

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 17, 2023

Third 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, O Come, Emmanuel" #652 in the St. Michael Hymnal

OFFERTORY: "On Jordan's Bank" #699 in the St. Michael Hymnal

COMMUNION: "Taste and See" Letter "S" in the back of the St. Michael Hymnal

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



Priceless Christmas Gifts

It's that time of the year again when we search for that special gift. I would like to present to you the list of 10 Christmas gifts for the large of heart and small of purse. These gifts won't cost you a dime, but when you give one of them, you will give the most precious gift of all: yourself!

1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING

Psychologists tell us that one of the greatest things we can do for another is to listen. Why not give this valuable gift to someone who lives alone? And you must really **LISTEN**, no interrupting, no daydreaming, and no planning your response. Just Listening.

2. THE GIFT OF SIGNS OF AFFECTION

Be generous with your hugs, your kisses, your gentle squeezes of the hand. Let these tiny actions demonstrate the love inside of you.

3. THE GIFT OF A NOTE

It can be as simple as "I LOVE YOU" or as creative as a sonnet. Put your notes where they will surprise those special people: in the lunch, in her purse, among his socks, in her pantry, etc...

4. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Everyone loves to laugh. Just cut out a cartoon, clip a joke, copy a riddle, save a clever article. Your gift will say "I love to laugh with you."

5. THE GIFT OF A GAME

Most people have at least one game they like to play, whether it is golf or tennis, poker or checkers. Offer to play your loved one's favorite game. Even if you lose, you'll be a winner because together you will have shared an experience.

6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOR

Help with dishes, clean out the basement, shovel the walk, run to the store. This gift is more valuable when it anticipates a request, rather than when it responds to one.

7. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

Try to be cheerful around those you love. That means no complaining, no feeling sorry for yourself, no pessimistic predictions. Your cheerfulness will be a precious gift to everyone including yourself.

8. THE GIFT OF LEAVING ALONE

There are times in our lives when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Become more sensitive to these times in others' lives. Then, respond generously by giving them the gift of solitude.

9. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT

A simple "You look good in blue" or "I like your hair that way" or "That was a good meal, Honey." These words can be of inestimable value to people who may feel that they are being taken for granted.

10. THE GIFT OF PRAYER

Pray for all those people on your Christmas shopping list and let them know that you are praying for them. Praying for someone is a way of saying: "You are so special to me that I often talk to God about you."





As we approach the Christmas season this year let us remember to focus on the “Reason for the Season.” Amidst the bright lights, gifts, garlands, and glitter sometimes it is difficult to see the crib, the manger in Bethlehem. With the hustle and bustle of this busy time we sometimes forget to spend time visiting Jesus. Consumed with thoughts of love and affection for our family and friends we forget to thank the One Who is the giver of Life and all that we have. This Christmas let’s try to keep things in perspective. During this Holy Season of Advent let us strive to remember that Jesus is the *Reason for the Season!*

Adoration Schedule



1ST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
9 AM – 12 NOON

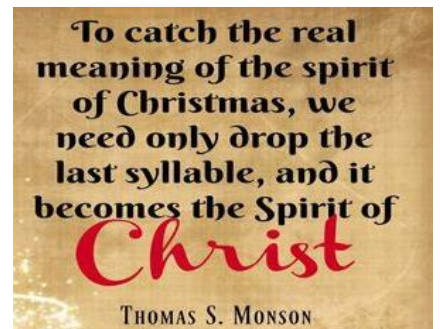
Poinsettias

If you wish to memorialize a deceased loved one during the Christmas season, you may do so by making a contribution for Christmas flowers. Envelopes for that purpose have been mailed to all registered parishioners, together with the Christmas schedule and a Christmas Gift envelope. Extra envelopes may also be found in the racks at the church entrances.



