

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

Roman Catholic Church

"All the strength of Satan's reign is due to lukewarm Catholics." St. Pius X
AN OASIS OF FAITH AT THE GATEWAY TO THE SHORE

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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English)
Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM
Sunday 8 & 10 AM
12 Noon Traditional Latin Mass
2 PM Mass in Spanish

MASSES ON HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM
Feast Day: 8:30 AM and 12:00 Noon
7:00 PM (Bilingual)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM
Friday: Closed

CONFESSIONS:

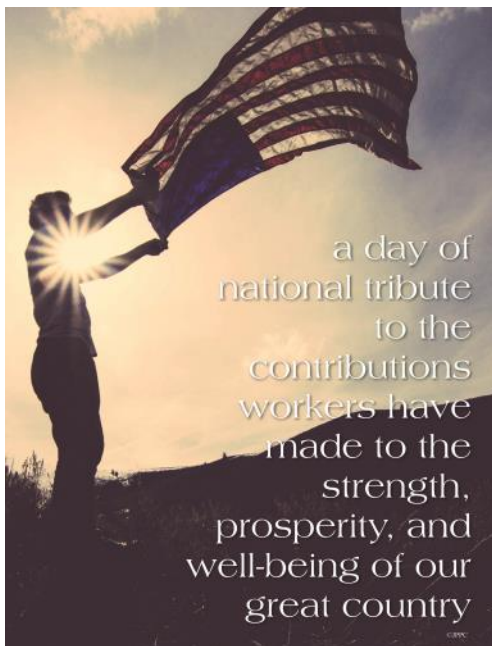
Saturdays (English): 3:00 – 4:30 PM – Sundays (Spanish): 1:15-1:45 PM

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

WELCOME!!

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.



a day of
national tribute
to the
contributions
workers have
made to the
strength,
prosperity, and
well-being of our
great country

SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME



Calling All Boys and Girls - 4th to 8th Grade & High School

Parents and Grandparents: encourage your children & grandchildren to become an Altar Server.

One of the most important things a young man and a young lady can do is to SERVE GOD at the ALTAR!! Why is this so?

1. Because you will be so close to our Lord as He comes down upon the Altar at Mass
2. Because you will *help* the Priest to say Mass reverently since he relies on you to help him
3. Hold the *Mass book*
4. Bring over the *cruets* of wine and water Father needs to offer Mass
5. You ring the *bells* so the people are alerted to the most important part of the Mass, the Consecration when the bread and wine become the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ
6. You carry the *cross* or *candles*
7. And so many other tasks you will be doing to make the Mass special and beautiful



To be an Altar server will also be very rewarding because you will feel a closeness to God, Who will reward you with many graces and blessings!

To be an Altar server will also help you to become a responsible person, since you will have to be present at the Masses assigned for you to serve.

I will be training all the boys and girls who sign up to serve Mass so that they will know exactly what to do and be comfortable at the Altar.

Girls and boys will be installed as Altar servers at a special Mass on Monday, October 23rd at 7 p.m. and will be outfitted in a "NEW UNIFORM." You'll find out about it at our 1st meeting.



Once everyone signs up, I'll contact you and your parents with the dates and times of practices.

I will try to schedule them at convenient times so you can all make the practices.

If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please fill out the form (next page) as soon as possible and drop it in the collection basket or bring it to the Parish office.

I wish to become an Altar Server at St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL (PRINT CLEARLY PLEASE) _____

GRADE: _____

SCHOOL: _____

HOME SCHOOL: _____

Dates to Remember

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.



Love. Grow. Serve.



BISHOP SULLIVAN WILL CELEBRATE THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR SAINT GIANNA BERETTA MOLL ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8 AT 5:00 PM. THIS WILL BE A CEREMONY ONLY, NOT A MASS.



ST. GIANNA PARISH
40 HOURS DEVOTION
OCTOBER
22, 23 & 24, 2023



FIRST DAY
MONDAY,
SEPTEMBER
18TH



Rite of Christian Initiation
for Adults

FIRST DAY
THURSDAY,
OCTOBER 5TH
6:45 pm



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.



If you are not receiving envelopes or regular mailings from us and you usually join us for worship, please register! *You are important to us and hopefully we are to you.* Let us know who you are. Registration forms can be taken from the racks at the Church doors. Registration in the Parish facilitates access to the Religious Education Program and other Parish ministries. Also, it enables the Parish to provide Certificates of Eligibility to serve as Sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation.

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!

