

# 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

### WELCOME!!

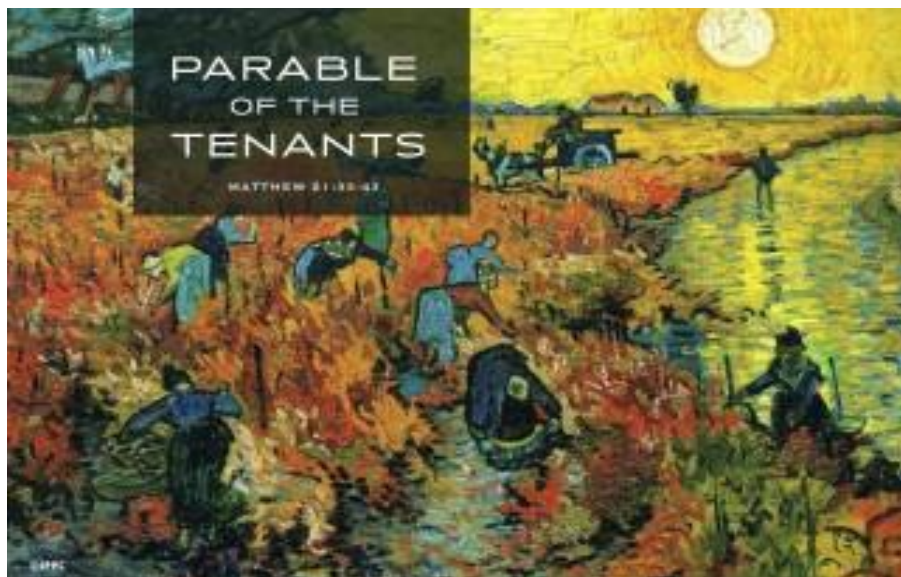
#### REGISTRATION

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.

### CONFESSIONS:

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

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



**SUNDAY,  
OCTOBER 8,  
2023  
27th SUNDAY  
IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

**Something Wonderful is about to Happen to Our Parish**

# *From the Pastor's Desk*

## **Anticipation of our Annual Forty Hours Devotion**

*"Let us, therefore, love God because God first loved us." 1 John 4:19)*

**A**lmighty God in His loving and wise Providence grants to us again the great privilege of being able to make the Forty Hours Devotion. Ours is the gift of life, of health and of strength, enabling us to enjoy the happiness of serving and adoring our Divine Master present in the Sacrament of the Altar. During our Forty Hours this year, you will note that some who worshipped with us last year at the Forty Hours will not be here. That was their last Forty Hours. They have been taken from us in death. Rather a sobering thought! Some others, this Forty Hours, are lying on a bed of pain and sickness. The cross of sickness and ill health has been allotted them as a trial and a means of great grace. How they would love to be with us at our Forty Hours! They can only be with us in spirit and sacrifice. A number of our boys and girls are serving in the Armed Forces away from home. They may not be physically present but they will be with us in spirit. We are the fortunate ones. God has placed NO OBSTACLE in our way. No difficulty besets our paths. A triduum of joy and of love awaits us. Love on both sides. Christ will be here and so will we. Why? Because love is the reason, God's motive and ours. Because Christ loves us, He instituted the Blessed Sacrament and remains present under the Eucharistic species. Because we, on the other hand, love Christ so present, we have to come to adore and render Him our homage. *"Let us, therefore, love God because God first loved us"* (1 John 4:19). For three days, as a united congregation, as one family, we shall be worshipping our Blessed Lord present in the Blessed Sacrament. By our faithfulness and devotion, we shall be giving testimony to our faith—to the fact of our sincere belief that in the Blessed Sacrament is the true Presence of the Body and Blood of Christ Himself. These will be three days when we will be present at Mass, happy days of procession and of fervent prayer. These will be days of confession and communion; days of adoration in which both the clergy and the laity will unite in adoration to our Eucharist Lord. This is all done for the purpose of giving public expression to an inward faith in the Most Blessed Sacrament.