HELP for THOSE IN NEED

As Christians, we are called to help those in need. As you know, our Parish regularly hosts food collections (1st weekend of the month) to benefit local food pantries and to provide for those in great need. However, quite often people come to us in need of immediate assistance to purchase food. We are presently collecting Gift Cards (ACME, ShopRite, Rite Aid, and Walmart). Please if you are looking for a way to share your blessings we encourage you to purchase a Gift Card, in the denomination of your choice. Place it in an envelope and return it to the parish office either via the collection basket or by bringing it to the parish office on your way by. Your contribution to this effort will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for helping us to help others.



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



ATTENTION CHILDREN OF THE PARISH!!

*To all of you participating in our annual parish Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant:
Mark your calendars for the following practice times:*

Tuesday, December 19th – 4:30-5:30 pm

Wednesday, December 20th – 4:30-5:30 pm

We will meet each day from 4:30 to 5:30 pm in the Parish Church. Everyone is welcome!!



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.

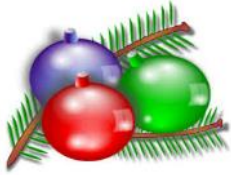


2024 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPE SETS

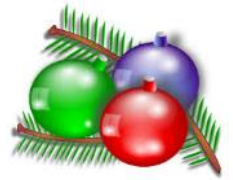
If you are a registered parishioner of St. Gianna, presently using contribution envelopes, please stop by the parish office to pick up your 2024 set. Also, stop by the office if you are not presently using envelopes and would like to request a set. Thank you.

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 WATCHFUL AND ALERT...



SEE WITH THE EYES OF CHRIST

PREPARE

Sacrament of Penance 2023

Wednesday, December 20th

9:00-11:00AM

Thursday, December 21st

7:00-8:00PM

Saturday, December 23rd

3:00-4:30PM

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS EVE

NO CONFESSIONS ON CHRISTMAS DAY

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve

Sunday, December 24, 2023

4:30PM

(Children's Mass with Nativity Pageant)

11:30 PM Choir Christmas Concert

12 Midnight

Christmas Day

Monday, December 25, 2023

8:00AM

10:00AM

12 Noon Traditional Latin Mass

2:00 PM Mass in Spanish

New Year

Solemnity of Mary

New Years Day

Monday, January 1, 2024

8:00 AM

12 Noon Traditional Latin Mass

2:00 PM Mass in Spanish

PLEASE READ

The obligation to attend Mass on Christmas is *never* abrogated, regardless of the day of the week. Consequently, the faithful are obliged to attend Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent – which is also never abrogated – and for Christmas Day. **One Mass does not fulfill two obligations** (see Bishops' Committee on the Liturgy *Newsletter*, February 2017, 5-6, for more information).

Saturday, December 23: Evening Mass for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24: Morning Masses for the Fourth Sunday of Advent; Evening Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas

Monday, December 25: Morning and Daytime Masses for the Solemnity of Christmas.

Mass Schedule

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 16

6:00 AM James McGlynn r/b Wimberg Family
 4:30 PM Lee, Joe, Joey Catani r/b Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17

8 AM Eulogia & Isaac Barak r/b The Family
 10 AM Cecilia Matsko r/b Suzanne Matsko
 Gaetano & Maria Puleio r/b Family
 John & Margaret Greydanus r/b Palomeque Family
 12 Noon Gene Salerno r/b Salerno Family
 2 PM Margarita Perez r/b Familia Robles Perez
 Gianni Arrieta r/b Herdaliv Rivera & Familia
 Accion de Gracias Javier Gil & Ester Lopez en
 Su Aniversario de Bodas

MONDAY, DECEMBER 18

8:30 AM Carmen Morina r/b Family

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19

8:30 AM James McGlynn r/b Wimberg Family

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 20

8:30 AM McGettigan Family r/b Marie McGettigan
 Angela Renda r/b Vito Renda

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21

8:30 AM Happy Birthday in Heaven to Our Tennis
 Coach Joe DiCosola r/b His Friends

