

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish

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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

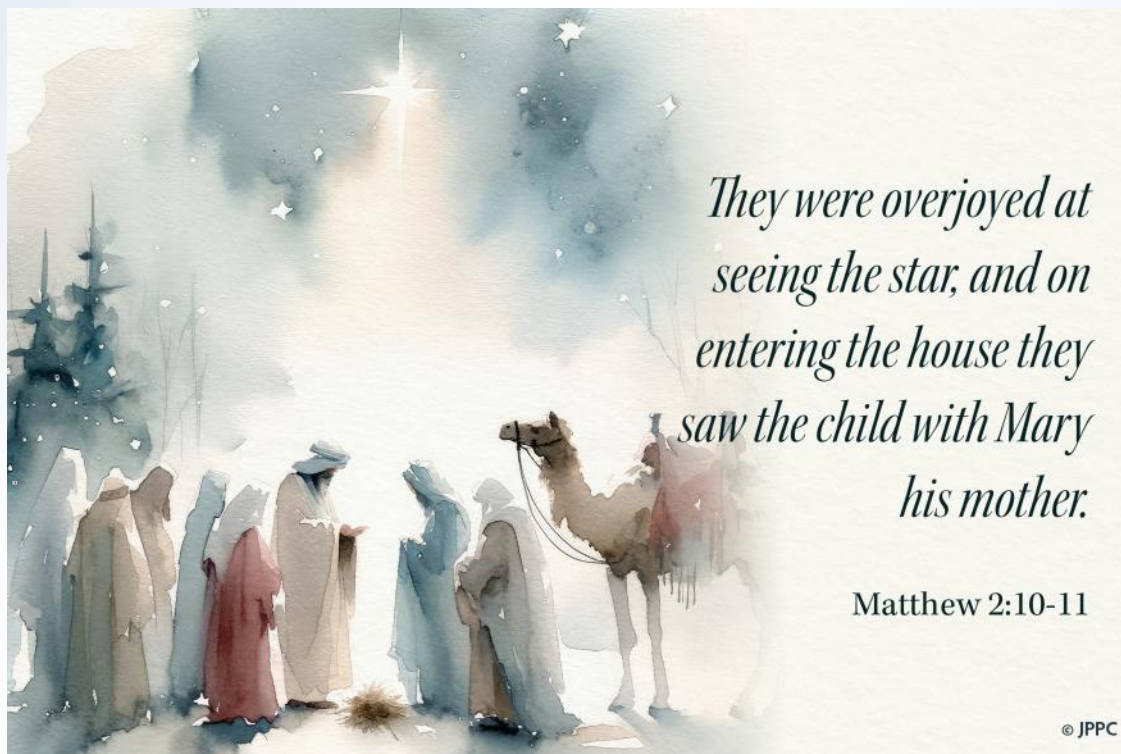
Sundays (Spanish): 1:15-1:45 PM

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM

Friday: Closed



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE: #822 in the St. Michael Hymnal "We Three Kings"

OFFERTORY: #582 in the St. Michael Hymnal "In the Bleak Midwinter"

COMMUNION: #780 in the St. Michael Hymnal "The First Noel"

CLOSING: #600 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Joy to the World"



Feast of the Epiphany

Several years ago, while in New York City, Manhattan, I had the opportunity to visit the Metropolitan Museum of Art. There, I noticed a little chained off exhibit with a sign hanging before it: "Masterpiece of the Month." The choice for January that year was the picture: The Adoration of the Magi. There was our Blessed Mother holding the Infant, St. Joseph standing proudly by, the shepherds in awe and wonder and on their knees before the Child were the Three Wise Men offering their gifts. The colors and expressions were remarkable.

Today, we celebrate the Feast of the Epiphany – the day when the gentile Kings or Wise Men arrived from afar to worship Christ. But, I would like to call it not merely the masterpiece of the month, but the masterpiece of all ages. Why? Because those Wise Men started something. They started a procession of countless wise men and women who, down the centuries since that time have been taking long journeys to find the Infant Christ under the mantle of Holy Mother Church.