### **What Does Our Lord Think?**

**W**hat the devout and faithful Catholic thinks of the Forty Hours is self-evident. Though we have many and various devotions throughout the year, we lovingly wait for the coming of our Forty Hours Devotion. I hope as you hear when Forty Hours will be celebrated, your heart skips a beat and a smile and feeling of pleasant anticipation will take possession of you. So, in evidence of our delight, we immediately turn to action. First, we begin by giving the church a thorough cleaning to make it spick and span! The walls, the pews, the floors will be waxed, etc. How about the altar and sanctuary? They will receive a good dusting and washing and freshly laundered and ironed altar linens are placed upon it with a beautiful antependium to adorn its front. All spotless and ironed to perfection! The candlesticks do not escape our scrutiny. They are scraped of accumulated wax and brand-new candles are put in them. The candles our first Communicants presented on their First Holy Communion day last May are placed in the candelabras representing their innocence and love for Jesus. We bring flowers and more flowers whose scents fill our church edifice and raise our mind and thoughts heavenward. Do not, for a moment, forget your Pastor for he also spends some solicitous moments. Upon him depends the good order for the Forty Hours. He must first arrange for a suitable preacher, and he knows he must be good and sound in Orthodoxy, for his parishioners expect something special for the Forty Hours. The choice is one of his big concerns. Then he must issue the invitations to visiting clergy and as host he must see to it that a proper table is set—one that will do honor to him and to his parishioners. The dual role of Martha and Mary falls on the pastor. The task is also his to see that in the church everything is as it should be and while solicitous about the spiritual side of the Forty Hours, he indeed, acts the part of Mary. In trying to fulfill his duties as host to visiting clergy he becomes the Martha, worrying himself about a multitude of household cares. And, so, it becomes a familiar sight for the people of the parish during the Forty Hours to see their pastor running all day and night between the church and the rectory.

**Y**ou may be sure he is the last one to leave the church after assuring himself that all the candles are extinguished and that the altar boys in their haste have not thrown the hot charcoal from the thurifer into the trash can! With this confidence that no danger of fire to the church exists, he murmurs, *“Good night Jesus”* and betakes himself to the rectory for a night of deserved rest, for it will be the pastor who will be up bright and early for the 8:00 a.m. morning prayer, lauds and exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. This is all said merely to refresh our minds and to make the picture somewhat clearer as to what we, the devout faithful, think of the Forty Hours Devotion. All these necessary preparations with the accompanying worry and anxiety, lovingly and willingly undertaken by all, go to prove that we love the Forty Hours Devotion and that in the life of our beautiful parish it is one of the most important events of the year. Catholics show by their actions that it is the purpose of the Forty Hours to publicly worship the most important Person connected with their existence and Who is none other than Jesus Christ, the Son of God! This much we take for granted. But, I often ask myself, what our Blessed Lord thinks

of the Forty Hours Devotion? Christ Our Lord is in heaven. He sits at the right Hand of God Almighty. From heaven He will look down upon our parishioners. There are the parishioners who will make the Forty Hours. The little children brought to church so devoutly by their parents. The altar servers making sure they are present for all their special assignments for Masses and holy hours. Then moms and dads who will try to come a little earlier from work so that after a long day they can get to church for evening Masses. What does our Lord think



about us who will make this devotion in His honor? I believe that our Blessed Lord will be greatly pleased with us. His Sacred Heart will beat with joy. Does not a father love to see his children? Does he not love to see his children gather to honor him? By that he judges that they are really his good children – that their hearts are in the right place and that they love him and show their love inwardly as well as outwardly. I firmly believe our Lord will very much be pleased with those of us who will make the Forty Hours because we have His word. *“For where there are two or three gathered together in My Name, there am I in the midst of them”* (Matthew 18:20). If He says that about two or three, how much more pleased will He be when He sees a huge number of people in our church. We know it to be an experience of life that when a person is happy, when he or she is pleased, one becomes more generous. For instance, take our parents. When do children ask them favors? Do they ask them for favors when they are cross or angry? No, but when they are pleased and happy. Our Lord is pleased and happy with us during our Forty Hours Devotion. Being pleased with us, He will be extremely generous with us. *“And whosoever should give to drink to one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, Amen, I say to you he shall not lose his reward”* (Matthew 10:42). We are giving God during our Forty Hours Devotion not only a cup of water, but all our love, all our service, all our adoration and worship. In return God will bless us, will reward us, will be generous with His Grace. Here is a practical thought. If there were anything that I desired very particularly from God, some favor or some grace, I would ask Him for it during the Forty Hours because I am sure He would grant it. I, Father Sunny, Father Opara, and Deacon George urge you to make the Forty Hours to make use of this time of grace to use every devotion for the benefit of your soul. Why do we exhort you so insistently that you make the Forty Hours Devotion? Because this may be the last Forty Hours that you are privileged to attend. Who of us knows whether he or she will live to attend another one? God only knows, and the matter rests in His Divine Hand. What assurance have we that the chance will be ours to make the Forty Hours next year?