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 22

8:30 AM Joanne Chiodo r/b Letitia Montes

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23

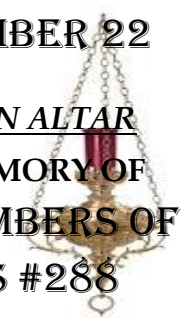
4:30 PM Louis Pacana r/b Olivia Pacana

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8 AM Deceased Members of the Young &
 De Stefano Families r/b The Family
 10 AM Bobbato & Vespertino Families r/b Eleonora
 & Dante Vespertino
 Mario Martirone r/b Family
 12 Noon Misa of Thanksgiving r/b Alfredo & Claudia
 2 PM Victor Rosado r/b Mom, Sonie

DECEMBER 16 – DECEMBER 22

SANCTUARY LAMP AT MAIN ALTAR
 WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
LIVING & DECEASED MEMBERS OF
COURT STELLA MARIS #288



Please let us keep in our prayers those who are not having an easy time these days, especially those who are in hospitals and those who are terminally ill.



Thank You

As we await the Happy Event of Christmas, the Birth of Our Savior, we who serve you, thank you for your Talents freely given, your Financial Sacrifices and your Prayers.

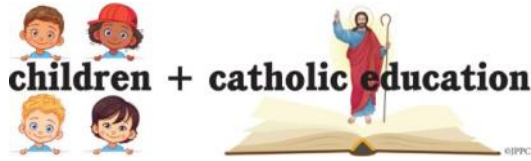
CHRISTMAS EVE MASSES

4:30 PM Lisa Oakley r/b Mom, Paul, Ryan, Chris, & Matt
 12 Midnight Kathleen Clemente r/b Her Husband

CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES

8:00 AM Robert C. Leeds r/b Bill, Tricia, Cole, Bri & Kate Leeds
 10:00 am Emma Scanlon r/b Anne & Bill Pavlik
 Philip E. Juliano r/b Charbel & Renee Fleifel
 12 Noon Robert C. Leeds r/b Ruth Tayao
 2:00 PM Máximo Peña Tavera r/b Laura Sanchez

**MAY GOD BE WITH YOU AND MAY
OUR HOLY MOTHER GUARD AND
GUIDE YOU THROUGHOUT THIS
HOLY ADVENT SEASON**



children + catholic education
**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.



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.



**ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH
EXPOSITION OF THE
MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT
1st FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
9 AM - 12 NOON**



**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!

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.



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!



Stewardship Reflection

Give Generously to Others

As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, Advent offers us a new opportunity to say "yes" to God. Mary, whose own "yes" made possible the birth of Jesus, serves as a wonderful model and support for our Advent journey. Let us be generous with gifts we can give to others. To be a good steward is to be conscious that all things we have on earth are generous gifts from God. Stewardship is to care, to have concern, and to give thanks by giving of what has been given to us.



**OUR LADY OF SORROWS
724 MAPLE AVE. LINWOOD
YOUTH GROUP**

**CHRISTMAS TREE SALE
(Wabash & Poplar Aves., Linwood)
MONDAY—FRIDAY 4 TO 8 PM
SAT. & SUNDAY 10 AM—8 PM**

Sales end this Sunday, December 17th
Trees are from western Pennsylvania and range in size from 5 to 12 feet. Prices are competitive and proceeds benefit local Catholic charities.

LEGION OF MARY

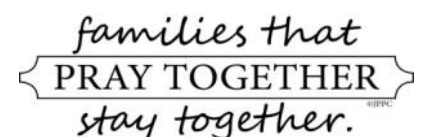


St. Gianna Legion of Mary will be handing out Miraculous Medals at all Masses on Sunday, December 31, 2023 and Monday, January 1, 2024 at all Masses in celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.



2024 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN

The Pro-Life committee of St. Gianna will be handing out baby bottles to be filled with coins, cash or checks after all the Masses on the weekend of January 13-14, 2024. All donations will go to the Jersey Shore Women's Center to help mothers and children in need. If you have any questions please contact Eleonora Vespertino at 609-841-7854.



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, Gallo-way, 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.



BINGO

Every Wednesday and Saturday
Doors Open at 8:30AM
Parish Hall (Behind the church)
\$1,000 in prize money. Instant winners –
Progressive Jackpots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts
and lots of fun. We welcome you all!

