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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 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

Mon.-Thurs.: 9 AM - 4 PM
Friday: Closed



SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

ENTRANCE: Hymn to St. Gianna. Page # 3 of the bulletin (Tune "Old 100th")

OFFERTORY: "Alleluia"

COMMUNION: Letter "K" in the front of the St. Michael Hymnal

CLOSING: Hymn to St. Gianna. Page # 3 of the bulletin (Tune "Mother Dearest")





RITE OF PEACE IS NOT JUST A GREETING OR FRIENDLY GESTURE

The director of the Chair of Theology of the Consecrated Life at San Damaso Ecclesiastical University in Spain, Sister Carolina Blazquez Casado, OSA, explained that the rite of peace at Mass “is not a greeting of friendly gesture.” The sister explained the meaning of the rite in a video posted by the university, which is under the Archdiocese of Madrid. The sign of peace, which takes place between the recitation of the Lord’s Prayer and the Fraction (breaking) of the Host, “is a prior step to be able to approach Communion with the body of Christ in a dignified manner,” the Augustinian sister explained. The sign of peace is exchanged in recollection of the words of Jesus recorded in Matthew 5:23-24, namely: “Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Blázquez noted that “Christians, from when they first began to celebrate the Eucharist, had these words of the Lord in their minds and hearts. And that is why the rite of peace has been present since very ancient times in the Eucharistic celebration.” Consequently, the sign of peace is not a simple polite gesture or a gesture of human love, but rather it expresses “the sincere desire to be reconciled among ourselves, to overcome all divisions between us, to be instruments of peace, to be truly members, one of another, of the one body of Christ.” In 2014, while Cardinal Antonio Cañizares was prefect of her Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, a letter on the subject titled “The Ritual Meaning of the Gift of Peace in the Mass” was approved and confirmed by Pope Francis. The letter addresses problems arising from some “exaggerated expressions” of the rite of peace. **Abuses to avoid include “the introduction of a ‘song for peace,’ which is nonexistent in the Roman Missal; the movement of the faithful from their places to exchange the sign of peace; the departure of the priest from the altar in order to offer the sign of peace to some of the faithful” or taking advantage of the occasion “for expressing congratulations, best wishes, or condolences among those present.”**



We ask the parish community of St. Gianna to obey the directions expressed in this document which were **approved and confirmed** by Pope Francis.

EXAGGERATED EXPRESSIONS DURING THE RITE OF PEACE WILL BE AVOIDED AND THERE WILL BE ABSOLUTELY NO WALKING AROUND THE CHURCH GIVING THE SIGN OF PEACE.



Let us remember and keep in our prayers those serving in our Nation's Armed Forces, especially our troops away from home. May the Spirit of the Risen Christ grant them peace and joy today and always.

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Easter Duty Obligation: After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the Obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This Precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 14, 2024 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 26, 2024.



Spot light on...

HYMN TO SAINT GIANNA
(Tune "Old 100th")

O Saint Gianna pray for us
Thy faithful people here
Guide us in all we say and do
To praise and adore our God.

O Saint Gianna, wife and mother
You gave yourself to Christ
By doing all your duties
With love and grateful joy.

O Saint Gianna, Saint of life
Your courage did endure
To stand for life and motherhood
You suffered a martyrdom.

O Saint Gianna patroness
Watch over all the flock
With love and prayers protect us all
From all that brings us strife.

HYMN TO SAINT GIANNA
(Tune "Mother Dearest")

O Saint Gianna blessed Saint
Watching all our families
Make them good and holy people
Who will shine someday with thee.

**Saint Gianna hear our prayer
Saint Gianna hear our prayer
Keep us close to our Lord Jesus
Guide us to our God above!**

O Saint Gianna model wife
Who gave her life for her child
Bless all women who are mothers
An example to us all.

**Saint Gianna hear our prayer
Saint Gianna hear our prayer
Keep us close to our Lord Jesus
Guide us to Your God above!**



Charity begins at home,
but should not end there.



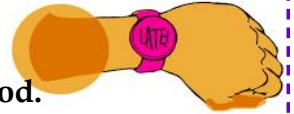
THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

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 Sanctuary. Normally, a *genuflection* in the direction of the place of Reservation is enough. One who is physically unable to genuflect may substitute a *profound bow* at the waist.



If You CANNOT Be on Time, Then Be EARLY.

Making Time For Prayer Strengthens Our Connection with God.



