

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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"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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



ST. GIANNA PARISH SERVED BY

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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 DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM

Feast Day: 8:30 AM and 12:00 Noon

7:00 PM (Bilingual)

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays (English): 3:00 – 4:30 PM

Sundays (Spanish): 1:15-1:45 PM

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: Closed

HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

ENTRANCE: "O Come, Divine Messiah" #651 in the St. Michael Hymnal

OFFERTORY: "Creator of the Stars of Night" #497 in the St. Michael Hymnal

COMMUNION: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" #609 in the St. Michael Hymnal

CLOSING: "People, Look East" #712 in the St. Michael Hymnal

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Just about everyone knows that the Church has set aside six weeks, called Lent, to prepare us for the feast of Our Lord's Resurrection. But we are not as conscious of the four weeks of Advent as a preparation for His birthday. We get no help from the department stores. There are no signs that say, "Advent is here—do your Christmas praying early!" For the money-minded these four weeks are just one big Christmas shopping season. It is a pity that we don't think much about Advent, because it is one of the most beautiful periods in the whole Church year, and one that we need very much. Certainly we need to have a spiritual, as well as a material, preparation for Christmas. If we plan so carefully on the presents we are going to give our loved ones, what about our birthday present for the Christ Child? He does want one, but a gift not bought with money, and no material things. He wants us, freshly clean from sin, pleasing by His grace. Advent is the time we prepare that gift. It is a four-week period in which the Church vests Her ministers in purple, to lead us into sober reflection on our sinfulness. The weeks before Christmas remind us of the centuries before Christ, when men had lost God's friendship through original sin. Think back on all those thousands of years when not a single Soul could enter Heaven, not a single voice ever spoke the names of Jesus or Mary, not a single person knew the mercies of the Sacred Heart. All these things are ours. We can still lose God's friendship by our personal sins, but we can regain it a great deal more surely. The first fruits of our Advent thinking should not only be a horror of sin and life without God, but thankfulness that Christ has come, that Christmas is the anniversary of His coming. What gifts we have that our Jewish fathers never dreamed of! All things are ours, says St. Paul, because we are Christ's and Christ is God's. The primary place to find the spirit of Advent is in the Church, at Holy Mass. Look over the readings for these four Sundays; talk them over beforehand, perhaps at the family table on Saturday nights. The whole keynote of Advent is struck in the *collect* prayer for the First Sunday of Advent Mass: "*Stir up Thy power, O Lord, and come, that from the threatening dangers of our sins by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued and be saved by Thy deliverance.*" St. Paul tells us in the same Mass that it is the hour to rise from sleep, for now our salvation is nearer than we thought. And Our Lord Himself reminds us in the Gospel, with its story of the last day, that He comes twice to earth. Once He has already come, in love and lowliness, to Bethlehem, and He continues His presence now through the life of grace. But, He shall come the second time in justice, in a conqueror's power and glory at the last judgment, and all our present preparation is ultimately for the last day, that He may claim us for His own. In the readings of Advent you will hear the prophets speaking, the holy men of Israel, and especially Isaiah, who predicted seven centuries before Christ that a Virgin would conceive and bear a son, Emmanuel, which means God-with-us. Isaiah is the poet who sings, "*The mountains and the hills shall sing praise before God and all the trees of the woods shall clap their hands, for the Lord of all, that hath dominion, shall come into His everlasting kingdom.*" Then there is John the Baptist, the voice of one crying in the wilderness. "*Make straight the way of the Lord!*" The Church celebrated his feast on June 24th, which is, you may recall, about the time of the longest day of the year. It was John who said, "*I must decrease and He must increase,*" and it is happy symbolism that from the time of his feast the days steadily grow shorter, all the way to Christmastime, when days grow longer and Christ, the Light of the World, has come. Entering into the Spirit of Advent will give you a delightful surprise: December is a whole new month of Mary! Ordinarily, we think of May as the month of Mary, and so it is—a gift that we ourselves have given Her, the month when all the fresh new world of spring is fairest. But, she has two special months: May, as a result of our devotion, and December, in the unfolding of the liturgical year.