There is one thing during the Forty Hours which is immensely pleasing to Our Lord and that is to make frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament during the time of the Forty Hours. We will have clip boards available to sign up. But, you can come over and beyond the time you will sign up for. How pleasing these visits must be to our Eucharistic Lord! They are pleasing because you come by yourself, voluntarily, of your own accord. These friendly visits are times taken out by you for a personal visit to Christ Jesus. This hour of your visit is something unofficial and intimate and informal. It is a chance to hold a conversation with Our Lord; to tell Him your wants, worries, anxieties; your joys, happiness and consolations. You can place your problems and your burdens at the feet of Our Lord and Master. Perhaps you need courage to face a certain situation, strength to overcome a temptation. Have you a favor to ask for? Is some danger threatening the peace and bliss of your domestic life? Is someone ill? Grasp the chance offered to you by the Forty Hours Devotion. Our Parish was made official as a Parish in 1966 with Msgr. Charles C. Beausang serving as the first Pastor. It is over 56 years old. It was formed years ago by the sacrifice and generosity of generations of devout Catholics. Some founders of our Parish are dead. Now, we must make the generous sacrifice to keep our Parish vibrant and active. YOU are the Parishioners of today!! An interesting question though, "Who is the oldest parishioner of our Parish? This question is discussed often with animation and leads to interesting conclusions. But, I would like to answer the question and tell you "the oldest parishioner of our parish is Christ Jesus Himself." Of course, He is! In fact, I'm going back in history and say that Christ was the first parishioner in the Catholic Church. Was not the stable of Bethlehem the first Catholic Church? Was it not Christ's presence there that made that humble stable the first Church on earth? Your forbearers in the Faith built this Church urged on by their Faith and zeal. But, this building became a Catholic Church only when the first Mass was said in it and Christ descended on your Altar and Jesus's Real and True Presence remained in your Tabernacle. Without the Blessed Sacrament, our church would merely be a hall, a meeting place, a place of assemblage akin to the Protestant church edifices. At the reformation, the Protestants re-



ferred the Real Presence and so converted the temple of God into a mere auditorium. Christ was the first on the altar of that church when it was built. His coming down from heaven on that first day made this building a Catholic Church. After all these years, He is STILL HERE, and if this Church stands another century, Christ in the Blessed Sacrament will be here. Christ is the oldest parishioner of any parish and Sacred Scripture gives up the reason: "My delight is to be with the children of men." Proverbs 8:31. It is my earnest and daily prayer that every single one of our parishioners will strive to make the Forty Hours Devotion. After we have made the Forty Hours, there certainly should be some change in us. The fruits of the Forty Hours are these – better Catholic men and women, better fathers, better mothers, better children – all holier, greater love, greater faith. Our Forty Hours Devotion should be a preparation for eternity. Jesus Christ, Our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament, help us to make a good Forty Hours Devotion.

*"Let us, therefore, love God because God first loved us."* 1 John 4:19

## FORTY HOURS DEVOTION

October 22, 23 & 24, 2023



### ADORATION

Throughout the three days of our Solemn Annual Exposition, you will have the opportunity to spend some quiet time with Jesus exposed on the Altar.

Here is Jesus for you – He, Who not only humbled Himself to come among us as a man, but in the Eucharist, further humiliates Himself by coming to us under the frail appearance of a piece of bread! Here is truly a God who loves us!

*What should you do during your hour of adoration?* You may bring your Bible and read significant passages from sacred scripture, especially Chapter 6 of St. John's Gospel. There will be adoration booklets available in the Church for you to use to help you in your prayer. You may wish to say the Holy Rosary.

