



# ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

## 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)

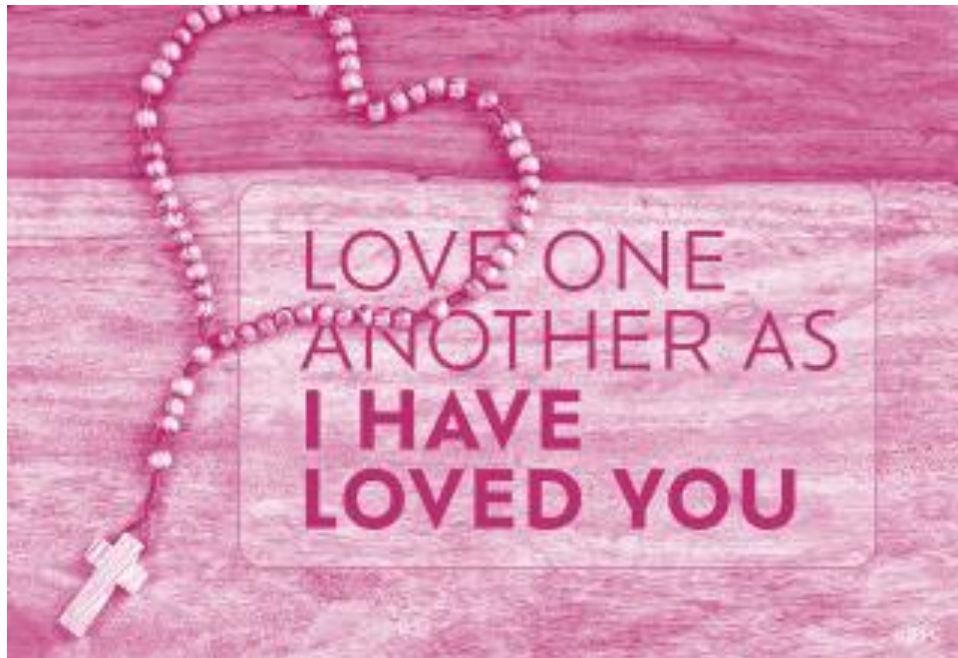
#### **CONFESSIONS:**

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, MAY 5, 2024

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

**ENTRANCE:** #481 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Come, Christians Join to Sing"

**OFFERTORY:** #832 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Where Charity and Love Prevail"

**COMMUNION:** Letter "L" in the front of the St. Michael Hymnal "Loving & Forgiving"

**CLOSING:** Letter "V" in the back of the St. Michael Hymnal "We are Called"



## May Crowning and Procession



**T**his Sunday, May 5 at 4:00 PM, we will honor our Heavenly Mother here at St. Gianna Parish as we gather together and publicly manifest how we feel about God's Mother, our Mother. Yes, there are some today who say that the Church has de-emphasized Mary. If you hear anybody say that the Church has de-emphasized Mary, they're phony-baloney! The Second Vatican Council reiterates the teaching of Jesus. And, what is the teaching of Jesus? When He died while hanging on the Cross, His last will and testament was "Behold your Mother." Mary is our Mother. Jesus gave her to us. It's the teaching of Christ! And, no one can put it aside. It has always been the teaching of the Apostles. It was always the teaching of the early Councils of the Church, and it is the teaching of the Second Vatican Council. Anyone who tells you differently – tell him to go fly a kite! Vatican II's Church Constitution says: "Let the entire body of the Faithful pour forth persevering prayer to the Mother of God." That is what Vatican II says about Mary. Then, the Council goes on to say: "True devotion to Mary proceeds from a deep Faith by which we are moved to a filial love toward our Mother and to the imitation of her virtues." And, the Church bestowed a new title on Mary – "**Mary, Mother of the Church.**" That is the teaching of the Second Vatican Council! If Mary is our Heavenly Mother, could you imagine how much she cares for us? Could you imagine how much she prays for us? Could you imagine how much She worries about us? If our earthly mothers do this, how much more does our Heavenly Mother do these things?

Come to church this Sunday at 4:00PM to honor your Mother in Heaven, Mary. We will celebrate and praise Her with flowers, hymns and songs. We will say with one voice as a Parish, WE LOVE YOU, MOTHER MARY!

Bring to Our Blessed Mother your concerns, your difficulties, and your problems. Bring to Our Blessed Mother your son or daughter, your husband or wife, your mother or father that needs Her maternal concern and prayer. What is your special intention? Bring it to Mary! Yes, make the sacrifice, make the time – it will not go unnoticed by Mary!