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Please place a hedge of protection around each and every one. I ask this in the name of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Adoration Schedule

1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
9 AM – 12 NOON



The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Mother Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

Vigil: Thursday, December 7, 2023

7:00 PM

Feast Day: Friday, December 8, 2023

8:30 AM

12 Noon

7:00 PM (Bilingual Mass)

YOU'LL
SCREAM IF YOU
MISS THIS!



PARISH CHRISTMAS

TREE LIGHTING

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023

AFTER THE 4:30PM MASS

BLESSING, CAROLS, COOKIES, HOT
CHOCOLATE AND "MUCHO" LIGHTS!!



PARISH RORATE MASS

JOIN US FOR THE SPECIAL CELEBRATION OF
THE HOLY MASS AT DAWN.

THIS MASS IS OFFERED BY CANDLELIGHT IN
HONOR OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16TH

6:00 AM



Parish Notes



BINGO DURING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

LAST DAY: WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20th.

CLOSED:

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23rd
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27th
SATURDAY DECEMBER 30th

RESUMES: WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3, 2024

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 to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

Couples planning to marry at St. Gianna are expected to contact the priest to arrange a date and time **FIRST**. Second, they must attend the Pre-Cana conferences as mandated by the Most Reverend Bishop. The period of preparation for marriage is a minimum of **six** months to ensure completion of all arrangements before the wedding day. Please contact the parish office for more information.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA

Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210
For information and to register for the class please call **609-287-9205 or 609-827-2127**.

Baptisms are celebrated 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 7:30PM in the parish hall. Please call the parish office to register for the class.

REQUIREMENTS FOR SPONSORING A CHILD FOR BAPTISM/CONFIRMATION (GODPARENTS)

- *Catholic, having received all the sacraments of initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation).
- *16 years of age or older.
- *If married, married according to the laws of the Catholic Church
- *Faithfully practices and believes in the Catholic faith as a participating member of a parish community (attending Mass faithfully on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation)
- *If not registered in this parish, must present a *Sponsorship letter* from the parish that he/she belongs.

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD!

Today we begin four weeks of preparing to receive Jesus in our hearts. And in order to do that at Christmas, we need to make a plan today. *What can we do* to make Advent count much more in your life? How about this! This Advent *participate* at daily Mass as frequently as you can... *receive* Christ in the Holy Eucharist often...*practice* patience... *make* kindness a big part of your life... *be more* understanding... *look* at Christ in **every person** you meet! Make up your mind that today this Advent will be the most rewarding one you have ever lived! Happy Advent!!



Making the Advent Wreath

MATERIALS NEEDED:

*Three purple candles and one pink candle (or four white candles, three tied with purple bows and the fourth tied with a pink bow). *Four small candleholders (or a commercially available circular form which includes the candleholders). *Evergreen branches (if commercial form is not used, these may be wound with wire to form a wreath). The candles should be placed at equi-distant points around the circle.

Blessing of the Advent Wreath

Parent: God of Wonder, send down Your blessing on our family's wreath. May all of us who use it prepare a special place in our hearts for Christ's coming. May this wreath and its light remind us of Christ's promised coming. Send down Your many blessings on our family during this Holy Season.

All: We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

WEEK 1: *One purple Candle is lit. The following prayer is said*

Parent: God of Light, come, be our protector and our guide. Save us from all danger that might threaten us. Come into our hearts with Your light. Fill our hearts with love for one another.

All: We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

WEEK 2: *Two purple candles are lit. Then the following prayer is said*

Parent: God of Light, stir up our hearts and come. Make us ready for the coming of Your Son, Jesus. As we gather around our family wreath, we remember God's promise to always be with us. We know You are here, good and gentle God, and we thank You for loving us.

All: We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

WEEK 3: *Two purple candles and one pink is lit. Then the following prayer is said*

Parent: God of Light, come and enlighten the darkness of our minds. Be our strength and our guide. Renew us with Your love and help us to share Your love with one another.