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET ISAIAH

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, to heal the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives and release to the prisoners, to announce a year of favor from the LORD and a day of vindication by our God. I rejoice heartily in the LORD, in my God is the joy of my soul; for he has clothed me with a robe of salvation and wrapped me in a mantle of justice, like a bridegroom adorned with a diadem, like a bride bedecked with her jewels. As the earth brings forth its plants, and a garden makes its growth spring up, so will the Lord GOD make justice and praise spring up before all the nations. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R. My soul rejoices in my God.

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,
for he has looked upon his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed:

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

R. My soul rejoices in my God.

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

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice always. Pray without ceasing. In all circumstances give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophetic utterances. Test everything; retain what is good. Refrain from every kind of evil. May the God of peace make you perfectly holy and may you entirely, spirit, soul, and body, be preserved blameless for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will also accomplish it. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He was not the light, but came to testify to the light. And this is the testimony of John. When the Jews from Jerusalem sent priests and Levites to him to ask him, "Who are you?" He admitted and did not deny it, but admitted, "I am not the Christ." So they asked him, "What are you then? Are you Elijah?" And he said, "I am not." "Are you the Prophet?" He answered, "No." So they said to him, "Who are you, so we can give an answer to those who sent us? What do you have to say for yourself?" He said: "I am *the voice of one crying out in the desert, 'make straight the way of the Lord,'*" as Isaiah the prophet said." Some Pharisees were also sent. They asked him, "Why then do you baptize if you are not the Christ or Elijah or the Prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water; but there is one among you whom you do not recognize, the one who is coming after me, whose sandal strap I am not worthy to untie." This happened in Bethany across the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

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

HORARIO NAVIDEÑO

Vigilia de Navidad

Domingo, Diciembre 24, 2023

4:30PM

(Misa de Niños)

12 Midnight



Navidad

Lunes, Diciembre 25, 2023

8:00AM

10:00AM

12 Noon Misa en Latin

2:00 PM Misa en Español



Misas de Fin de Año

Solemnidad de María, Madre de Dios

Lunes, Enero 1, 2024

8:00AM

12 Noon Misa en Latín

2:00 PM Misa en Español

PREPARE

Sacramento de Penitencia

Horas de Confesiones

Miércoles 20, 2023: 9-11 AM Inglés

Jueves 21, 2023: 7-8 PM Inglés

Viernes 21, 2023: 6-6:45 PM Español

Sábado 22, 2023: 3-4:30 PM Inglés

Domingo 24, 2023: 1-1:45 PM Español

NO HABRÁ CONFESIONES EL DÍA DE NAVIDAD, LUNES 25 DE DICIEMBRE.

Visite la Pagina Oficial de Facebook de la Diocesis de Camden, Ministerio Hispano, para mantenerte al día con actividades, eventos y noticias del Ministerio Hispano.

<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 acompañenos.



HORA SANTA

PRIMER VIERNES DE CADA MES
DESPUÉS DE LA MISA DE LAS 7:00 PM

La obligación de concurrir a Misa en Navidad no es nunca anulada, sin tener en cuenta el día que se celebre. Consecuentemente, estamos obligados a concurrir a Misa el domingo para celebrar el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento y también debemos concurrir a Misa para celebrar Navidad el día Lunes 25 de diciembre. Concurrir a una sola Misa no es suficiente para cubrir las dos obligaciones de acuerdo a la carta referente a la Liturgia que emitió el Comité de Obispos en Febrero 2017, 5-6.

Sábado 23 de Diciembre: Vigilia del Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

Domingo 24 de Diciembre:

*Las Misas por la mañana, incluyendo la Misa en español de las 2 de la tarde, celebrant el Cuarto Domingo de Adviento

*Misas por la tarde y medianoche: Celebran la Solemnidad de Navidad

*Lunes 25 de Diciembre: Celebran la Solemnidad de Navidad

MISAS EN ESPAÑOL
VIERNES 7 PM
DOMINGOS 2 PM

Escoge la vida...


