoming school year can be easily downloaded from the Facebook page...
<https://www.facebook.com/St.GiannaCCD/>

SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA

BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

The Sodality is a Spiritual organization of women who are devoted to the Blessed Mother and who promote the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy.

MEETING: Our next meeting will be Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00PM.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Sodality adopts expectant mothers and keeps them and the babies they are carrying in our prayers. All pregnant women are welcome to contact Cindy Kern at 609-513-8178 for further information. We are currently praying for **Kristi Lee Hutchinson, Victoria D'Amico** and the babies they are carrying.

TRAVELING BLESSED MOTHER: The Traveling Blessed Mother 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.

MONTHLY COLLECTION -We will be collecting school supplies and backpacks for students going back to school. Collection will be the **third weekend of August 19 & 20**. Please place your donation in the gathering area of the Church.

BOSCOV'S FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS - We will be selling the Friends Helping Friends passes starting this week. If you would like to purchase a pass for \$5.00 to shop on October 18th and receive 25% off your purchases, please see or contact a Sodality member. We will not be selling the passes after Masses this year. This is our only fundraiser and with the funds we raise we have been able to provide Fr. Anthony with gift cards for those in need in our parish.



**Liturgy Intentions
For The Week**

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

4:30PM Clare Berenato r/b Carmen & Barbara Faia

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

8:00AM Barbara Klaus r/b Dotty Grier
 10:00AM Robert J. Greydanus r/b Palomeque Family
 Luis Orlando r/b Donna Polazneck
 Intetnions of Adrianna & Robert Moratti r/b Mom & Dad
 12Noon Joseph Bozzo r/b Raymond & Barbara Sands
 2:00PM Ramon & Anna Leal r/b Familia
 Fanny Ester Gregorio r/b Jose Godoy

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

8:30AM Peter D'Anna r/b Lois D'Anna

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

8:30AM Intentions of Margaret Brown r/b Grandparents, Aunts & Uncles

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

8:30AM Marciano Gonzalez r/b Ruth Tayao

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

8:30AM Intentions of Pope Francis r/b Perez Family

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

8:30AM Health & Thanksgiving of Jose Abo r/b Family
 7:00PM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8:00AM Mary Ann Marchetti r/b Dino & Nina Giacona
 10:00AM Anthony Guerrera r/b Linda Ann Cohen
 Clare Berenato r/b Carol & Joan Catani
 Rinaldo Provenzano r/b Mrs. Theresa Bones
 Joseph Grasso r/b Charbel & Renee Fleifel
 12 Noon Gene Salerno r/b Salerno Familia
 2 PM Josue Rodriguez r/b Familia
 Soledad Mendoza r/b Familia

AUGUST 26— SEPTEMBER 1

MAIN ALTAR

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN
THANKSGIVING**

Requested By
OLIVIA PACANA

ST. JOSEPH & BLESSED MOTHER ALTARS

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

Requested By
BERNARD DE LURY



SANCTUARY LAMP

To request that the Sanctuary lamp (above the Altar) burn for your intentions or in memory of a loved one, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish office. Your request for the Sanctuary Lamp will be sequentially (**on a first-come, first-served basis**) assigned and will be ANNOUNCED and PUBLISHED in the Parish bulletin.

SANCTUARY LAMP REQUEST

Sanctuary Lamp in Memory of:

Requested by:

Phone #:

Donation (\$20)

Cash Enclosed: _____ Check #: _____



“The purpose of life is to contribute in some way To making things better.”

~John F. Kennedy

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

ST. MONICA MASS FOR OUR CHILDREN
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30, 2023
6:30 PM ROSARY - 6:50 MASS
DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET TO FOLLOW



Join with others as we pray for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church

ST. MARY FILIPINO APOSTOLATE
FILIPINO "TAGALOG" MASS-SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023
3:00 PM ROSARY - 3:30 PM MASS
 CATHOLIC CHURCH OF ST. MARY
 2001 SPRINGDALE ROAD, CHERRY HILL, NJ 08003

Parish Weekly Offerings – August 19-20, 2023



1st Collection: \$ 8,015.00

2nd Collection: \$ 2,144.00

For a total of: \$ 10,159.00

Thank you for your generosity in building up God's Kingdom in our Parish!