When the great painter, Whistler, painted that beautiful portrait of his mother – "Whistler's Mother" – he decided to have the painting displayed for all to see it in his art gallery. Many people came to see the painting. One woman went up to him and said, "How wonderful of you for having painted your mother so well." Whistler said to her, "Well, you know how it is, one likes to make one's mommy as nice as possible." And that is what God did. He made His Mommy as nice as possible!



## May Ordination Month!

**D**uring this beautiful month of May, most priests celebrate their priestly anniversaries. It is always a time for special reflection and gratitude to Almighty God and His Blessed Mother! On May 20th I will be celebrating 48 years as a priest. Father Sunny Mathew will celebrate the 30th anniversary of his ordination on January 2, 2023; and Father Franklin Opara will celebrate his 4th anniversary of his Ordination on October 10th. One wonders where have the years all gone – so many years of priestly service and love for His Church! The Blessed Charles De Foucauld wrote to a friend preparing for ordination: *The priest...is something transcendent; through Baptism he brings souls to birth; through the Sacrament of Penance he purifies them; through Communion he gives them our Lord's Body as He Himself did at the Last Supper; and at their death he helps them to appear before the Beloved by giving them their final forgiveness and the supreme strength...Every single day of his life, a priest does what Jesus did during His three years of ministry – he teaches men to know; love and serve their Good Master. What a vocation!*

Please pray for your priests here at St. Gianna Parish. We need your love, support and encouragement to spur us on and help us to be the best possible Priests close to the Hearts of Jesus and Mary.

Please pray for our newly ordained priests, as well as our priests who celebrate anniversaries this month.



YOU ARE A **PRIEST** FOREVER

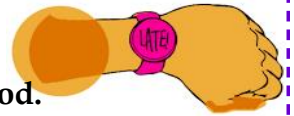
## THE LORD'S REAL PRESENCE

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:**  
"The secret of happiness is to live moment by moment and to thank God for all that He, in His goodness, sends to us day after day."  
~St. Gianna Molla



YOU DO NOT HAVE TO BE RICH TO BE GENEROUS.

**L**et 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.



**T**he parish is profoundly grateful to the Parishioners and Visitors for their faithful and generous support. Our ability to prosper and to grow as a Parish is attributed to the sacrifices of all of you. Thank you for your generosity in building up God's Kingdom. St. Gianna's Collection Report is as follows:

**April 27-28, 2024**

**1st Collection: \$7,034**

**Parish 2nd Collection: \$3,237**

**REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN FOR THE  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM  
2024-2025**

**R**egistration forms are available at the Religious Education office Mondays & Tuesdays 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM. Children who are being registered for the first time **must** present their Baptismal certificate and, if they attended a previous Religious Education Program, a letter of recommendation.

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**SPONSOR OF THE WEEK**

We would like to thank  
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For advertising in our weekly bulletin

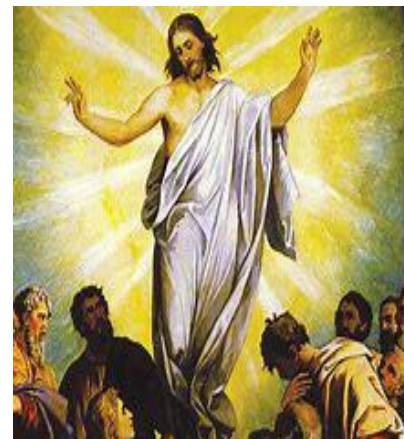
**Easter Duty Obligation**

**A**fter 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...

**T**he Latin-rite Diocesan Bishops of the Ecclesiastical Province of Newark unanimously decided to permanently transfer the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus from the Thursday of the 6th Week of Easter to the following Sunday. Therefore, the observance of the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord Jesus will be celebrated on the Seventh Sunday of Easter. For this year, it will be observed on **May 12th**.



# Mass Intentions

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## 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 Wedding Anniversary of Eleonora & Dante Vespertino  
12 Noon Vince Dougherty r/b Peggy & Hall Goodman  
Hon. John J. DeLury r/b Margaret & Bernard DeLury  
2 PM Pedro E. Osoria r/b Sus Hijas  
Thelma & Rosa Dominguez r/b Lucia Osoria