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. For information regarding **PRE-CANA please contact** Our Lady of the Angels ((609) 287-9205 or (609) 827-2127) located at 35 E. Mechanic Street, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210.

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, **partici-**



pating 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 sacra-**

ments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the Parish office to make an appointment.

*Camden Diocese Catholic Renewal Weekend
September 15, 16, & 17, 2023*

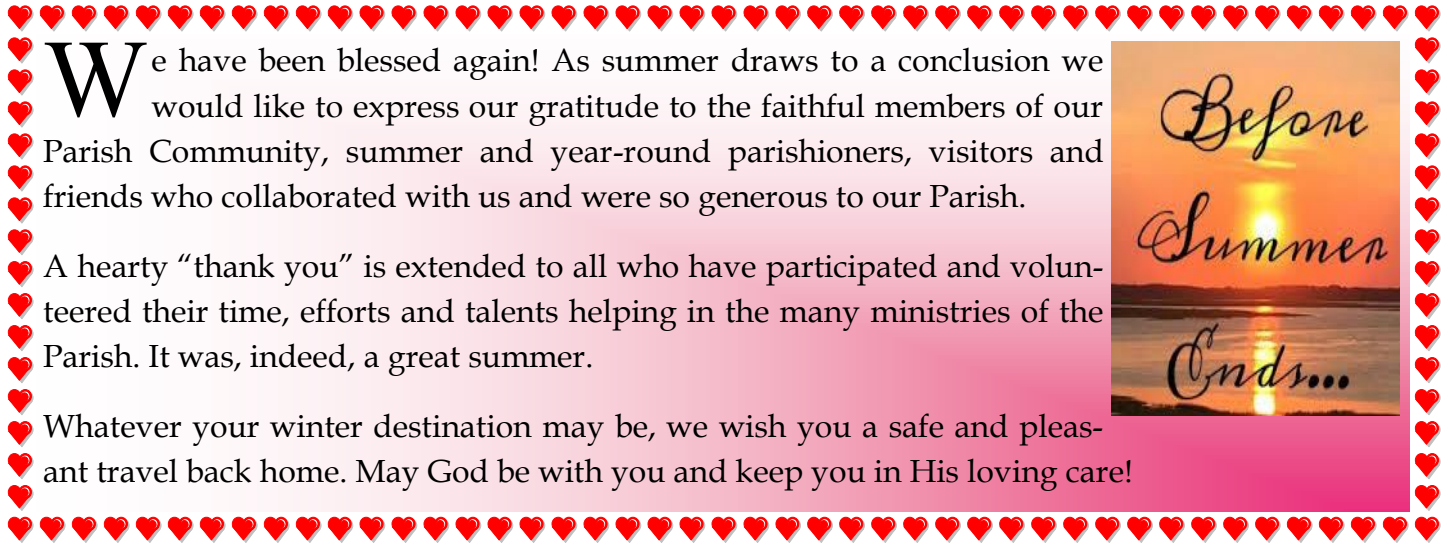
*Holy Spirit High School, 500 S. New Road,
Absecon, NJ 08201*

To register go to

www.camdendiocesecatholicrenewal.org

*Adults: \$65/Seniors: \$60/Young Adult:\$20/
Teen:\$10/Children under 12 years old &
younger: free. Lunch & Dinner will be avail-
able to purchase on Saturday or please bring
your own meal.*

Parish Notes



We have been blessed again! As summer draws to a conclusion we would like to express our gratitude to the faithful members of our Parish Community, summer and year-round parishioners, visitors and friends who collaborated with us and were so generous to our Parish.



A hearty "thank you" is extended to all who have participated and volunteered their time, efforts and talents helping in the many ministries of the Parish. It was, indeed, a great summer.

Whatever your winter destination may be, we wish you a safe and pleasant travel back home. May God be with you and keep you in His loving care!

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.



If You CANNOT Be on Time, Then Be EARLY.

Making Time For Prayer Strengthens Our Connection with God

Please make every effort to arrive on time for the start of Holy Mass, which begins with the **Sign of the Cross** and ends with the dismissal, "**Go in Peace.**" It is the Lord we insult when we do not give Him our time. He is never too busy to be with us!



Blessings

As our children and young adults return to school, we ask God to bless them. May this upcoming school year bring them many wonderful opportunities to grow in knowledge, athletic ability, socialization and above all, Faith. God bless you all!