Perhaps you just might want to sit and just "be" in the presence of your Lord God and Brother Jesus. When you begin your hour of adoration, make it for a special intention – perhaps you want to offer your hour for a son or daughter who is having problems or who has been away from the Church; for peace; for good health; for a job, etc....

*Whatever it may be, the Lord is there to listen to you!*

## The Anointing of the Sick

### and the Forty Hours

Sunday, October 22, 2023

On Sunday, October 22nd, we will open our Parish celebration of Forty Hours Devotion, i.e., Solemn Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament. We, the Priests of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, invite you to be a *part* of these three very special days. They are days filled with Spiritual growth for you and your loved ones.



We will begin with our celebration on Sunday, October 22nd at 4:00 PM with the Sacrament of the Sick. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is, as the words of St. James make clear, for the sick! It is no longer considered Last Rites. This Sacrament is for anyone who is sick, i.e., chronic sickness and also for anyone over the age of 65. In the Sacrament of the Sick, the Church extends the healing Hand of Christ to the sick. It is an encounter with Christ the Healer, Christ the Divine Physician. The woman in the Gospel was eager to touch only the Lord's cloak. "If I touch even His garment," she thought, "I shall be made well." The sick person today "touches" Him and experiences His power through the Sacramental Anointing. This Sacrament is NOT for people who are dead. It is for anyone who is ill. Won't you join us and welcome Christ into your life in this unique way? What more beautiful way to begin our "Forty Hours" than by recognizing Jesus, the Bread of Life, reserved in the Most Blessed Sacrament for our adoration and for the sick. **The Anointing of the Sick will be administered during a special Mass on Sunday, October 22nd at 4:00 PM.**

TRADITIONAL

LATIN MASS

SUNDAYS

12 NOON

OFFICE  
HOURS

Mon. – Thu.  
9 AM – 4 PM

CLOSED  
ON FRIDAYS

### From the Religious Education's Office:

We are happily accepting CCD registrations up until  
October 10th.

### Father Quick Quote

*"Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament has His hands full of graces, and He is ready to bestow them on anyone who asks for them."*

~St. Peter of Alcantara

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7**

4:30 PM John McGettigan r/b Marie McGettigan

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8**

8 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

10 AM Peter Parras r/b Donna Polazneck  
Raymond Giannini r/b Wife & Family  
John Vespertino r/b Eleonora & Dante Vespertino  
Frances Greydanus r/b Palomeque Family

12 Noon Hon. John J. DeLury r/b Bernard & Margaret DeLury  
Pedro Corona r/b Corona Franco Family

2 PM Josue Rodriguez r/b Orga Montoya  
Luz Astrid Gil r/b Momi

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 9**

8:30 AM Jerry Breeden r/b Joan & Shawn Ferrie

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10**

8:30 AM Kevin Dickinson r/b Mom & Dad

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11**

8:30 AM John Chiodo r/b Letitia Montes

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12**

8:30 AM Unity of the Church r/b Perez Family

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13**

8:30 AM Jerry Breeden r/b Thompson Family

7:00 PM Pedro Aristides Ozoria r/b Mercedes Valerio & Familia

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14**

4:30 PM Ida Martirone r/b Family

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15**

8 AM Michael Ellis r/b Diane Dixon

10 AM Emma Scanlon r/b Janice Branwood  
John Vespertino r/b Eleonora & Dante Vespertino  
Angela Renda & Salvatrice Morello r/b Perez Family

12 Noon Intentions of Rev. Manuppella r/b Sr. Dolores  
Health of Frances Ballotta r/b Sr. Dolores

2 PM Jessica Molina Colmenares r/b Familia Gil Lopez  
Juana Padilla Urena r/b Familia

**OCTOBER 7— OCTOBER 14**

**SANCTUARY LAMP AT MAIN ALTAR**

**WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF**

**LUS ASTRID GIL**

Requested By

**SU MADRE**

**ST. JOSEPH & BLESSED MOTHER ALTARS**

**THE LAMPS WILL BURN FOR  
THE INCREASE IN DEVOTION  
TO THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

Requested By

**BERNARD DE LURY**



**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.



**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!

**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

**LEVEL I FOR 3, 4 & 5 year olds**

**Now on Sunday morning.**

**D**ue to an increased need for additional classes for our 3, 4 and 5 year olds, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level I is expanding. An additional class is now being offered on Sunday mornings. If you are interested in knowing more or registering your child, please contact Vici at 609-646-0806.