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

SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

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

MEETING: Our next meeting is Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 7:00PM.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Sodality adopts expectant mothers and keeps them and the babies they are carrying in our prayers. All pregnant women are welcome to contact Cindy Kern at 609-513-8178 for further information.

TRAVELING BLESSED MOTHER: The Blessed Mother statue is available to be put in a place of honor in your home for one week for you and your family to pray to her. If you would like to sign up for a week of adoration, please contact Diane Del Rossi at 609-653-6905 to sign up.

MONTHLY COLLECTION - We are collecting kids socks and underwear the third weekend of April. Thank you for your generosity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
FIRST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH
EXPOSITION OF THE MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT 9:00 AM—12 NOON

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.

GIVE
the Gift of Giving

SODALITY OF ST GIANNA

Our Spring luncheon will be held at Little Italy on Sunday, June 9, 2024. The price is \$40.00 per person. Please contact Linda Cohen at 609-703-6962 to make a reservation. All women welcome to attend.



Father's Quick Quote:
"If Jesus is ALL you have,
you have ALL you need."



YOU DO
NOT HAVE
TO BE RICH
TO BE
GENEROUS.

First Holy Communion

On Saturday, May 4th, at 10:30 a.m., our dear little children will make their First Holy Communion.

What a beautiful sight, these innocent children of God coming up to receive our Blessed Lord for the very first time. It should remind all of us of the day we made our First Holy Communion and ask our dear Lord to reignite our devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

It is my prayer that these children will continue to grow in their Catholic Faith with the help of their parents who will be committed to their faith and show their children the importance of going to Mass every Sunday and confession frequently.

Let us all pray that parents will take their responsibility seriously by making sure these little innocent children are brought up to love Mass and always fulfill this obligation to God by attending Mass every Sunday. Mark your calendar and join us for this beautiful celebration, a celebration for the whole parish community.



Honoring Mary in May



Mark your calendar and plan to be a part of this meaningful Parish event!!

**May Crowning, Procession and
Consecration of our Parish to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary
Sunday, May 5, 2024
4:00 PM**

*Adults are asked to meet in front of the
Church facing New Road*

*Children will meet in the Religious Educa-
tion's classrooms in the Parish Hall*

ORDER OF PROCESSION

- ◆ Altar Servers
- ◆ Priests
- ◆ First Communion Children
(Grades Pre-School, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
- ◆ Banners
- ◆ Congregation

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

4:30 PM James Pontari r/b Wife and Children

SUNDAY, APRIL 28

8 AM Bruce Matus r/b Matus Family

10 AM Rosemarie Donatucci r/b Jerry & Laura Fox
Norman Marley r/b Kim & Larry Adams
Edward O'Flynn r/b Rosalie Gawronski

12 Noon Special Intention of Kelly McCarron
Living & Deceased Members of the Haney & Goodman Families r/b Peggy & Hall Goodman

2 PM Sira Castillo Done r/b Hermana Maria Castillo
Jarlina Bolivar r/b Su Familia

MONDAY, APRIL 29

8:30AM Peter Finley r/b Joan Rice

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

8:30 AM Rev. Jose Sanchez r/b La Familia

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

8:30 AM JoAnne Branch r/b Mary Lou & Vincent Grimmie

THURSDAY, MAY 2

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, MAY 3

8:30 AM Alfonso Di Benedetto r/b Charbel & Renee Fleifel

7:00 PM Leo Duque r/b Familia Duque Rivera

SATURDAY, MAY 4

4:30 PM Giuseppe Martirone r/b His Family
Guerrera Family r/b Linda Cohen

SUNDAY, MAY 5

8 AM Kerri Lillia r/b Nina Brannigan

10 AM Teresita & Matias Gacayan r/b Mary Ann Gacayan
Mass of Thanksgiving 36th Wedd. Anniversary r/b Dante & Eleonora Vespertino

12 Noon Vince Dougherty r/b Peggy & Hall Goodman
Hon. John J. DeLury r/b Bernard & Margaret DeLury

2 PM Pedro E. Ozoria r/b Sus Hijas
Thelma & Rosa Dominguez r/b Lucia Osoria

APRIL 27—MAY 4

SANCTUARY LAMP AT MAIN ALTAR

WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
NORMAN MARLEY

Requested By

LARRY & KIM ADAMS

WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF
INCREASE IN DEVOTION TO THE
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

Requested By

BERNARD DE LURY

BLESSED MOTHER & ST. JOSEPH ALTARS

7TH ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH

LEO DUQUE

Requested By

DUQUE & RIVERA FAMILIES



Loaves & Fishes Project

The Sodality of St. Gianna will be collecting non-perishable food for local food banks on the **first Sunday of every month**. Please place your donations in the Church's Gathering Area.