Epiphany has been called the Feast Day of Converts, in the sense that every convert to the Catholic Church is a follower, a companion of the original Wise Men. Only converts themselves know what long, arduous and difficult journeys they have had to make to find the Christ. Only they know what faith and courage it took to take the step into the Church.

Today, I want to say that we are mighty proud of all the converts in our Parish. We are proud of the fine qualities of mind and heart you have shown throughout your instructions and in your life as Catholics. The Church, your Parish, your Priest, are proud of you!

I also want you to know, our dear converts, men and women, that you are not alone. You are but a part of a magnificent procession of brilliant men and women, a procession that started on the first Epiphany when the learned men from the East came to Christ, a procession that has included some of the greatest saints, some of the greatest intellectual giants of all times.



Outstanding among these is Cardinal Newman—undoubtedly the keenest intellect of the last century and perhaps many centuries. For forty-five years, he was an intellectual, religious and educational leader in England. But, like the Wise Men of old, he read history, he studied the stars, he studied and thought and prayed himself into the Catholic Church. We have named many Newman clubs and various universities after him.

Books have been written about these modern Wise Men. In every country, there are countless leaders, authors, poets, statesmen, doctors, educators, scientists, protestant ministers and even Bishops who have found their way into the Catholic Church. You, dear converts, are in that caravan. You are in the procession marching to the crib of Christ. You are in the very best company.



SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA

CHRISTMAS DONATION OF GIFT CARDS FOR THE NEEDY

On behalf of our Parish I would like to take the opportunity to extend our heartfelt gratitude to each member of the SODALITY of St. Gianna for making a Christmas donation of \$1,440.00 in gifts cards for the needy of our community. Thank you so much for all you do for our Parish. You are highly cherished!!



Fr. Anthony, Parish Staff & St. Gianna Parish Family



**OPEN YOUR HEART AND SOUL TO THE
PRINCE OF PEACE**



THANK YOU JESUS FOR YOUR GIFT OF LOVE!!

MARY AND JOSEPH, PRAY FOR US AND KEEP US CLOSE TO YOUR SON

The Gift of Life.

Protect it.

Cherish it.



JOY TO THE WORLD



As Mary and Joseph carried and protected their precious gift of the Savior of the world, the Christ Child, let us also journey through this new Christian year as protectors of God's gift of unborn children carried in their mother's womb, and of the disabled and elderly threatened by euthanasia. We will then be also bearers of Christ to the world.



Prince of Peace, we humbly ask Your protection for all our men and women in the Military Service. Give them courage to defend with honor, dignity and devotion the rights of all who are imperiled by injustice and evil. Protect them and bring them home safely. Amen.

EMAIL SOLICITATIONS FROM PARISH STAFF

Your parish priests and staff members will never contact you via email to ask that you provide them with gifts cards or assist them financially in a crisis situation. If you receive an email which is seemingly being sent by a priest or staff member requesting financial assistance of any kind, please **do NOT** respond to it but report it to the parish office immediately.



Father's Quick Quote:

The ONLY New Year's Resolution that Matters: "Go and Sin No More."



May They Rest In Peace!



SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:30 PM Terri Montgomery r/b Pat Coll

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8 AM Francis J. Shallows Jr. r/b Dave & Francine Andrews

10 AM James H. Wilson r/b Patricia Fairfield

12 Noon Juanito Velez r/b Ernesto Velez

2 PM Juan Pablo Hernandez r/b Familia
Intentions of Rev. Franklin Opara r/n Charles
& Gwen Coyle

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

8:30AM Diana Cornell r/b Arthur Roesch

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

830 AM Eugene & Bill Haviland. r/b Eileen Haviland

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

8:30 AM George Montes r/b John Montes

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

8:30 AM Adellon Cabrezos r/b Olivia Pacana

7:00 PM Feligreses Vivos y Difuntos de Sta. Gianna

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

4:30 PM Elaine T. Faia r/b Barbara & Carmen Faia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 12

8 AM Angelina Martirone r/b Children

10 AM De La Cruz & Nigalan Families
Francis Leyden r/b Barbara & Ray Sands

12 Noon Helen Chiodo r/b John Montes

2 PM Jose Juan & Luis Robles r/b Familia Robles



JOY TO THE WORLD



Start the new year



with a prayer...