**Sodality of St. Gianna**

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:** Tuesday, October 3, 2023 at 7 PM.

**Traveling Blessed Mother:** The traveling 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 for her intercession. If you would like to sign up for a week of prayer, please call Diane Del Rossi at 609-653-6905.

**Expectant Mothers:** The Sodality adopts expectant mothers and keep them 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 and Victoria Damico and their babies, soon to be born.

**Monthly Collection:** Thank you for your donations of men and women underwear. We collected 5 bags and 2 boxes full. This month we'll be collecting hoodies. Please bring your donations to the gathering area of the church on the weekend of October 21st & 22nd.



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 \* 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' thrill- \*  
 \* ing history. It's all yours in the Bahamas. Com- \*  
 \* fort 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 other- \*  
 \* wise 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 reser- \*  
 \* vation \*  
 \* **FINAL PAYMENT:** Due February 21, 2024 \*  
 \* For Reservation and Information, please con- \*  
 \* tact Patti Scharfetter, Travel Advisor, AAA Club \*  
 \* Alliance INC. 908-941-3630 or pscharfet- \*  
 \* ter2@aaamidatlantic.com \*  
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On Sunday, November 2, 2023 at 7:00PM we will be having a special Mass of Remembrance for all those who were buried from St. Gianna this past year. Everyone is invited to attend this special Mass.



**2023 Reservations For Memorial Christmas**

**Trees Starting:**  
October 16th

**Cutoff Date:**  
November 30th

Registration forms will be inserted in the bulletin on the weekend of October 14-15, 2023. No reservations will be accepted after November 30th.



**40 Hour Devotion**   
 OCTOBER 22, 23, 24, 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 this Sacrament, please let us know by contacting the Parish office.

# 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. You hold the *Mass book*
4. You 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 allow you to feel a closeness to God and at the same time it will 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 during the celebration of the Parish 40 Hours Devotion, on **Monday, October 23rd at 7 p.m.**

Once everyone signs up, I'll contact you and your parents with the dates and times of practices. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server, please fill out the form (below) 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: \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER/FATHER NAME: \_\_\_\_\_





## Millions of Monicas

*Praying with Confidence for our Children  
Every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. - Parish Church*

**W**e are a group of mothers, grandmothers, godmothers, Confirmation sponsors, and aunts coming together to lift up our children of all ages. Many of us have children who are struggling to embrace their Catholic faith or have left the Church entirely. Like St. Monica, we pray for their joyful return to full unity with the Catholic Church. We are not a support group or a self-help group. No sensitive information is shared. We believe that by coming together weekly, uniting our hearts and voices, we can bring strength and joy to each other. We want to encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children. We want to grow in humility and holiness. Visit [MillionsofMonicas.com](http://MillionsofMonicas.com) for more information or email at [StGiannas.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com](mailto:StGiannas.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com).

St. Gianna's Parish Northfield NJ  
[StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com](mailto:StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com)

One Hour

One Purpose

Our Children

Wednesdays 6:30pm

## BINGO WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

**O**ur 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. 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!!

## FROM THE SHARE THE WORD PRAYER GROUP

**W**e meet on Monday evenings in the Choir room in the church. We begin at 6:45 pm with the prayer of the Rosary.

At 7 pm: praise and worship, intercessory prayer, scripture reading, sharing and scripture teaching by Fr. Franklin Opara.

Everyone is welcome!!

For more information please contact Colleen at 609-703-7880.

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



10 CHANCES TO WIN  
\$1,000 EACH  
OR  
5% OF PROCEEDS  
COLLECTED

### Drawing

Saturday, October 28th

Following the 4:30 PM Mass

In front of the Church

### Tickets on Sale Now

After all the weekend Masses

And at the Parish office during regular office hours.

As always, your participation plays a vital part in the success of our annual raffle. Your support and your generosity are always greatly appreciated.

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

**M**ay we never tire of proclaiming the dignity and worth of every human life. May we never tire of serving the vulnerable and their caregivers with generous hearts. And may we never cease to pray for the day when all societies will defend the life of every human from conception to natural death.