Next Collection: **May 4-5, 2024**

Visitors and Friends of St. Gianna, thank you for being here with us. We learned that many of you would like to received the parish's contribution envelopes. We will be happy to mail them to you. Please fill out **one** of the **Parish registration forms**, placed at the gathering area of the church, and returned to the Parish office or drop it in the collection basket at your earliest convenience so you can be formally registered with the Parish. Thank you!

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).

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH FAMILY

HAPPY FEAST DAY!!



God our Father, we praise You and we bless you because in Saint Gianna Beretta Molla you have given us one who witnessed to the Gospel as a young women, as a wife, as a mother, and as a doctor. We thank you because through the gift of her life we can learn to welcome and honor every human person.

You, Lord Jesus, were for Gianna a splendid example. She learned to recognize you in the beauty of nature. As she was questioning her choice of vocation, she went in search of you and the best way to serve you. Through her married love she became a sign of your love for the Church and for humanity. Like you, the Good Samaritan, she cared for everyone who was sick, small or weak. Following your example, out of love she gave herself entirely, generating new life.

Holy Spirit, Source of every perfection, give us wisdom, intelligence, and courage so that following the example of Saint Gianna and through her intercession, we may know how to place ourselves at the service of each person we meet in our personal, family and professional lives, and thus grow in love and holiness. Amen.

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Thank
You for
Being
Here!



Sick & Shut-in



LIVE

TODAY LIKE

IT IS YOUR

LAST DAY ON
EARTH,

AND IF YOU

WAKE UP

TOMORROW,

DO IT AGAIN.

JOEY M. POSTHUMUS

The Legion of Mary is a lay apostolic association of Catholic men and women who have formed themselves into a body to be of service to the Church. Founded in Ireland in 1921, it now serves in more than 170 countries throughout the world. Mary the Immaculate is the model and through her its members seek to present Christ to everyone. The objective is the spiritual formation of all confirmed members of the Church through prayer and lay apostolic work to realize their vocation to holiness. St. Gianna's Our Lady of Lourdes Praesidium (this is what a parish Legion of Mary group is known as) meets each Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the church (Choir Room located behind the Altar).



ST. GIANNA BINGO ON WEDNESDAYS & SATURDAYS

Our Parish's BINGO is a great way to supplement the income gained through Church collections, bequests, and other donations. St. Gianna hosts BINGO every Wednesday and Saturday in the Parish hall (building located at the end of the parking lot, behind the church). Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the games start at 10 a.m. Join us!! \$1,000 in prize money. Instant winners. Progressive Jack-Pots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun. Come and enjoy the games!! And meet that wonderful group of parishioners who freely donate their time and talent to make our bingo games, week after week, a delightful and great success. Don't miss it!! Thank you all!!



St Gianna's Seniors of Northfield group is inviting new members to come out and participate in our Senior get-together. The second Wednesday of the Month we meet from 12:45 till 2:30 p.m. We socialize, we have speakers, games, we go to 'eat out'. We meet at St Gianna's Parish Hall – behind the church. Come join us and meet some new seniors. Every one is invited. For information call Maryann at (609) 226-2130.



Men's Prayer Group

Gather with men to share the "Upcoming Sunday" scriptures and discuss what it means to them. The prayer group will meet at the following locations at 7:00 pm on Tuesday nights:

1st Tuesday of the month (**May 7**): 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, Galloway, NJ

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

4th Tuesday of the month: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church (youth lounge), 591 New Jersey Ave., Absecon, NJ. For information, call Tom at 609-289-7610.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

THE SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA WILL BE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR VETERANS AND NURSING HOMES ON THE WEEKEND OF MAY 18 & 19TH (Large print puzzle books, eyeglass wipes, toiletry items, jigsaw puzzles, card games, etc. **NO FOOD ITEMS.**)

Millions of Monicas

To encounter God through prayer for ourselves and our children to grow in holiness and humility.



www.millionsofmonicas.com

JOIN US!!! Our regular meetings have started again. Church doors open at 6:00pm. Join us in praying - with confidence - for our children, every Wednesday at 6:30pm in the church. Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful and struggling world. Join with other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as they attend this prayer ministry in their parishes. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother's power of prayer.