2023 50/50

"HARVEST OF PLENTY RAFFLE"
 AWESOME PARISH FUNDRAISER

Can you help us by buying a ticket?

Donation per ticket \$20

**ONLY 1000
 TICKETS TO BE
 SOLD!!**

**10 CHANCES TO WIN
 \$1,000 EACH**

OR

**5% OF PROCEEDS
 COLLECTED**

Drawing

Saturday, October 28th
 Following the 4:30 PM Mass
 front of the Church

Ticket Sales Start

September 9, 2023

After all the weekend Masses

As always your participation and support plays a vital part in the success of our annual "Harvest of Plenty" raffle and your generosity is always greatly appreciated.

Thank you for helping us to spread the word among your family members, friends, and neighbors.



Liturgical Year

The liturgical year is made up of six seasons:

Advent - four weeks of preparation before the celebration of Jesus' birth

Christmas - recalling the Nativity of Jesus Christ and his manifestation to the peoples of the world

Lent - a six-week period of penance before Easter

Sacred Paschal Triduum - the holiest "Three Days" of the Church's year, where the Christian people recall the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus

Easter - 50 days of joyful celebration of the Lord's resurrection from the dead and his sending forth of the Holy Spirit

Ordinary Time - divided into two sections (one span of 4-8 weeks after Christmas Time and another lasting about six months after Easter Time), wherein the faithful consider the fullness of Jesus' teachings and works among his people. The mystery of Christ, unfolded through the cycle of the year, calls us to live his mystery in our own lives. This call is best illustrated in the lives of Mary and the saints, celebrated by the Church throughout the year. There is no tension between the mystery of Christ and the celebration of the saints, but rather a marvelous harmony. The Blessed Virgin Mary is joined by an inseparable bond to the saving work of her Son, and the feasts of all the saints proclaim the wonderful works of Christ in his servants and offer the faithful fitting examples for their imitation. Each liturgical year begins on the First Sunday of Advent during the preceding calendar year (i.e., the First Sunday of Advent in 2022 began the 2023 liturgical year).



BINGO WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

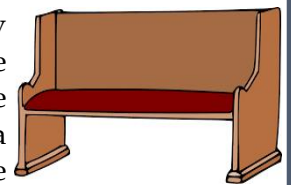
Our Parish's BINGO is a great way to supplement the income gained through Church collections, bequests, and other donations. St. Gianna hosts BINGO every Wednesday and Saturday in the Parish hall (building located at the end of the parking lot, behind the church). Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the games 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!!

Priests and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are readily available to bring Holy Communion to the homes of the sick on a schedule agreeable to the sick person. If you or someone that you know is a shut-in and would like to receive the Sacrament, please let us know by contacting the Parish office.



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.



We love ADVERTISERS!

Sponsor of the Week!

We would like to thank **BOB'S SEAFOOD MARKET**
Eat Fish Live Longer
1121 Tilton Road, Northfield
for advertising in our weekly Bulletin.

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 6:45 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 ()

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A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,
for you have heard the words of my mouth;
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;
I will worship at your holy temple.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I will give thanks to your name, because of your kindness and your truth:
When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

The LORD is exalted, yet the lowly he sees, and the proud he knows from afar.
Your kindness, O LORD, endures forever; forsake not the work of your hands.

R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! *For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?* For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples,
"Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

Dentro de pocas semanas sus hijos regresan a la escuela y quisiera sugerir a los padres que vuelvan a la antigua costumbre de bendecir a sus hijos al comenzar este nuevo año escolar que marcará una nueva etapa en la vida de su familia.