## A READING FROM THE BOOK OF PROPHET ISAHIA

**L**et me now sing of my friend, my friend's song concerning his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside; he spaded it, cleared it of stones, and planted the choicest vines; within it he built a watchtower, and hewed out a wine press. Then he looked for the crop of grapes, but what it yielded was wild grapes. Now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard: What more was there to do for my vineyard that I had not done? Why, when I looked for the crop of grapes, did it bring forth wild grapes? Now, I will let you know what I mean to do with my vineyard: take away its hedge, give it to grazing, break through its wall, let it be trampled! Yes, I will make it a ruin: it shall not be pruned or hoed, but overgrown with thorns and briars; I will command the clouds not to send rain upon it. The vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his cherished plant; he looked for judgment, but see, bloodshed! for justice, but hark, the outcry! The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

*R. The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.*

A vine from Egypt you transplanted; you drove away the nations and planted it.  
It put forth its foliage to the Sea, its shoots as far as the River. **R.**

Why have you broken down its walls, so that every passer-by plucks its fruit,  
The boar from the forest lays it waste, and the beasts of the field feed upon it? **R.**

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see;  
take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted,  
the son of man whom you yourself made strong. **R.**

Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.  
O LORD, God of hosts, restore us; if your face shine upon us, then we shall be saved. **R.**

## A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

**B**rothers and sisters: Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

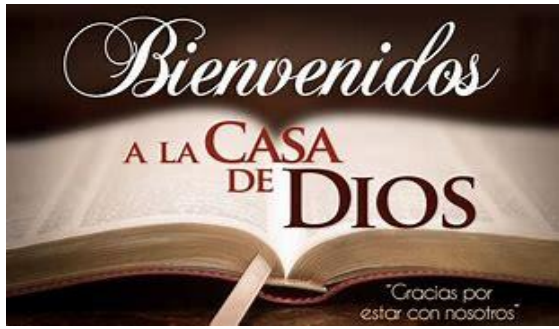
**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

I have chosen you from the world, says the Lord, to go and bear fruit that will remain.

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

**J**esus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: "Hear another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a hedge around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went on a journey. When vintage time drew near, he sent his servants to the tenants to obtain his produce. But the tenants seized the servants and one they beat, another they killed, and a third they stoned. Again he sent other servants, more numerous than the first ones, but they treated them in the same way. Finally, he sent his son to them, thinking, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to one another, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and acquire his inheritance.' They seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. What will the owner of the vineyard do to those tenants when he comes?" They answered him, "He will put those wretched men to a wretched death and lease his vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the proper times." Jesus said to them, "Did you never read in the Scriptures: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes?* Therefore, I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that will produce its fruit." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**



**MARQUEN SUS  
CALENDARIOS!!**

**DEVOCION DE LAS 40 HORAS  
OCTUBRE 22, 23 & 24**



**2024 SOBRES DE CONTRIBUCIÓN**  
**Aquellas personas que desean solicitar sobres de contribución por favor dirigirse a la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves de 9 am—4 pm.**

**S**i 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.

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**R.C.I.A RELIGION EDUCATIVA  
 PARA ADULTOS  
 JUEVES 6:45 pm**  
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Bishop Dennis Sullivan celebrara el Sacramento de Confirmacion en Santa Gianna Beretta Molla el Miercoles 8 de Noviembre a las 5:00 p.m. Toda la comunidad de Santa Gianna esta invitada a participar en esta importante celebración.



**Misa de Unción de los Enfermos**  
**Domingo 22 de Octubre, 2023**  
**4:00 pm**

**R**ecuerden: Los Bautismos se celebran los **Pri-meros 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.

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<https://www.facebook.com/MinisterioHispanoDOC>

## ¡VENGAN A ADORARLO!



Mientras "navegaba" en la Internet, me encontré con este maravilloso artículo explicando la hermosa tradición de las "40 Horas". El Padre Saunders (Decano de la Escuela de Graduados Notre Dame de Christendom College y Pastor de Nuestra Señora de Esperanza en Sterling, Virginia) hizo un excelente trabajo al explicar el origen y propósito de esta Devoción a nuestro Rey de la Eucaristía! Leamos este artículo en preparación a nuestra Devoción de las 40 Horas que comienzan el domingo 22 de octubre a las 4 de la tarde.