Our Sympathy

Our Parish community extends its deepest condolences to the family and friends of **Philip Eugene Juliano**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Flu Shots are coming to our Church

Walmart Pharmacy is helping protect you and your family from the flu by providing free FLU, COVID & RSV vaccine shots in our church on Sunday, September 10th after all the Masses in the gathering area. Everyone is welcome.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

8 AM **Mary Ann Marchetti** r/b Dino & Nina
Giacona
10 AM **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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

8:30AM **Clare Berenato** r/b Ken & Nancy Norton
& Family

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

8:30AM **Dallas M. Dgette** r/b Marlene Pontari

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

8:30AM **Intentions of Anthony Tang** r/b Mom & Dad
Coyle

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

8:30AM **Angela Chiodo Orlando** r/b Letitia Montes

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

8:30AM **Joseph Grasso** r/b Charbel & Renee Fleifel
7:00PM **Living & Deceased Members of the Parish**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

4:30PM **Nan & John Mc Gettigan** r/b Marie
Mc Gettigan
Amy Montes r/b Letitia Montes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

8 AM **Margaret & Tony Gullo** r/b Daughter
10 AM **Rosario Rando** r/b Vincent & Judy Lopresti
Nava Marino r/b Barbara & Carmen Faia
Vicenza Faiola r/b Eleonora & Dante
Intentions of Renee & Charbel Fleifel r/b
Josephine Mancinelli
12 Noon **John Ferrini** r/b LouAnn Mashura
Health of Edward Ballotta r/b Sr. Dolores
2 PM **Margarita Perez** r/b Familia Robles Peres

SEPTEMBER 2— SEPTEMBER 8

MAIN ALTAR

**THE SANCTUARY LAMP WILL BURN IN
MEMORY OF LOUIS F. ORLANDO**

Requested By

PAT & NANCY ORLANDO

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



SAINT GIANNA PARISH FAMILY,

VISITORS AND FRIENDS:

MAY GOD BLESS YOU WITH

A SAFE AND HAPPY

LABOR DAY WEEKEND

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2023



Parish Weekly Offerings – August 26-27, 2023



1st Collection: \$ 6,836.00

2nd Collection: \$ 3,374.00

For a total of: \$ 10,210.00

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



**We would like to thank
BOB'S SEAFOOD MARKET**

Eat Fish Live Longer

1121 Tilton Road, Northfield

for advertising in our weekly Bulletin.

SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA PARISH MEETING: Our next meeting will be **Tuesday, September 5, 2023 at 7:00PM.**

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.



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!!

**PLEASE
REMEMBER
IN YOUR
PRAYERS THE
SICK OF OUR
PARISH AND
THOSE WHO ARE
IN NURSING
HOMES AND IN
HOSPITALS**



**Mon-Thur
9 AM – 4 PM
CLOSED
ON FRIDAYS**

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

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 Sacraments, please let us know by contacting the Parish office.



**TRADITIONAL
LATIN MASS
SUNDAYS
12 NOON**

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 ()



Do your best and
God will do the rest.

Special Event



**SISTERS OF MARY IMMACULATE OF NYERI
LAUNCHING THEIR SILVER JUBILEE YEAR
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
10:00 AM MASS
ST. GIANNA PARISH CHURCH**



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.

2023 50/50
"HARVEST OF PLENTY RAFFLE"
 AWESOME PARISH FUNDRAISER
 Can you help us by buying a ticket?

Donation per ticket \$20
 Buy 5 tickets, and you will get entered into the bonus drawing of a \$200 Crab Trap Gift Card

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.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day. I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus have I gazed toward you in the sanctuary to see your power and your glory, for your kindness is a greater good than life; my lips shall glorify you.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Thus will I bless you while I live; lifting up my hands, I will call upon your name. As with the riches of a banquet shall my soul be satisfied, and with exultant lips my mouth shall praise you. *R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

You are my help, and in the shadow of your wings I shout for joy.

My soul clings fast to you; your right hand upholds me.

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE ROMANS

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

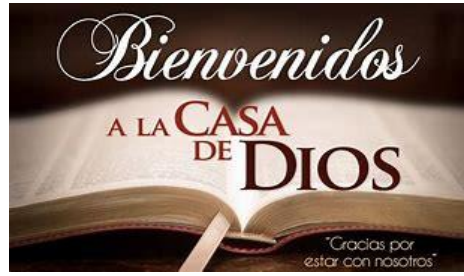
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope that belongs to our call.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do." Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



Si usted visita semanalmente Santa Gianna y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la parroquia, por favor hágalo. Las planillas de registración son VERDES y están ubicadas al costado de las puertas de la iglesia. El proceso de registración es simple pero muy importante para la administración de nuestra iglesia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad. **También Necesitamos de su Colaboración...** Para mantener los archivos de nuestra parroquia en orden, necesitamos de su ayuda. Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (646-5611) si usted desea solicitar sobres de contribución, cambiar su número telefónico, su estado civil o su domicilio. Gracias!