Post-Abortive Healing Support Group. Healing the heartbreak of abortion. We provide a safe place to offer help and encouragement to those who have experienced abortion in the past. You do not have to be alone. There is hope. There is help. Next session starts soon. Learn more, contact **Jersey Shore Women's Center** in Galloway at **(609) 568-6551**.

BAPTISMS

Baptisms are celebrated on the **LAST** Saturday of the month at 11 AM. Please call the Parish office to make the necessary arrangements two months prior to the Baptism date. Parents are expected to attend a Pre-Jordan Baptism class which is to be held on the **LAST Friday** of every month at 7:30 PM. in the Parish Hall. **Both Parents** are expected to attend the brief class (approximately 45 minutes).

PARENTS, PLEASE NOTE:

Be aware of the following qualifications before you ask someone to be the Godparent of your child. According to Canon Law the Godparent...

- ◆ Must be at least 16 years of age
- ◆ If the sponsor is married must be married in accord with the laws of the Catholic Church
- ◆ Must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion).
- ◆ Be a practicing Catholic; i.e., attend Mass regularly on Sunday and Holy Days of obligation and receive the Sacraments of the Church regularly

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to call the Parish office (646-5611).

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

For those who have a hearing impairment: Please note that we have some hearing assistance available for you in the sacristy of the church. If you wish to use one while attending Mass, please stop by the sacristy before the Liturgy begins.



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 the Priest or Deacon in the Sacristy.



A READING FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.*

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill;
they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD;
all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth;
before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

R. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him.

Let the coming generation be told of the LORD
that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown. **R.**

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT JOHN

Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deeds and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**



From the Pastor's Desk



EL RITO DE LA PAZ EN LA MISA NO ES UN SALUDO NI UN GESTO DE SIMPATÍA

La directora de la Catedra de Teología de la Vida Consagrada de la Universidad Eclesiástica San Damaso, Hna. Carolina Blázquez Casado, OSA, explica que el rito de la paz presente en la Eucaristía *“no es un saludo ni un gesto de simpatía.”* El gesto de la paz, que se realiza entre el rezo del Padrenuestro y la fracción del pan, “es un paso previo para poder acercarnos a comulgar el Cuerpo de Cristo de una manera digna,” explica la religiosa. Se realiza recordando las palabras de Jesús recogidas en el Evangelio según san Mateo: *“Si cuando vas a presentar tu ofrenda sobre el altar, te acuerdas allí mismo de que tu hermano tiene quejas contra ti, deja allí tu ofrenda ante el altar y vete primero a reconciliarte con tu hermano, y entonces vuelve a presentar tu ofrenda.”* La Hna. Blázquez detalla “que los cristianos, desde el primer momento que empezaron a celebrar la Eucaristía, tenían en la memoria y el corazón estas palabras del Señor. Y por eso el rito de la paz está presente desde muy antiguo en la celebración eucarística.”



En el año 2014 siendo prefecto de la Congregación para el Culto Divino y la Disciplina de los Sacramentos el Cardenal Antonio Canizares, se publicó una carta sobre *el significado ritual del don de la paz en la Misa* aprobada y confirmada por el papa Francisco. En ella se aborda el problema derivado de algunas *“expresiones exageradas”* del rito de la paz, que llevó al Papa Benedicto XVI a realizar una consulta a las Conferencias Episcopales sobre la posibilidad de que fuera modificado o eliminado del Misal Romano. Finalmente se decidió conservarlo, ofreciendo una serie de “disposiciones prácticas para expresar mejor el contenido del signo de la paz y para moderar los excesos, que suscitan confusión en la asamblea litúrgica justo antes de la Comunión.”

Entre las disposiciones, se recuerda que el rito de la paz puede ser “omitido” si las circunstancias así lo aconsejan y se insta a las Conferencias Episcopales “en aquellos lugares en los que se opto por gestos familiares y profanos del saludo” a sustituirlos por otros gestos más apropiados.”

Así, se detalla como “abusos” la introducción de un canto para la paz, que los fieles se desplacen para realizarlo, que el sacerdote abandone el altar para dar la paz a algunos fieles, o que sea aprovechado el momento para “felicitar o expresar condolencias.”