Hace mucho tiempo, la bendición de los padres solía ser una costumbre común. Sin embargo, esta costumbre, en los últimos años, fue poco a poco desapareciendo. *¿Significa esto que ya no necesitamos bendiciones espirituales?* Todo lo contrario. Necesitamos estas bendiciones, más que nunca!

Los padres y las madres son los sacerdotes y las religiosas que cuidan de sus "pequeñas iglesias", sus hogares. Están allí para enseñar y bendecir. Es una escena solemne, un espectáculo conmovedor ver a una madre o un padre enfrente de un niño arrodillado esperando la bendición de sus padres. El impartir una bendición a sus hijos, es simple. Se extienden las manos abiertas sobre la cabeza del niño y se implora la bendición de Dios a través de algunas palabras o peticiones.

La bendición de los padres es tan antigua como la raza humana. Comenzó con los patriarcas más antiguos. A lo largo del Antiguo Testamento fue el método habitual de transmitir los favores divinos. Las bendiciones conferidas a sus hijos por Abraham, Isaac y Jacob son conocidas por todos los que leen la Biblia. La Biblia nos da una declaración autorizada sobre la Bendición de los padres:

"De palabra y de obra, honra a tu padre para que su bendición caiga sobre ti, porque la bendición de un padre da raíces firmes a la familia, pero la maldición de la madre desarraiga la planta en crecimiento". Eclesiastés 3: 8-9

Nuestro Señor solía reunir a los niños pequeños a su alrededor y bendecirlos. Él dijo: "¡Dejen que los niños vengan a Mí! Luego, abrazándolos y poniendo sus manos sobre ellos, los bendijo. Los padres aman a sus hijos, sin embargo, rara vez vemos que bendicen a sus hijos. Uno se inclinaria a pensar que este hermoso privilegio, ya no existe.

Ciertamente, la bendición de Jesús es más eficaz que la otorgada por los padres. Aun así, la Bendición de los Padres es algo tan santo, tan poderoso, que merece ser llamado el Sacramento del Hogar Doméstico. La imagen de una joven madre colocando manos de bendición sobre un niño inocente es hermosa de contemplar. No menos inspirador es ver a un padre anciano dando con manos temblorosas una bendición para sus hijos adultos. Este es un privilegio que pertenece a padres y madres, casi podríamos decir que es un deber. El uso de este hermoso privilegio es altamente recomendado puesto que es una concesión divina, un privilegio que va con la dignidad de la paternidad.

Si este "Sacramento del Hogar Doméstico" fuera administrado con mayor frecuencia, habría muchas más familias felices y contentas. Los dos factores indispensables para la felicidad en el hogar son la autoridad amable por parte de los padres y la obediencia amorosa por parte de los niños.

Bendigan a sus hijos antes de que se vayan a dormir, antes de irse a la escuela o cuando esten por emprender una nueva etapa en sus vidas. No olviden este bello privilegio espiritual jamás.

IMPORTANTE INFORMACION PARA LOS BAUTISMOS EN STA. GIANNA

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

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



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

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 6:30 p.m.

St. Gianna's Parish Northfield NJ
StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com

One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children
Wednesdays 6:30pm

MISA POR NUESTROS HIJOS
MIERCOLES 30 DE AGOSTO
6:30 PM ROSARIO
6:50 PM MISA

2023 RIFA PARROQUIAL "Harvest of plenty"



*DONACION POR TICKET: \$20

*10 CHANCE DE GANAR \$1,000 O 5% DE LO QUE SE COLECTA

*VENTA COMIENZA 9/9/2023

LA PARTICIPACION DE TODA LA FAMILIA PARROQUIAL ES VITAL PARA EL EXITO DE NUESTRA RIFA ANUAL.

GRACIAS POR SU COLABORACION Y AYUDA EN COMPARTIR ESTA INFORMACION CON SUS FAMILIARES Y AMIGOS.