Horario de Misas en Español: Viernes: 7:00 PM y Domingos: 2:00 PM

Sacramento de Reconciliación: **Viernes:** 6:00 - 6:45PM y **Domingos:** 1:15 – 1:45 PM
Para confesarse fuera de los horarios sugeridos comunicarse con la oficina parroquial.

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

IMPORTANTE INFORMACION PARA LOS BAUTISMOS EN STA. GIANNA

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

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



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

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.

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 jamás este bello privilegio espiritual.

Lectura del Libro del Profeta Jeremias

Me sedujiste, Señor, y me dejé seducir; fuiste más fuerte que yo y me venciste. He sido el hazmerreír de todos; día tras día se burlan de mí. Desde que comencé a hablar, he tenido que anunciar a gritos violencia y destrucción. Por anunciar la palabra del Señor, me he convertido en objeto de oprobio y de burla todo el día. He llegado a decirme: "Ya no me acordaré del Señor ni hablaré más en su nombre". Pero había en mí como un fuego ardiente, encerrado en mis huesos; yo me esforzaba por contenerlo y no podía. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Señor, tú eres mi Dios, a ti te busco; de ti sedienta está mi alma.

Señor, todo mi ser te añora como el suelo reseco añora el agua.

R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Para admirar tu gloria y tu poder, con este afán te busco en tu santuario.

Pues mejor es tu amor que la existencia; siempre, Señor, te alabarán mis labios.

R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Podré así bendecirte mientras viva y levantar en oración mis manos.

De lo mejor se saciará mi alma; te alabaré con jubilosos labios.

R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Porque fuiste mi auxilio, y a tu sombra, Señor, canto con gozo.

A ti se adhiere mi alma y tu diestra me da seguro apoyo.

R. Señor, mi alma tiene sed de ti.

Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Romanos

Hermanos: Por la misericordia que Dios les ha manifestado, los exhorto a que se ofrezcan ustedes mismos como una ofrenda viva, santa y agradable a Dios, porque en esto consiste el verdadero culto. No se dejen transformar por los criterios de este mundo; sino dejen que una nueva manera de pensar los transforme internamente, para que sepan distinguir cuál es la voluntad de Dios, es decir, lo que es bueno, lo que le agrada, lo perfecto. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Que el Padre de nuestro Señor Jesucristo ilumine nuestras mentes para que podamos comprender cuál es la esperanza que nos da su llamamiento.

R. Aleluya.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Mateo

En aquel tiempo, comenzó Jesús a anunciar a sus discípulos que tenía que ir a Jerusalén para padecer allí mucho de parte de los ancianos, de los sumos sacerdotes y de los escribas; que tenía que ser condenado a muerte y resucitar al tercer día. Pedro se lo llevó aparte y trató de disuadirlo, diciéndole: "No lo permita Dios, Señor; eso no te puede suceder a ti". Pero Jesús se volvió a Pedro y le dijo: "¡Apártate de mí, Satanás, y no intentes hacerme tropezar en mi camino, porque tu modo de pensar no es el de Dios, sino el de los hombres!" Luego Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "El que quiera venir conmigo, que renuncie a sí mismo, que tome su cruz y me siga. Pues el que quiera salvar su vida, la perderá; pero el que pierda su vida por mí, la encontrará. ¿De qué le sirve a uno ganar el mundo entero, si pierde su vida? ¿Y qué podrá dar uno a cambio para recobrarla? Porque el Hijo del hombre ha de venir rodeado de la gloria de su Padre, en compañía de sus ángeles, y entonces le dará a cada uno lo que merecen sus obras." Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a ti Señor**

DENUNCIE EL ABUSO SEXUAL

Un número telefónico gratuito e independiente ha sido establecido por la Diócesis de Camden para ayudar a las personas a denunciar casos de abusos sexuales por sacerdotes, diáconos, religiosos, empleados y/o voluntarios. Las llamadas son manjadas por un trabajador social clínico licenciado. De acuerdo a la ley del estado, los abusos de menores son reportados a la División de Protección de la Infancia y la Permanencia y a la policía. Para más información o para obtener servicios de consejería y apoyo, llame al: 1-800-964-6588.

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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 Lukasiwicz al (856) 583-6170. Descargue el documento PDF en el que encontrará el folleto de IMEC con información del programa.

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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

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