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 As we prepare to celebrate a brand
 ☆ new year, to you we extend our ☆
 ☆ prayerful good wishes for a blessed 2025. ☆
 ☆ We are deeply grateful for all that is being ☆
 ☆ accomplished through stewardship in the ☆
 ☆ life of our parish. We thank you for your ☆
 ☆ spiritual and financial support and ask ☆
 ☆ your prayers as we strive to serve the ☆
 ☆ Lord as a parish family in the new year. ☆
 ☆ Your kindness and loyalty to St. Gianna ☆
 ☆ Beretta Molla Parish are much appreciat- ☆
 ☆ ed. Thank you for a wonderful 2024. We ☆
 ☆ leave you with the traditional greeting-- ☆
 ☆ Happy New Year! We expect nothing less. ☆
 ☆ After all, the God Who holds the future is ☆
 ☆ the One who holds our hand. ☆
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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

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 call the parish office (609-646-5611).



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.



REGARDING CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS...

Starting February 28, 2025 your 2024 Contribution Statement can be picked up at the Parish office during office hours (Monday-Friday, 9:00AM-4:00 PM). We appreciate you calling in advance so it can be prepared for you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

**Sanctuary
Candle
Intentions**

JANUARY 4 – JANUARY 10

SANCTUARY LAMP AT MAIN ALTAR

Will Burn in Loving Memory of
**DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE PARISH**

ST. JOSEPH & BLESSED MOTHER
ALTARS

Will Burn for the Intentions of the
PARISHIONERS OF ST. GIANNA

A warm welcome is extended to all who have come to the faith community of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish this weekend to join us in worship. We are grateful to our faithful Parishioners who come every weekend and we welcome **all** of our neighbors and guests who visit us occasionally. Thank you for being here!

SHARE THE WORD PRAYER GROUP
TUESDAY EVENINGS, 6:45-8:15 PM—PARISH HALL

"For where two or more are gathered in my name, I am there." Matthew 18:20 Come and enjoy the presence of the Lord. We pray for each other, our children, our families, our church, our country and the world. Rosary, praise and worship, intercession prayers, and scripture study. All are welcome! Any questions call Colleen 609-703-7880.

New Ministry at St. Gianna!!
"THAT MAN IS YOU"

Men of the parish, are you looking to deepen your relationship with God? Be a better husband? Become a more loving father? Build your relationships with like-minded men? And seek to be the best man you can be? Then, please join "That Man is You" prayer group that meets on Thursday evenings from 6:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. in the parish hall. For information contact david@castellinilaw.com. or 609-402-1844.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."
Proverbs 27:17



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!! 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!!

CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

LEVEL I FOR 3, 4 & 5 year olds

This unique Montessori based program is growing in our parish and the results are amazing! If you are interested in knowing more or registering your child, please contact Vici at 609-646-0806.

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.

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: The Sodality prays for expectant mothers and the babies they are carrying. All pregnant women are welcome to contact Cindy Kern at 609-513-8178 for further information. Please pray for Iluminosa Franco and the baby she is carrying.

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 for her intercession. If you would like to sign up for a week of prayer, please contact Diane Del Rossi at 609-653-6905 to sign up.

MONTHLY COLLECTION - Every month we collect items for those in need in the area. In November we will be collecting hats, gloves & scarves for children & adults. The collection is the third weekend of each month. We will be collecting kids pajamas and sweatshirts on the weekend of January 18-19, 2025. Thank you for your generosity.



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!



With Gratitude!

Many Parishioners sent cards, gifts and generous expressions to the priests of St. Gianna at Christmas. Our Pastor, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Sunny, and Fr. Franklin wish to acknowledge their appreciation and gratitude for the multitude of remembrances. A sincere THANK you to all!

**“WE SAW HIS STAR AS ITS RISING
AND HAVE COME TO DO HIM HOMAGE.”**

MATTHEW 2:2

Millions of Monicas Ministry

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 information or email at StGiannas.MillionsofMonicas@gmail.com.