Le pedimos a la comunidad de Santa Gianna que obedezcan las disposiciones sugeridas y expresadas en este documento que fue aprobado y confirmado por el Papa Francisco. **Expresiones exageradas durante el rito de la paz en la Misa deben ser omitidos y ESTA ABSOLUTAMENTE NO ACEPTADO el caminar o salirse de las bancas para ir al encuentro de sus amigos o familiares en el momento de la paz.** *“Si los fieles no comprenden y no demuestran vivir, en sus gestos rituales, el significado correcto del rito de la paz, se debilita el concepto Cristiano de la paz y se ve afectada negativamente su participación en la Eucaristía.”*

Bienvenidos

 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, confidencial y muy importante para la administraci3n de nuestra parroquia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad.

CONFESIONES TODOS LOS
 VIERNES: 6:00-6:45 PM
 DOMINGOS: 1:15-1:45 PM

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>

Recuerden: Los Bautismos se celebran los **Primeros Sábados** de cada mes a las **11 AM**. Por favor llame a la oficina parroquial para hacer los arreglos administrativos necesarios. La **Clase de Preparaci3n Bautismal** para los Padres y los Padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **ultimo Viernes** de cada mes inmediatamente despu3s de la Misa de las 7 pm en el Sal3n Grande.

Por favor marque su calendario y únase a nosotros en el nuevo Ministerio de Santa Gianna llamado Millones de M3nicas. Somos madres, abuelas, madrinas y tias que nos reunimos para orar con confianza por nuestros hijos en este mundo tan confuso. Las reuniones son los mi3rcoles a las 6:30pm. Queremos unir nuestros corazones y voces maternas a trav3s de oraciones en ingl3s y espa3ol pidiendo la poderosa intercesi3n de Santa M3nica por el feliz retorno de nuestros hijos a nuestra hermosa fe cat3lica. La reuni3n dura s3lo una hora, comenzando puntualmente a las 6:30 p.m. Esperamos que nos pueda acompa3ar!

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One Hour
One Purpose
Our Children
Wednesdays 6:30pm



HONRANDO A MARIA EN EL MES DE MAYO

Marquen sus calendarios!!
Coronaci3n, Procesi3n y Consagraci3n de la Parroquia al Coraz3n Inmaculado de Mar3a Domingo 5 de Mayo, 4:00 PM
Adultos se reunen en frente de la Iglesia
Ni3os se reunen en el Sal3n Grande
ORDEN DE LA PROCESI3N

- ♦ Monaguillos
- ♦ Ni3os de Primera Comuni3n (Grados, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
 - ♦ Banderas
- ♦ Ministerios de la Iglesia
 - ♦ Comunidad
 - ♦ Sacerdotes

PROCESI3N DEL PAN Y EL VINO DURANTE LA MISA
Aquellas personas que han reservado una Misa por una intenci3n particular son bienvenidas, si as3 lo desean, a procesar con las ofrendas del pan y el vino durante la Misa. S3lo comuníquense con la se3ora Fidelina Acevedo o Maria Jimenez antes del comienzo de la Misa.



PRIMERA LECTURA HECHOS DE LOS APOSTOLES

Cuando Pablo regresó a Jerusalén, trató de unirse a los discípulos, pero todos le tenían miedo, porque no creían que se hubiera convertido en discípulo. Entonces, Bernabé lo presentó a los apóstoles y les refirió cómo Saulo había visto al Señor en el camino, cómo el Señor le había hablado y cómo él había predicado, en Damasco, con valentía, en el nombre de Jesús. Desde entonces, vivió con ellos en Jerusalén, iba y venía, predicando abiertamente en el nombre del Señor, hablaba y discutía con los judíos de habla griega y éstos intentaban matarlo. Al enterarse de esto, los hermanos condujeron a Pablo a Cesarea y lo despacharon a Tarso. En aquellos días, las comunidades cristianas gozaban de paz en toda Judea, Galilea y Samaria, con lo cual se iban consolidando, progresaban en la fidelidad a Dios y se multiplicaban, animadas por el Espíritu Santo. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL:

R. Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya.

Le cumpliré mis promesas al Señor delante de sus fieles.
Los pobres comerán hasta saciarse y alabarán al Señor los que lo buscan:
su corazón ha de vivir para siempre.

R. Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya.

Recordarán al Señor y volverán a él desde los últimos lugares del mundo;
en su presencia se postrarán todas las familias de los pueblos.
Sólo ante él se postrarán todos los que mueren.

R. Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya.