## MONDAY, MAY 6

8:30AM Good Health of William Hersmna

## TUESDAY, MAY 7

8:30 AM Special Intention

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

## THURSDAY, MAY 9

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

## FRIDAY, MAY 10

8:30 AM Judith Smith r/b Donna Polazneck

7:00 PM Milagros Diaz r/b Su Hija, Arelis

## SATURDAY, MAY 11

4:30 PM Lee Catani r/b Children

## SUNDAY, MAY 12

8 AM Virginia Young & Ellen DeStefano r/b Tony & Ann Young

10 AM Bridget Forsman r/b Pentti Forsman  
Salvatore Calabro r/b Tony, Bancheri & Family

12 Noon Vivian Finger r/b Ray & Barbara Sands

2 PM Divina Mendoza r/b Mendoza Family  
Ana Lucinda Osoria r/b Gloria Osoria

MAY 5 – MAY 10

SANCTUARY LAMP AT MAIN ALTAR

WILL BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF

**MARGARET CHAU**

Requested By

**ERLAND CHAU**

WILL BURN FOR THE

**INCREASE IN DEVOTION TO THE  
TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS**

Requested By

**BERNARD DE LURY**



BLESSED MOTHER & ST. JOSEPH ALTARS

**IN THANKSGIVING FOR THE 55TH  
WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OF  
HARRY & PAULETTE GRASSO**

### 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: **June 1-2, 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).



**G**od 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 woman, 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.

**Y**ou, Lord Jesus, were for St. 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.

**H**oly 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.

## Diocesan Holy Year 2025

### Pilgrimage - Rome & the Shrines of Italy

For more than 700 years, the Roman Catholic Church has celebrated jubilee years. First every 100 years, then in accord with biblical precedent every 50 years, and finally every 25 years to make pilgrimage graces more accessible to the faithful. Next year, 2025, the Church will celebrate an ordinary jubilee with the theme, Pilgrims of Hope. Join people from across the Diocese of Camden for this Pilgrimage of Hope March 24 through April 2 and visit Rome, Montecassino, the Shrine of Saint Padre Pio, the Cave of Saint Michael, Lanciano, Loreto, Assisi, Bolseina, Orvieto and much more. The price is \$4,996 per person double occupancy from Philadelphia including airfare, accommodations, breakfast and dinner daily with wine at dinner. Tips and personal items not included. An extension is available for those who wish to visit Siena, Florence, Padua and Venice, returning from Venice to Philadelphia on April 6. The cost for the extension is \$1,974 per person double. For more information visit [www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy](http://www.pilgrimages.com/frhughes/italy) or contact Father Hughes at [Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org](mailto:Robert.Hughes@camdendiocese.org).



**HONORING MARY IN MAY  
MAY CROWNING AND PROCESSION:  
SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024, 4:00PM**

**GRATITUDE**  
Your Parish Community is  
**GRATEFUL**  
for your consistent contributions.

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 have refreshments, raffles, speakers, crafts and good fellowship with others like you. 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:

1<sup>st</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month: Assumption Church (in the chapel), 146 S. Pitney Road, Galloway, NJ

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

4<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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

**B**aptisms 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

**C**ouples 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.



**F**amily 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

**W**hen Peter entered, Cornelius met him and, falling at his feet, paid him homage. Peter, however, raised him up, saying, "Get up. I myself am also a human being." Then Peter proceeded to speak and said, "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him." While Peter was still speaking these things, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening to the word. The circumcised believers who had accompanied Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit should have been poured out on the Gentiles also, for they could hear them speaking in tongues and glorifying God. Then Peter responded, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit even as we have?" He ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done wondrous deeds;  
His right hand has won victory for him, his holy arm.

**R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

The LORD has made his salvation known:  
in the sight of the nations he has revealed his justice.  
He has remembered his kindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel.

**R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation by our God.  
Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.

**R. *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.***

## A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF SAINT JOHN

**B**eloved, let us love one another, because love is of God; everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Whoever is without love does not know God, for God is love. In this way the love of God was revealed to us: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might have life through him. In this is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as expiation for our sins. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

*Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord, and my Father will love him and we will come to him.*

**R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN

**J**esus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and your joy might be complete. This is my commandment: love one another as I love you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I no longer call you slaves, because a slave does not know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have told you everything I have heard from my Father. It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name he may give you. This I command you: love one another."