2023-2024 PROGRAMA DE RELIGION EDUCATIVA

La registraci3n para el Programa de Educaci3n Religiosa de nuestra Parroquia ya ha comenzado. Por favor registre a sus ni1os r1pidamente porque las vacantes son escasas. Para recibir informaci3n visitar la oficina de Educaci3n Religiosa los Lunes y Martes de 9 am a 12 Noon.

DENUNCIE EL ABUSO SEXUAL

Un n1mero telef3nico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Di3cesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, di1conos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manjadas por un trabajador social cl3nico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la Divisi3n de Protecci3n de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policia. Para m1s informaci3n o para obtener servicios de consejeria y apoyo, llame al: 1-800-964-6588.

M1rquen sus calendarios!!

Hora Santa
Exposici3n y Adoraci3n del
Santisimo Sacramento
Primer Viernes de cada mes
inmediatamente despu3s
de la Misa
Los esperamos!!

Lectura del Libro del Profeta Isaías

Esto dice el Señor a Sebná, mayordomo de palacio: "Te echaré de tu puesto y te destituiré de tu cargo. Aquel mismo día llamaré a mi siervo, a Eleacín, el hijo de Elcías; le vestiré tu túnica, le ceñiré tu banda y le traspasaré tus poderes. Será un padre para los habitantes de Jerusalén y para la casa de Judá. Pondré la llave del palacio de David sobre su hombro. Lo que él abra, nadie lo cerrará; lo que él cierre, nadie lo abrirá. Lo fijaré como un clavo en muro firme y será un trono de gloria para la casa de su padre". Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL

R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

De todo corazón te damos gracias, Señor, porque escuchaste nuestros ruegos.
Te cantaremos delante de tus ángeles, te adoraremos en tu templo.

R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

Señor, te damos gracias por tu lealtad y por tu amor;
siempre que te invocamos, nos oíste y nos llenaste de valor.

R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

Se complace el Señor en los humildes y rechaza el engreído.
Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente; obra tuya soy, no me abandones

R. Señor, tu amor perdura eternamente.

Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Romanos

¡Qué inmensa y rica es la sabiduría y la ciencia de Dios! ¡Qué impenetrables son sus designios e incomprensibles sus caminos! *¿Quién ha conocido jamás el pensamiento del Señor o ha llegado a ser su consejero? ¿Quién ha podido darle algo primero, para que Dios se lo tenga que pagar?* En efecto, todo proviene de Dios, todo ha sido hecho por él y todo está orientado hacia él. A él la gloria por los siglos de los siglos. Amén. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

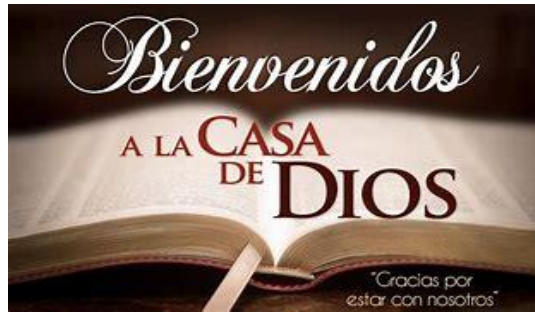
Tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia, y los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella, dice el Señor.

R. Aleluya.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Mateo

En aquel tiempo, cuando llegó Jesús a la región de Cesarea de Filipo, hizo esta pregunta a sus discípulos: "¿Quién dice la gente que es el Hijo del hombre?" Ellos le respondieron: "Unos dicen que eres Juan, el Bautista; otros, que Elías; otros, que Jeremías o alguno de los profetas". Luego les preguntó: "Y ustedes, ¿quién dicen que soy yo?" Simón Pedro tomó la palabra y le dijo: "Tú eres el Mesías, el Hijo de Dios vivo". Jesús le dijo entonces: "¡Dichoso tú, Simón, hijo de Juan, porque esto no te lo ha revelado ningún hombre, sino mi Padre, que está en los cielos! Y yo te digo a ti que tú eres Pedro y sobre esta piedra edificaré mi Iglesia. Los poderes del infierno no prevalecerán sobre ella. Yo te daré las llaves del Reino de los cielos; todo lo que ates en la tierra, quedará atado en el cielo, y todo lo que desates en la tierra, quedará desatado en el cielo". Y les ordenó a sus discípulos que no dijeran a nadie que él era el Mesías.