Mi descendencia lo servirá y le contará a la siguiente generación,
al pueblo que ha de nacer: la justicia del Señor y todo lo que él ha hecho.

R. Bendito sea el Señor. Aleluya.

SEGUNDA LECTURA DE LA PRIMERA CARTA DEL APOSTOL SAN JUAN

Hijos míos: No amemos solamente de palabra, amemos de verdad y con las obras. En esto conoceremos que somos de la verdad y delante de Dios tranquilizaremos nuestra conciencia de cualquier cosa que ella nos reprochare, porque Dios es más grande que nuestra conciencia y todo lo conoce. Si nuestra conciencia no nos remuerde, entonces, hermanos míos, nuestra confianza en Dios es total. Puesto que cumplimos los mandamientos de Dios y hacemos lo que le agrada, ciertamente obtendremos de él todo lo que le pidamos. Ahora bien, éste es su mandamiento: que creamos en la persona de Jesucristo, su Hijo, y nos amemos los unos a los otros, conforme al precepto que nos dio. Quien cumple sus mandamientos permanece en Dios y Dios en él. En esto conocemos, por el Espíritu que él nos ha dado, que él permanece en nosotros. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Permanezcan en mí y yo en ustedes, dice el Señor; el que permanece en mí da fruto abundante.

R. Aleluya.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN LUCAS

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Yo soy la verdadera vid y mi Padre es el viñador. Al sarmiento que no da fruto en mí, él lo arranca, y al que da fruto lo poda para que dé más fruto. Ustedes ya están purificados por las palabras que les he dicho. Permanezcan en mí y yo en ustedes. Como el sarmiento no puede dar fruto por sí mismo, si no permanece en la vid, así tampoco ustedes, si no permanecen en mí. Yo soy la vid, ustedes los sarmientos; el que permanece en mí y yo en él, ése da fruto abundante, porque sin mí nada pueden hacer. Al que no permanece en mí se le echa fuera, como al sarmiento, y se seca; luego lo recogen, lo arrojan al fuego y arde. Si permanecen en mí y mis palabras permanecen en ustedes, pidan lo que quieran y se les concederá. La gloria de mi Padre consiste en que den mucho fruto y se manifiesten así como discípulos míos" 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 manejadas 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

THE DIOCESE OF CAMDEN

MUY IMPORTANTE INFORMACION PARA LOS PADRINOS

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica explica que el papel del padrino o de la madrina es ayudar a que la gracia bautismal pueda desarrollarse en el bautizado, actuando como colaboradores de sus padres o de quienes ocupan su lugar. Por eso los padrinos deben ser “creyentes sólidos, capaces y prestos a ayudar al nuevo bautizado, niño o adulto, en su camino de la vida cristiana” (CIC 1255). Este es un papel muy importante, ya que todos los miembros de la Iglesia de alguna manera tienen la responsabilidad de desarrollar y guardar la gracia recibida en el bautismo y ayudar a otros a hacer lo mismo.

¿Por qué la Iglesia pone tantas restricciones para poder ser padrino de bautizo?

Es entonces deber del padrino asistir a los padres en la iniciación cristiana del que será bautizado y “procurar que después lleve una vida cristiana congruente con el bautismo y cumpla fielmente las obligaciones inherentes al mismo”. Cabe resaltar que es posible tener un solo padrino o madrina. No es necesario tener dos, pero sí es posible, mientras sea un hombre y una mujer.

La Iglesia ha impuesto requisitos para que los padres puedan elegir a las personas correctas para esta misión tan importante. El padrino o la madrina:

1. Deberá haber sido elegido por quien va a bautizarse o por sus padres, o por quienes ocupan su lugar; o, si faltan estos, por el párroco o ministro.
2. Deberá tener la capacidad para esta misión e intención de desempeñarla.
3. Deberá tener al menos 16 años. (El obispo puede establecer otra edad en su diócesis o el mismo párroco o ministro -por justa causa- puede considerar una excepción.)
4. Deberá ser católico, estar confirmado, haber recibido la Primera Comunión, y llevar una vida congruente con la fe y con la misión que va a asumir.
5. No puede estar afectado por una pena canónica declarada o impuesta legítimamente.
6. No puede ser el padre o la madre de quien se ha de bautizar.
7. De no estar registrado en Sta. Gianna, los candidatos a ser padrinos deberán presentar una carta de la parroquia donde practican su fe (letter of sponsorship).

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