All: We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.

WEEK 4: *All four candles are lit. Then the following prayer is said*

Parent: God of Light, we continue to await Your coming into our hearts and into our family. Come quickly so that through Your grace we may become more loving and peaceful.

All: We ask this in the name of Christ, Your Son and our Brother. Amen.





Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:30 PM Salvatore Faia r/b Carmen & Barbara Faia

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

8 AM Mercedes Grote r/b Legion of Mary

10 AM Cliff Burwell r/b Dan Del Monte
La Mae Perez & Angela Renda r/b Perez Family
Jean M. Belizaire r/b Marie Trenard

12 Noon Sabrina Lynn Diaz r/b Ray & Maria P. Reyes

2 PM Luz Eva Merced r/b Poveromo & Ehrler Family

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

8:30 AM Phyllis Purcell r/b Charles & Gwen Coyle

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

8:30 AM Intenions of Donald & Melania Trump r/b Charles & Gwen Coyle

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

8:30 AM Linden Wineland r/b Uncle Tony & Family

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7

8:30 AM Intentions of Kathryn Di Cosola r/b Your Son Joe

7:00 PM Special Intention of Barbara Costello

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 8

8:30 AM Frances Chiodo r/b Letitia Montes

12 Noon Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

7:00 PM Marta Ospina r/b Familia Ospina

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9

4:30 PM Intentions of Eleonora Vespertino & Family
r/b Josephine Mancinelli
Arcadia Morales r/b Familia Morales Martinez

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

8 AM John A. Talamini r/b Jim & Fran Gray

10 AM Joseph De Stefano
Eugenie Belizaire r/b Marie Trenard
Damian Pecikonis r/b Davis Family

12 Noon Perlita S. Ablaza r/b Reyes Family

2 PM Maria Rodriguez r/b Elsie Moya
Margarita Perez r/b Familia Robles Perez

DECEMBER 2 – DECEMBER 8

SANCTUARY LAMP AT MAIN ALTAR

WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

SABRINA LYNN DIAZ

Requested By

RAY & MARIA REYES & FAMILY

ST. JOSEPH & BLESSED MOTHER ALTARS

LAMPS WILL BURN FOR

THE INCREASE IN DEVOTION

TO THE TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Requested By

BERNARD DE LURY



Family and friends for whose intentions the Mass is being offered are invited to bring up the Offertory Gifts at the Mass. Before the Liturgy begins, please indicate your intention to one of our Ushers.



Saint Gianna's Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are readily available to bring 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.



2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE SETS

If you are a registered parishioner of St. Gianna, presently using contribution envelopes, please stop by the parish office to pick up your 2024 set. Also, stop by the office if you are not presently using envelopes and would like to request a set. Thank you.

Offering Envelopes





**SODALITY 2023 ANNUAL
CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON**

The Annual Sodality Christmas lunch will be held on **Sunday, December 10, 2023 at 1:00 PM** at the Crab Trap in Somers Point. Tickets are \$35 each (choice of stuffed flounder, stuffed chicken or filet mignon). If interested, please call Linda Cohen at 609-703-6962. Get your tickets as early as possible; it promises to be a delightful afternoon.



**CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD
LEVEL I FOR 3, 4 & 5 year olds
Now on Sunday morning.**

Due 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.

ATTENTION LECTORS!!

The 2024 Workbooks for Lectors have arrived. **Active lectors** using the book are welcome to stop by the parish office to pick up the new edition.

Be a Server at the Altar!

We are in need of adults who are available to become altar servers and help at funerals, weddings, daily Mass, and other holidays when our youth is not available. If you are interested please see Father Anthony after Mass or call the parish office (609-646-5611). Training will begin in a couple of weeks.



**FROM THE SHARE THE WORD
PRAYER GROUP**

We meet on Monday evenings in the gathering area of 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.

Millions of Monicas

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

We 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 for more information or email at: StGiannas.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com.