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

# From the Pastor's Desk

**D**urante este hermoso mes de mayo, la mayoría de los Sacerdotes celebran sus Aniversarios Sacerdotales. Siempre es un momento de especial reflexión y gratitud a Dios Todopoderoso y a su Santísima Madre. El 20 de mayo estaré celebrando 48 años como Sacerdote. El padre Sunny Mathew celebrará el 30 años de su ordenación y el padre Franklin Opara celebrará su 4to aniversario de su ordenación el 10 de octubre. Uno se pregunta dónde se han ido todos los años de servicio sacerdotal y amor por la Iglesia de Dios. El Beato Carlos De Foucauld escribió a un Amigo que se preparaba para la ordenación:

*El Sacerdote... es algo trascendente; mediante el Bautismo hace nacer las almas; por el Sacramento de la Penitencia los purifica; a través de la Comunión les entrega el Cuerpo de nuestro Señor como Él mismo lo hizo en la Última Cena; y en su muerte les ayuda a presentarse ante el Amado dándoles su perdón final y la fuerza suprema... Cada día de su vida, un Sacerdote hace lo que Jesús hizo durante Sus tres años de ministerio: enseña a los hombres a saber ; amar y servir a su Buen Maestro. ¡Qué Hermosa vocación!*

Por favor oren por sus Sacerdotes aquí en la Parroquia St. Gianna. Necesitamos su amor, apoyo y aliento para estimularnos y ayudarnos a ser mejores siempre encomendados a los corazones de Jesús y María. Oren los sacerdotes recién ordenados, así también como por todos los sacerdotes que celebran aniversarios este mes.



**P**or favor marque su calendario y únase a nosotros en el nuevo Ministerio de Santa Gianna llamado Millones de Mónicas. Somos madres, abuelas, madrinas y tías que nos reunimos para orar con confianza por nuestros hijos en este mundo tan confuso. Las reuniones son los miércoles a las 6:30pm. Queremos unir nuestros corazones y voces maternas a través de oraciones en inglés y español pidiendo la poderosa intercesión de Santa Mónica por el feliz retorno de nuestros hijos a nuestra hermosa fe católica. La reunión dura sólo una hora, comenzando puntualmente a las 6:30 p.m. Esperamos que nos pueda acompañar!

St. Gianna's Parish Northfield NJ  
StGiannas.millionsofmonicas@gmail.com

**One Hour**  
**One Purpose**  
**Our Children**  
**Wednesdays 6:30pm**

## PROCESIÓN DEL PAN Y EL VINO DURANTE LA MISA

**A**quellas personas que han reservado una Misa por una intención particular son bienvenidas, si así lo desean, a procesar con las ofrendas del pan y el vino durante la Misa. Sólo comuníquense con la señora Fidelina Acevedo o Maria Jimenez antes del comienzo de la Misa.



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

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

## HONRANDO A MARIA EN EL MES DE MAYO



Este domingo 5 de mayo a las 4:00 pm honraremos a nuestra Madre Celestial aquí en la Parroquia St. Gianna. Nos reuniremos y manifestaremos públicamente el amor que sentimos por la Madre de Dios, nuestra Madre. El Concilio Vaticano II reitera y afirma la última voluntad de Jesús, cuando colgado en la cruz, dijo a su discípulo más amado: *"He ahí a tu Madre"*. Y desde ese momento Jesús nos encomendó a María como sus hijos y a toda la humanidad como hija de María. En otras palabras, María es nuestra Madre. Fue el mandato de Cristo y nadie puede dejarlo de lado. La Constitución de la Iglesia del Vaticano II dice: *"Que todo el cuerpo de los fieles derrame oración perseverante a la Madre de Dios."* Luego, continúa diciendo: *"La verdadera devoción a María procede de una Fe profunda que nos mueve al amor filial hacia nuestra Madre y a la imitación de sus virtudes."* Y la Iglesia le otorgó el título de "Madre de la Iglesia." Si María es nuestra Madre Celestial, *¿te imaginas cuánto se preocupa por nosotros? ¿Te imaginas cuánto reza por nosotros?* Pues entonces ven a la iglesia este domingo a las 4:00 pm para honrar a tu Madre Celestial. La celebraremos y alabaremos con flores y canciones. Diremos con una sola voz **¡TE AMAMOS MADRE!** Tráele a nuestra Madre Santísima tus inquietudes, tus dificultades y tus problemas. Pon en sus manos a tu hijo/hija, a tu esposo/esposa, a tu madre/padre; o quizás esa especial intención que guardas en tu corazón. ¡Entrega todo eso a nuestra Santísima Madre, María! Cuando el gran pintor Whistler pintó ese hermoso retrato de su madre, "La madre de Whistler", decidió exhibir la pintura para que todos la vieran en su galería de arte. Mucha gente vino a ver el cuadro. Una mujer se le acercó y le dijo: "Qué maravilloso de tu parte haber pintado tan bien a tu madre." Whistler le dijo: "Bueno, ya sabes cómo son las cosas, a uno le gusta que su mamá sea la más bella posible." Y eso es lo que Dios hizo: ¡Hizo que su mamá fuera lo más bella posible para nosotros, sus hijos!