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



INSTITUTO DE MINISTERIO ECLESIAL DE CAMDEN

El Instituto de Ministerio Eclesial de Camden IMEC, comenzará, el nuevo año escolar en el mes de Septiembre 2023. IMEC es un programa certificado de tres años, dirigido a mujeres y hombres laicos que quieran enriquecer su formación de fe. Actualmente el programa se lleva a cabo en Vineland y Camden (nivel 2), Blackwood y Atlantic City (nivel 3). Se abrirá el programa en Bridgeton y Swedesboro iniciando con el nivel 1. Si desea aprender y conocer más de Dios y así poder a servir a Dios y a la Iglesia, ¡esta es su oportunidad! Para más información o inscribirse, contacte a Rubi Lukasiewicz al (856) 583-6170. Descargue el documento PDF en el que encontrará el folleto de IMEC con información del programa.

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MISA DIOCESANA DE ANIVERSARIO DE BODAS

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, 591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, NJ 08201
Si este año, usted y su cónyuge celebran un aniversario de bodas de 25, 50, 60 o 70 años o más únase a nosotros para la celebración de la Misa el Domingo, 24 de Septiembre, 2023 a las 3:00 PM. Seguida por una recepción en el Salón Parroquial. Para registrarse complete una de las formas que encontrará a la entrada de la iglesia y complételo para presentarlo en la oficina parroquial antes del 9/8/2023. Para mas informacion: Jose.Rodriguez@camdendiocese.org/856-364-1172

HORA SANTA, 19 DE OCTUBRE, 2023 7-8 PM

PARROQUIA LA SANTA CRUZ, 46 CENTRAL AVE., BRIDGETON, NJ 08302

REVERENDO MATTHEW WEBER. MUSICA A CARGO DEL CORO INFANTIL DE LA PARROQUIA. DESPUES DE LA HORA SANTA SE OFRECERA UN REFRIGERIO

“Fiesta Familiar”

Parroquia del Sagrado Corazón, 3107 Alabama Road, Camden, NJ 08104
Domingo 27 de Agosto, 2023. Santa Misa 9 AM
Después Fiesta hasta las 3 PM

Te invitamos al Día Familiar con todos tus amigos y familiares para disfrutar de música, juegos, rifas y muchas más diversiones para niños, jóvenes y adultos. Habrá comida. Para más información llame al 856-962-8642.

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Se están ofreciendo clases de inglés como segunda lengua en el salón de la parroquia San Gabriel de Arcangel, 369 Georgetown Rd, Penns Grove, NJ 08069. Clases: lunes y jueves de 7:30 a 9:30 p.m. Costo: por estudiante es de \$40 por mes. Para más información comuníquese con Amanda Fernandez al 856-981-1302.

Denuncie el Abuso Sexual



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THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

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.

CONFESIONES EN ESPAÑOL

VIERNES: 6:15 PM

DOMINGOS: 1:15-1:45 PM

SI USTED NECESITA HACER UNA CITA FUERA DE ESTE HORARIO POR FAVOR LLAME A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL 609-646-5611..

OFICINA DE RESPETO A LA VIDA ARQUIDIOSIS DE NEWARK

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Hombres y mujeres sufriendo los efectos emocionales y espirituales posteriores al aborto voluntario e involuntario, muerte fecal, uso de anticonceptivos y fecundación in vitro. ¡Jesús te llama! Retiro espiritual 22-24 de Septiembre, 2023. Tu historia es confidencial. Para más información llámanos a 973-497-4350 or Patricia Morales 551-206-8363