St. Gianna's Legion of Mary group meets each Tuesday at 3:00 PM in the Choir room



located behind the Altar, in our church. You are most welcome to join us. Please mark your calendar. Everyone is welcome!





your attention please

THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

We are fortunate enough to worship in a Church in which the **Body of Christ** is reserved. It is right to acknowledge the **Lord's Real Presence** with a brief act of worship on entering or leaving the Church and every time passing by the Tabernacle. 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!



LITURGICAL CALENDAR FOR THE DIOCESES OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Committee on Divine Worship

Each year the Secretariat of Divine Worship of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops publishes the Liturgical Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America. The calendar is based upon the General Roman Calendar, promulgated by Pope Paul VI on February 14, 1969, subsequently amended by Pope John Paul II, and the Proper Calendar for the Dioceses of the United States of America, approved by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This calendar has been updated to reflect the names and titles of the various Liturgical days in conformity with the Roman Missal, Third Edition. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal reminds us that in the cycles of Readings and Prayers proclaimed throughout the year in the Sacred Liturgy "the Mysteries of Redemption are celebrated so as to be in some way made present." Thus may each celebration of the Holy Eucharist which is served by this calendar be for the Church in the United States of America "the high point both of the action by which God sanctifies the world in Christ and of the worship that the Human Race offers to the Father, adoring Him through Christ, the Son of God, in the Holy Spirit."

Sunday Cycle YEAR B - December 3, 2023 to November 24, 2024

OUR LADY OF SORROWS YOUTH GROUP

724 MAPLE AVE. LINWOOD
609-927-1154

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
MONDAY—FRIDAY 4 TO 8 PM
SAT. & SUNDAY 10 AM—8 PM**

Our Lady of Sorrows youth group is selling hundreds of high quality, fresh-cut Christmas trees from western Pennsylvania (5 to 12 feet). Prices are competitive and proceeds benefit local Catholic charities.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS IS SPONSORING COFFEE & DONUTS WITH SANTA ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023 AT 10:30 AM. UNTIL 12 NOON. OUR LADY OF SORROWS CHURCH HALL. ALL ARE INVITED!!

GRATITUDE

Your Parish Community is

GRATEFUL

for your consistent contributions.

families that

PRAY TOGETHER

stay together.

SANCTITY OF LIFE PRAYER - Pro-Life DFW Community

God of heaven and earth, you create every human life in your image. You knit us with care and sustain us each day. You shower us with gifts and look on us with pride. You alone are the source of every good thing. You are our strength, our courage, and our hope.

Lord, we lament for a world that does not recognize the value of every life, whether born or preborn. We cry out to You on behalf of the lives lost each day through abortion. We grieve with those who grieve the loss of children and grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Lord, we lift up in prayer to You those who need You most: For those, even Christians, who believe the lie of culture that life is only as valuable as its capabilities or resources, we ask for You to soften hearts and reveal Your truth.

For the many, many women who want to keep their unborn children but cannot see any possible options for doing so, we pray for support, encouragement, and for sisters and brothers in Christ to rise up and meet their needs.

For women told lies about the impact that choosing abortion will have, and for women who are told they have no choice, Lord, we ask for clarity and courage. For men who will never know or hold their child, and are left to wonder "what if," we pray for comfort and strength. For women whose bodies have been damaged, some even to the point of death, by an abortion, Lord, we pray for healing.

Mighty God, we cling to your promises – for justice to be fulfilled, for your grace to be made known, and for Your peace to rule in hearts and minds and lives. Help us to live out the vision You have given us for life in this world. Give us the will and the courage to put the lives of others before our own and to advocate on their behalf, to sacrifice where necessary and to serve where needed.

Lord, you are ever-faithful. Make us faithful in our service to You. Amen.