Cremos Por los Enfermos



Impagables Regalos de Navidad

Es esa época del año otra vez cuando buscamos ese regalo especial. Según las peticiones de muchos feligreses, aquí está la reimpresión anual de la lista de 10 regalos de Navidad para el corazón grande y pequeño de monedero. Estos regalos no le costarán un centavo, pero cuando usted da a uno de ellos, usted dará el regalo más precioso de todos: ¡usted mismo!

1. El Regalo de escuchar

Los psicólogos nos dicen que una de las mejores cosas que podemos hacer por otra persona es escucharla. ¿Por qué no dar este valioso regalo a alguien que vive solo? Y realmente debe ESCUCHAR, no interrumpir, no soñar despierto, y no planificar tu respuesta. Sólo escuchar.

2. El regalo de un signo de afecto

Séa generoso con sus abrazos, sus besos, sus suaves apretones de mano. Deje que estas diminutas acciones demuestren el amor de su corazón.

3. El regalo de una nota

Puede ser tan simple como "TE AMO" o tan creativa como un soneto. Ponga sus notas donde sorprendan a las personas especiales en su vida: en el almuerzo, en su bolso, entre sus calcetines, en su despensa

4. El regalo de una sonrisa

A todo el mundo le encanta reír. Basta con cortar un dibujo animado, clip de una broma, copiar un acertijo, guardar un artículo inteligente. Su regalo dirá "Me encanta sonreír con usted."

5. El regalo de un juego

La mayoría de la gente tiene al menos un juego que les gusta jugar, ya sea golf o tenis. Ofrézcase para jugar el juego favorito de la persona a la que ama. Incluso si pierde, será un ganador porque juntos habrán compartido una experiencia

6. El regalo de un favor

Ayude con las tareas, los platos, limpiar el sótano, palear la entrada, correr a la tienda. Este es un regalo muy valioso, anticipar una petición y responder con alegría.

7. El regalo de estar

Trate de ser alegre con los que ama. Eso significa que no se queje, no se sienta triste por sí mismo, no hacer predicciones pesimistas. Su alegría será un regalo precioso para todos, incluyéndose a usted mismo.

8. El don de la soledad

Hay momentos en nuestras vidas cuando no queremos nada mejor que quedarnos solos. Debemos ser más sensibles durante estos tiempos con la vida de los demás y responder generosamente dándoles a las personas que nos rodean el regalo de la soledad y respetar sus deseos.

9. El Regalo de Un simple Elogio

"Te ves bien en azul" o "Me gusta tu cabello de esa manera" o "Eso fue una buena comida, cariño." Estas palabras pueden ser de valor inestimable para las personas que pueden sentir que se están dando por sentado.

10. El regalo de la oración

Ore por todas esas personas en su lista de compras de Navidad y hágales saber que usted está orando por ellos. Orar por alguien es una manera de decir: "Tú eres tan especial para mí que a menudo hablo con Dios acerca de ti."

Lectura del Libro del Profeta Isaias

El espíritu del Señor está sobre mí, porque me ha ungió y me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres, a curar a los de corazón quebrantado, a proclamar el perdón a los cautivos, la libertad a los prisioneros, y a pregonar el año de gracia del Señor. Me alegro en el Señor con toda el alma y me lleno de júbilo en mi Dios, porque me revistió con vestiduras de salvación y me cubrió con un manto de justicia, como el novio que se pone la corona, como la novia que se adorna con sus joyas. Así como la tierra echa sus brotes y el jardín hace germinar lo sembrado en él, así el Señor hará brotar la justicia y la alabanza ante todas las naciones.

Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

Mi alma glorifica al Señor y mi espíritu se llena de júbilo en Dios, mi salvador,
porque puso los ojos en la humildad de su esclava.

R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

Desde ahora me llamarán dichosa todas las generaciones,
porque ha hecho en mí grandes cosas el que todo lo puede.

Santo es su nombre y su misericordia llega, de generación en generación, a los que lo temen.

R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

A los hambrientos los colmó de bienes y a los ricos los despidió sin nada.

Acordándose de su misericordia, vino en ayuda de Israel, su siervo.