La Devoción de las 40 Horas es un período especial de oración continua hecha ante el Santísimo Sacramento en Exposición solemne. El foco de esta devoción está en la Sagrada Eucaristía. Como católicos, las palabras de nuestro Señor arden en nuestros corazones: *"Yo mismo soy el pan vivo que desciende del cielo. Si alguno come este pan, vivirá para siempre; el pan que daré es mi carne para la vida del mundo"* (Juan 6:51). Afirmando nuestra creencia en la presencia real de nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento, el Concilio Vaticano II enseñó que la Sagrada Eucaristía es "la fuente y la cumbre de la vida cristiana" (Lumen Gentium, 11). Mientras la Misa es el acto central de adoración que nos hace participar en la Pasión, Muerte y Resurrección de nuestro Señor, el Concilio Vaticano II confirmó y animó la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento fuera de la Misa. Esta devoción deriva del sacrificio de la Misa y mueve a los fieles a la comunión sacramental y espiritual con nuestro Señor. Como bien lo expreso el Papa Pío XII en su encíclica Mediador Dei, "Esta práctica de adoración tiene un fundamento válido y firme". El número cuarenta siempre ha significado un período sagrado: las lluvias durante el tiempo de Noé duraron 40 días y noches; los judíos vagaron por el desierto durante 40 años, nuestro Señor ayunó y oró durante 40 días antes de comenzar su ministerio público. La devoción de las 40 Horas recuerda ese tradicional "período de cuarenta horas" desde el entierro de nuestro Señor hasta la Resurrección. De hecho, en la Edad Media, el Santísimo Sacramento fue trasladado al Repositorio "el Sepulcro de Pascua", durante este período de tiempo para significar el tiempo de nuestro Señor en la tumba. La Devoción de las 40 Horas comienza con una Misa Solemne de Exposición, que concluye con la Exposición del Santísimo Sacramento y una Procesión. El Santísimo Sacramento permanece en el altar en una custodia. Durante las siguientes 40 horas, los fieles se reúnen para la oración personal o pública en adoración a nuestro Señor. Un sacerdote puede ser invitado a dar una serie de homilías. Se deben ofrecer y fomentar las confesiones. Mientras que la devoción de 40 Horas nutre el amor de los fieles por nuestro Señor en el Santísimo Sacramento, tres dimensiones especiales han rodeado también esta devoción: la protección del mal y la tentación; la reparación de nuestros propios pecados y de las almas del Purgatorio; y liberación de calamidades políticas, materiales o espirituales. Aquí los fieles imploran a nuestro Señor que derrame Su Abundante Gracia no sólo para sí mismos, sino también para sus vecinos, no sólo por sus necesidades personales, sino por las del mundo. Esta es una maravillosa oportunidad para el crecimiento espiritual de cada persona y de la parroquia en su conjunto. En un mundo donde la tentación y el mal abundan, donde la devoción a la Misa y nuestro Señor en la Sagrada Eucaristía han disminuido, donde la práctica de la penitencia y la confesión han sido olvidadas, necesitamos la Devoción de las 40 Horas más que nunca.

### Lectura del Libro del Profeta Ezequiel

**V**oy a cantar, en nombre de mi amado, una canción a su viña. Mi amado tenía una viña en una ladera fértil. Removió la tierra, quitó las piedras y plantó en ella vides selectas; edificó en medio una torre y excavó un lagar. Él esperaba que su viña diera buenas uvas, pero la viña dio uvas agrias. Ahora bien, habitantes de Jerusalén y gente de Judá, yo les ruego, sean jueces entre mi viña y yo. ¿Qué más pude hacer por mi viña, que yo no lo hiciera? ¿Por qué cuando yo esperaba que diera uvas buenas, las dio agrias? Ahora voy a darles a conocer lo que haré con mi viña; le quitaré su cerca y será destrozada. Derribaré su tapia y será pisoteada. La convertiré en un erial, nadie la podará ni le quitará los cardos, crecerán en ella los abrojos y las espinas, mandaré a las nubes que no lluevan sobre ella. Pues bien, la viña del Señor de los ejércitos es la casa de Israel, y los hombres de Judá son su plantación preferida. El Señor esperaba de ellos que obraran recatemente y ellos, en cambio, cometieron iniquidades; él esperaba justicia y sólo se oyen reclamaciones. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

**SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.**

Señor, tú trajiste de Egipto una vid, arrojaste de aquí a los paganos y la plantaste; ella extendió sus sarmientos hasta el mar, y sus brotes llegaban hasta el río.