Community Men's Prayer Group

Gather with men from various parishes to share the "Upcoming Sunday" scriptures and discuss what it means to them. You need not be a scholar, only an openness to learn and participate. The prayer group will meet at the following locations at 7:00 pm on Tuesday nights:

1st Tuesday of the month: Our Lady of Sorrows Church (in the annex next to the church), Wabash Ave. between Poplar and Wilson Ave's, Linwood, NJ

2nd & 5th Tuesday of the month: Assumption Church (in the chapel), 146 S. Pitney Road, Gallopway, NJ

3rd Tuesday of the month: Leeds Hall behind Blessed Sacrament Church (entry off of Jerome Ave.), Margate, NJ

4th Tuesday of the month (starting in January): St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (classroom), 591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, NJ

For information, call Tom at 609-289-7610.

Our Parish has a lively group of men & ladies who meet at 1:00 p.m. on the 2nd Wednesday of each month to socialize with conversation, exchange of ideas, and enjoy refreshments. What a better way to enjoy an afternoon? The group is happy to welcome new members at any time and everyone is encouraged to join it. Remember, they meet in the parish hall.



LEGION OF MARY

NEWS

St. Gianna Legion of Mary will be handing out Miraculous medals at all Masses on Sunday, December 31, 2023 and Monday, January 1st in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God.

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

You, LORD, are our father, our redeemer you are named forever. Why do you let us wander, O LORD, from your ways, and harden our hearts so that we fear you not? Return for the sake of your servants, the tribes of your heritage. Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down, with the mountains quaking before you, while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for, such as they had not heard of from of old. No ear has ever heard, no eye ever seen, any God but you doing such deeds for those who wait for him. Would that you might meet us doing right, that we were mindful of you in our ways! Behold, you are angry, and we are sinful; all of us have become like unclean people, all our good deeds are like polluted rags; we have all withered like leaves, and our guilt carries us away like the wind. There is none who calls upon your name, who rouses himself to cling to you; for you have hidden your face from us and have delivered us up to our guilt. Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hands. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth.

Rouse your power, and come to save us.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

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. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you;
give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS

Brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always on your account for the grace of God bestowed on you in Christ Jesus, that in him you were enriched in every way, with all discourse and all knowledge, as the testimony to Christ was confirmed among you, so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will keep you firm to the end, irreproachable on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, and by him you were called to fellowship with his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

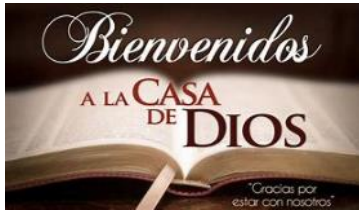
R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MARK

Jesus said to his disciples: "Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come. It is like a man traveling abroad. He leaves home and places his servants in charge, each with his own work, and orders the gatekeeper to be on the watch. Watch, therefore; you do not know when the lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cock-crow, or in the morning. May he not come suddenly and find you sleeping. What I say to you, I say to all: 'Watch!'" 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 registraci3n est3n ubicadas en el vestibule de la iglesia. El proceso de registraci3n es simple pero muy importante para la administraci3n de nuestra iglesia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad.

Tambi3n Necesitamos de su Colaboraci3n... Para mantener los archivos de nuestra parroquia en orden, necesitamos de su ayuda. Por favor comuniquese con la oficina parroquial (646-5611) si usted desea solicitar sobres de contribuci3n, cambiar su n3mero telef3nico, su estado civil o su domicilio. Gracias!

Horario de Misas en Espa3ol
Viernes: 7:00 PM y Domingos: 2:00 PM

Sacramento de Reconciliaci3n
Domingos: 1:15 – 1:45 PM

Para confesarse fuera de los horarios sugeridos comunicarse con la oficina parroquial.



Concepci3n Inmaculada de la Sant3sima Virgen
Viernes 8 de Diciembre
D3a de Precepto Obligatorio
Obligacion de ir a Misa con lleva pecado grave si no se cumple
VIGILIA (JUEVES): 7:00 PM (ENGLISH)
HORARIOS DE MISA EL DIA DE FESTIVIDAD
8:30 AM (ENGLISH)
12 NOON (ENGLISH)
7:00 PM (BILINGUAL)

2024 SOBRES DE CONTRIBUCI3N
Aquellas personas que desean solicitar sobres de contribuci3n por favor dirigirse a la oficina parroquial de lunes a jueves de 9 am—4 pm.