R. Mi espíritu se alegra en Dios, mi salvador.

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

Hermanos: Vivan siempre alegres, oren sin cesar, den gracias en toda ocasión, pues esto es lo que Dios quiere de ustedes en Cristo Jesús. No impidan la acción del Espíritu Santo, ni desprecien el don de profecía; pero sométanlo todo a prueba y quédense con lo bueno. Absténganse de toda clase de mal. Que el Dios de la paz los santifique a ustedes en todo y que todo su ser, espíritu, alma y cuerpo, se conserve irreprochable hasta la llegada de nuestro Señor Jesucristo. El que los ha llamado es fiel y cumplirá su promesa. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

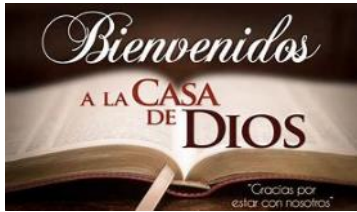
El Espíritu del Señor está sobre mí. Me ha enviado para anunciar la buena nueva a los pobres.

R. Aleluya.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio segun San Juan

Hubo un hombre enviado por Dios, que se llamaba Juan. Éste vino como testigo, para dar testimonio de la luz, para que todos creyeran por medio de él. Él no era la luz, sino testigo de la luz. Éste es el testimonio que dio Juan el Bautista, cuando los judíos enviaron desde Jerusalén a unos sacerdotes y levitas para preguntarle: “¿Quién eres tú?” Él reconoció y no negó quién era. Él afirmó: “Yo no soy el Mesías”. De nuevo le preguntaron: “¿Quién eres, pues? ¿Eres Elías?” Él les respondió: “No lo soy”. “¿Eres el profeta?” Respondió: “No”. Le dijeron: “Entonces dinos quién eres, para poder llevar una respuesta a los que nos enviaron. ¿Qué dices de ti mismo?” Juan les contestó: “Yo soy la voz que grita en el desierto: ‘Enderecen el camino del Señor’, como anunció el profeta Isaias”. Los enviados, que pertenecían a la secta de los fariseos, le preguntaron: “Entonces ¿por qué bautizas, si no eres el Mesías, ni Elías, ni el profeta?” Juan les respondió: “Yo bautizo con agua, pero en medio de ustedes hay uno, al que ustedes no conocen, alguien que viene detrás de mí, a quien yo no soy digno de desatarle las correas de sus sandalias”. Esto sucedió en Betania, en la otra orilla del Jordán, donde Juan bautizaba.

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



Si usted desea recordar de una manera especial a algún familiar o ser querido durante el tiempo navideño, puede hacerlo contribuyendo con los adornos florales que decoraran nuestra iglesia.



Tiene que completar el sobre que se acaba de enviar a todos los feligreses registrados en la parroquia, con el nombre de la persona que usted desea recordar. También se han incluido un sobre de contribución para Navidad y el calendario conteniendo los horarios de Misas Navideñas y de Año Nuevo.

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.

**FIESTA DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA
DICIEMBRE 31**

EN ESTE DIA OREMOS POR TODAS LAS FAMILIAS PIDIENDO QUE TODOS LOS HOGARES SEAN UN REFUGIO DE AMOR, RESPETO Y COMPROMISO MUTUO, SIGUIENDO EL EJEMPLO DE LA SAGRADA FAMILIA, DONDE JESUIS CRIECIO EN UN ABIENTE DE AMOR Y PROTECCION.

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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.



**Atención a todos los niños
de la parroquia**

Todos estan invitados a participar del desfile en la misa para los niños de Noche Buena el día Domingo 24 de diciembre a las 4:30 pm. Los niños que quieran participar en la Nativity tienen que venir a las siguientes practicas:

**Martes 19 de diciembre:
4:30-5:30 pm**

**Miércoles 20 de diciembre:
4:30-5:30 pm**

*Las prácticas son MUY IMPORTANTES. Se llevarán a cabo en la Iglesia parroquial. Todos estan invitados a participar pero **RECUERDEN** que tienen que venir a las prácticas. Los esperamos!!!*

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