**R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.**

Señor ¿por qué has derribado su cerca de modo que puedan saquear tu viña los que pasan, pisotearle los animales salvajes, y las bestias del campo destrozarla?

**R. La viña del Señor es la casa de Israel.**

Señor, Dios de los ejércitos, vuelve tus ojos, mira tu viña y visítala; protege la cepa plantada por tu mano, el renuevo que tú mismo cultivaste.

Ya no nos alejaremos de ti: consérvanos la vida y alabaremos tu poder.  
Restablécenos, Señor, Dios de los ejércitos, míranos con bondad y estaremos a salvo.

### Lectura de la Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Filipenses

**H**ermanos: No se inquieten por nada; más bien presenten en toda ocasión sus peticiones a Dios en la oración y la súplica, llenos de gratitud. Y que la paz de Dios, que sobrepasa toda inteligencia, custodie sus corazones y sus pensamientos en Cristo Jesús. Por lo demás, hermanos, aprecien todo lo que es verdadero y noble, cuanto hay de justo y puro, todo lo que es amable y honroso, todo lo que sea virtud y merezca elogio. Pongan por obra cuanto han aprendido y recibido de mí, todo lo que yo he dicho y me han visto hacer; y el Dios de la paz estará con ustedes. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

Yo los he elegido del mundo, dice el Señor, para que vayan y den fruto, y su fruto permanezca.

**R. Aleluya.**

### Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Mateo

**E**n aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los sumos sacerdotes y a los ancianos del pueblo esta parábola: "Había una vez un propietario que plantó un viñedo, lo rodeó con una cerca, cavó un lagar en él, construyó una torre para el vigilante y luego lo alquiló a unos viñadores y se fue de viaje. Llegado el tiempo de la vendimia, envió a sus criados para pedir su parte de los frutos a los viñadores; pero éstos se apoderaron de los criados, golpearon a uno, mataron a otro y a otro más lo apedrearon. Envió de nuevo a otros criados, en mayor número que los primeros, y los trataron del mismo modo. Por último, les mandó a su propio hijo, pensando: 'A mi hijo lo respetarán'. Pero cuando los viñadores lo vieron, se dijeron unos a otros: 'Éste es el heredero. Vamos a matarlo y nos quedaremos con su herencia'. Le echaron mano, lo sacaron del viñedo y lo mataron. Ahora, díganme: cuando vuelva el dueño del viñedo, ¿qué hará con esos viñadores?" Ellos le respondieron: "Dará muerte terrible a esos desalmados y arrendará el viñedo a otros viñadores, que le entreguen los frutos a su tiempo". Entonces Jesús les dijo: "¿No han leído nunca en la Escritura: *La piedra que desecharon los constructores, es ahora la piedra angular. Esto es obra del Señor y es un prodigio admirable?* Por esta razón les digo que les será quitado a ustedes el Reino de Dios y se le dará a un pueblo que produzca sus frutos". 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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Márquen sus calendarios!!

**Hora Santa**

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Santísimo Sacramento**

**Primer Viernes** de cada mes  
inmediatamente después de la Misa  
Los esperamos!!

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2:45-6:00 PM. EUCARISTIA PRESIDIDA POR EL OBISPO DENNIS SULLIVAN. PARA MAS INFORMACION 856-583-6170**

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### HORA SANTA

La Secretaria de Alcance Pastoral y la Secretaria de Evangelización y Ministerio Hispano presentan el 19 de Octubre de 7 a 8 p.m. Hora Santa en la Parroquia Santa Cruz , 49 Central Ave. in Bridgeton, NJ 08302. Rev. Matthew Weber. Música a cargo del coro infantil de la parroquia. Después de la Hora Santa se ofrecerá un refrigerio.

### CONFESIONES

**EN ESPAÑOL**

VIERNES: 6:15 PM

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1:15-1:45 PM

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