Recuerden: Los Bautismos se celebran los **Primeros S3bados** de cada mes a las **11 AM**. La **clase de Preparaci3n Bautismal** para los padres y los padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **3ltimo Viernes** del mes inmediatamente despu3s de la Misa de las 7 de la tarde en la iglesia.

Visite la Pagina Oficial de Facebook de la Diocesis de Camden, Ministerio Hispano, para enterarse de todos los eventos para la Comunidad.
<https://www.facebook.com/MinisterioHispanoDOC>

HONRANDO A MARIA
Todos los Viernes antes de la Misa de las 7 de la tarde nos reunimos a rezar el Santo Rosario en en la Iglesia. Marque su calendario y acompa3enos.



HORA SANTA
PRIMER VIERNES DE CADA MES
DESPUE3S DE LA MISA DE LAS 7:00 PM

ATENCION LECTORES!!
Los libros de pr3ctica para el a3o 2024 ya han arri-vado. Dir3jase a la oficina parroquial para retirar una copia de Lunes a Jueves de 9 AM a 4 pm.



TIEMPO DE ADVIENTO

Generalmente cuando comienza el tiempo de Adviento, los signos de la Navidad ya han comenzado a rodearnos durante varias semanas. Desafortunadamente, la comercialización de Navidad muchas veces nos distrae del verdadero significado del Adviento. El Adviento es un tiempo de preparación gradual y reflexiva que nos prepara para la Navidad.



Es difícil no quedar atrapado en los centros comerciales abarrotados, el oropel y la colorida envoltura de regalos que forman una parte tan importante de la Temporada. Es difícil concentrar nuestra atención en que la celebración de la Navidad se trata del amor infinito de Dios por nosotros, tal como se manifiesta en el don de Jesús. La celebración de este evento es tan importante que la Iglesia le dedica cuatro semanas de preparación, irónicamente, en medio de toda la agitación de la época navideña, Dios nos llama a establecernos y a reflexionar en silencio sobre la maravilla de la venida de Jesús. Como cristianos, escuchamos atentamente el llamado de Dios a la reflexión. Nos tomamos el tiempo para hacer una pausa, recordarnos y renovar nuestra relación con Dios. Nuestra disposición interior es como la de los israelitas: esperamos al Mesías; mientras esperamos, confiamos en que Dios dirigirá nuestras vidas, llenando nuestras vidas con significado. El mundo que nos rodea nos da motivos para reflexionar de manera especial durante la Temporada de Adviento. Nos encontramos rodeados por problemas de la guerra, enfermedades incurables, el hambre y la falta de vivienda. Vivimos en un mundo donde todos no son iguales ni libres. Quizás, más que nunca, necesitamos detenernos para reconocer y abrazar la verdadera paz interior que Dios nos ofrece a través de Jesús.

El Adviento puede ser verdaderamente un tiempo precioso para que las familias reconozcan la paz de Cristo en el hogar y en el corazón de cada miembro de la familia. Si las familias realmente usan la temporada de Adviento para reflexionar, puede ser un momento para que cada miembro de la familia se acerque más a Dios y a los demás. Si Adviento es despedido, esta época del año puede convertirse simplemente en una fuente de presión y ansiedad. En la iglesia primitiva, se celebraban cuatro diferentes "venidas" o manifestaciones del Señor como una sola fiesta el 6 de enero: su nacimiento, la visita de los Reyes Magos, su bautismo por Juan y su milagro en Caná. La fiesta se llamaba "Epifanía", una palabra griega que significa "manifestación, manifestación". La Epifanía se convirtió, junto con la Pascua, en una fecha tradicional para los Bautismos. Así como los Bautismos en Pascua fueron preparados para un tiempo de ayuno y penitencia (Cuaresma), así los Bautismos en Epifanía fueron preparados por un tiempo de ayuno y penitencia llamado "Adviento" (de una palabra latina que significa "venir"). Gradualmente, en muchos lugares, el nacimiento de Cristo tuvo su propio día de fiesta el 25 de diciembre y la temporada de Adviento cambió a un tiempo de preparación para esta fiesta.