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**S**i usted visita semanalmente Santa Gianna y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la parroquia, por favor hágalo. Las planillas de registración están ubicadas en el vestibule de la iglesia. El proceso de registración es simple, confidencial y muy importante para la administración de nuestra parroquia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad.  
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**R**ecuerden: 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 Preparación Bautismal** para los Padres y los Padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **último Viernes** de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 7 pm en el Salón Grande.



Marquen sus calendarios!!  
**Coronación, Procesión y Consagración de la Parroquia al Corazón Inmaculado de María**  
**Domingo 5 de Mayo, 4:00 PM**  
*Adultos se reúnen en frente de la Iglesia. Niños se reúnen en el Salón Grande*

### ORDEN DE LA PROCESIÓN

- ◆ Monaguillos
- ◆ Niños de Primera Comunión (Grados, K, 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8)
  - ◆ Banderas
- ◆ Ministerios de la Iglesia
  - ◆ Comunidad
  - ◆ Sacerdotes



## PRIMERA LECTURA HECHOS DE LOS APOSTOLES

**E**n aquel tiempo, entró Pedro en la casa del oficial Cornelio, y éste le salió al encuentro y se postró ante él en señal de adoración. Pedro lo levantó y le dijo: "Ponte de pie, pues soy un hombre como tú". Luego añadió: "Ahora caigo en la cuenta de que Dios no hace distinción de personas, sino que acepta al que lo teme y practica la justicia, sea de la nación que fuere". Todavía estaba hablando Pedro, cuando el Espíritu Santo descendió sobre todos los que estaban escuchando el mensaje. Al oírlos hablar en lenguas desconocidas y proclamar la grandeza de Dios, los creyentes judíos que habían venido con Pedro, se sorprendieron de que el don del Espíritu Santo se hubiera derramado también sobre los paganos. Entonces Pedro sacó esta conclusión: "¿Quién puede negar el agua del bautismo a los que han recibido el Espíritu Santo lo mismo que nosotros?" Y los mandó bautizar en el nombre de Jesucristo. Luego le rogaron que se quedara con ellos algunos días. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

### SALMO RESPONSORIAL:

**R. El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya.**

Cantemos al Señor un canto nuevo, pues ha hecho maravillas.  
Su diestra y su santo brazo le han dado la victoria.

**R. El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya.**

El Señor ha dado a conocer su Victoria y ha revelado a las naciones su justicia.

Una vez más ha demostrado Dios su amor y su lealtad hacia Israel.

**R. El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya.**

La tierra entera ha contemplado la victoria de nuestro Dios.  
Que todos los pueblos y naciones Aclamen con júbilo al Señor.

**R. El Señor nos ha mostrado su amor y su lealtad. Aleluya.**

## SEGUNDA LECTURA DE LA PRIMERA CARTA DEL APOSTOL SAN JUAN

**Q**ueridos hijos: Amémonos los unos a los otros, porque el amor viene de Dios, y todo el que ama ha nacido de Dios y conoce a Dios. El que no ama, no conoce a Dios, porque Dios es amor. El amor que Dios nos tiene se ha manifestado en que envió al mundo a su Hijo unigénito, para que vivamos por él. El amor consiste en esto: no en que nosotros hayamos amado a Dios, sino en que él nos amó primero y nos envió a su Hijo, como víctima de expiación por nuestros pecados. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

**R. Aleluya, aleluya.**

El que me ama, cumplirá mi palabra, dice el Señor; y mi Padre lo amará y vendremos a él.

**R. Aleluya.**

## LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN LUCAS

**E**n aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "Como el Padre me ama, así los amo yo. Permanezcan en mi amor. Si cumplen mis mandamientos, permanecen en mi amor; lo mismo que yo cumplo los mandamientos de mi Padre y permanezco en su amor. Les he dicho esto para que mi alegría esté en ustedes y su alegría sea plena. Éste es mi mandamiento: que se amen los unos a los otros como yo los he amado. Nadie tiene amor más grande a sus amigos que el que da la vida por ellos. Ustedes son mis amigos, si hacen lo que yo les mando. Ya no los llamo siervos, porque el siervo no sabe lo que hace su amo; a ustedes los llamo amigos, porque les he dado a conocer todo lo que le he oído a mi Padre. No son ustedes los que me han elegido, soy yo quien los ha elegido y los ha destinado para que vayan y den fruto y su fruto permanezca, de modo que el Padre les conceda cuanto le pidan en mi nombre. Esto es lo que les mando: que se amen los unos a los otros". 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

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## 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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