Ya sea que usted la haga o compre una hecha, la corona de Adviento es una maravillosa manera para que las familias se preparen para la Navidad. La corona, por supuesto, es circular y su color es verde. Su forma y color representan el amor eterno de Dios. Las cuatro velas, tres violetas y una rosa, representan las cuatro semanas de Adviento. Pero, ¿qué significan los colores de las velas? El color púrpura nos dice que el Adviento es un momento serio para evaluar nuestras vidas. El color del rosa dice que debemos acercarnos a la Navidad con alegría y esperanza. La luz creciente de cada semana nos dice que la venida de Jesús está cada vez más cerca. A continuación se presentan las oraciones sugeridas que usted y su familia pueden desear utilizar al encender su corona de Adviento en casa.



Lectura del Libro del Profeta Isaias

Tú, Señor, eres nuestro padre y nuestro redentor; ése es tu nombre desde siempre. ¿Por qué, Señor, nos has permitido alejarnos de tus mandamientos y dejas endurecer nuestro corazón hasta el punto de no temerte? Vuélvete, por amor a tus siervos, a las tribus que son tu heredad. Ojalá rasgaras los cielos y bajaras, estremeciendo las montañas con tu presencia. Descendiste y los montes se estremecieron con tu presencia. Jamás se oyó decir, ni nadie vio jamás que otro Dios, fuera de ti, hiciera tales cosas en favor de los que esperan en él. Tú sales al encuentro del que practica alegremente la justicia y no pierde de vista tus mandamientos. Estabas airado porque nosotros pecábamos y te éramos siempre rebeldes. Todos éramos impuros y nuestra justicia era como trapo asqueroso; todos estábamos marchitos, como las hojas, y nuestras culpas nos arrebatában, como el viento. Nadie invocaba tu nombre nadie se levantaba para refugiarse en ti, porque nos ocultabas tu rostro y nos dejabas a merced de nuestras culpas. Sin embargo, Señor, tú eres nuestro padre; nosotros somos el barro y tú el alfarero; todos somos hechura de tus manos. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL:

R. Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Escúchanos, pastor de Israel, tú, que estás rodeado de querubines,
manifiéstate, despierta tu poder y ven a salvarnos.

R. Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

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.

R. Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Que tu diestra defienda al que elegiste, al hombre que has fortalecido.
Ya no nos alejaremos de ti; consérvanos la vida y alabaremos tu poder.

R. Señor, muéstranos tu favor y sálvanos.

Lectura de la Primera Carta del Apostol San Pablo a los Corintios

Hermanos: Les deseamos la gracia y la paz de parte de Dios, nuestro Padre, y de Cristo Jesús, el Señor. Continuamente agradezco a mi Dios los dones divinos que les ha concedido a ustedes por medio de Cristo Jesús, ya que por él los ha enriquecido con abundancia en todo lo que se refiere a la palabra y al conocimiento; porque el testimonio que damos de Cristo ha sido confirmado en ustedes a tal grado, que no carecen de ningún don, ustedes, los que esperan la manifestación de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. Él los hará permanecer irreprochables hasta el fin, hasta el día de su advenimiento. Dios es quien los ha llamado a la unión con su Hijo Jesucristo, y Dios es fiel. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Muéstranos, Señor, tu Misericordia y danos tu salvación.

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Marcos

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Velen y estén preparados, porque no saben cuándo llegará el momento. Así como un hombre que se va de viaje, deja su casa y encomienda a cada quien lo que debe hacer y encarga al portero que esté velando, así también velen ustedes, pues no saben a qué hora va a regresar el dueño de la casa: si al anochecer, a la medianoche, al canto del gallo o a la madrugada. No vaya a suceder que llegue de repente y los halle durmiendo. Lo que les digo a ustedes, lo digo para todos: permanezcan alerta". Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a ti Señor.**



CARLOS GONZALEZ PEREZ

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