A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF ISAIAH

Rise up in splendor, Jerusalem! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. See, darkness covers the earth, and thick clouds cover the peoples; but upon you the LORD shines, and over you appears his glory. Nations shall walk by your light, and kings by your shining radiance. Raise your eyes and look about; they all gather and come to you: your sons come from afar, and your daughters in the arms of their nurses. Then you shall be radiant at what you see, your heart shall throb and overflow, for the riches of the sea shall be emptied out before you, the wealth of nations shall be brought to you. Caravans of camels shall fill you, dromedaries from Midian and Ephah; all from Sheba shall come bearing gold and frankincense, and proclaiming the praises of the LORD. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.*

O God, with your judgment endow the king, and with your justice, the king's son;
He shall govern your people with justice and your afflicted ones with judgment.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

Justice shall flower in his days, and profound peace, till the moon be no more.
May he rule from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

The kings of Tarshish and the Isles shall offer gifts;
the kings of Arabia and Seba shall bring tribute.
All kings shall pay him homage, all nations shall serve him.

R. Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

For he shall rescue the poor when he cries out, and the afflicted when he has no one to help him.
He shall have pity for the lowly and the poor; the lives of the poor he shall save. **R.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE EPHESIANS

Brothers and sisters: You have heard of the stewardship of God's grace that was given to me for your benefit, namely, that the mystery was made known to me by revelation. It was not made known to people in other generations as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body, and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." When King Herod heard this, he was greatly troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. Assembling all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ was to be born. They said to him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for thus it has been written through the prophet: *And you, Bethlehem, land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; since from you shall come a ruler, who is to shepherd my people Israel.*" Then Herod called the magi secretly and ascertained from them the time of the star's appearance. He sent them to Bethlehem and said, "Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me word, that I too may go and do him homage." After their audience with the king they set out. And behold, the star that they had seen at its rising preceded them, until it came and stopped over the place where the child was. They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

Hace varios años, mientras visitaba Manhattan en la ciudad de New York City, tuve la oportunidad de visitar el Museo Metropolitano de Arte. Allí, noté una obra de arte que estaba en exposición con un letrero que decía: "*Obra Maestra del mes.*" La elección de ese año durante el mes de enero, fue la imagen de la Adoración de los Tres Reyes Magos. Allí se podía observar a nuestra Santísima Madre sosteniendo al Niño Dios, San José orgullosamente parado a su lado, a los pastores con sus caras de asombro y maravillados, y se podía observar a los tres Reyes Magos arrodillados ante el niño Jesús ofreciéndole sus regalos. Los colores y las expresiones de esta obra maestra eran dignas de admiración. Esta es la imagen que nuestra Madre Iglesia nos presenta en esta época del año. Hoy celebramos la festividad de la Epifanía, el día cuando los Reyes gentiles o sabios del Oriente llegan desde lejos a adorar a Cristo. Sin embargo, yo no hubiese llamado a esa obra de arte la "Obra de Arte del Mes" sino la obra de Arte de todos los tiempos. A la Epifanía del Señor se le llama también la *Fiesta de los Convertidos* porque en cierto sentido cada persona que se convierte a la fe Católica emprende un viaje en busca de Dios, es un viajero como lo fueron los Reyes Magos. Sólo ellos saben de la Fe y el valor que se necesitan para llegar a ser Iglesia. Quiero decirles que estamos muy orgullosos de todas las personas que dieron el paso para convertirse a la fe Católica. También quiero que sepan, que no están solos. Forman parte de la magnífica procesión de brillantes hombres y mujeres que comenzaron su viaje en la primera Epifanía, cuando los Sabios del Oriente vinieron a adorar a Cristo. Una procesión que ha incluido santos y algunos de los más grandes intelectuales de todos los tiempos. Entre ellos se destaca el Cardenal Newman, sin duda, uno de los intelectuales más importante del siglo pasado y quizá de todos los siglos. Durante cuarenta y cinco años, fue un líder intelectual, religioso y educativo en Inglaterra. Como todos los sabios de la antigüedad, leía historia, estudió las estrellas, y se educó a sí mismo y se convirtió a la iglesia Católica. Muchas universidades y clubes llevan su nombre. En todos los países, hay innumerables líderes, personajes con liderazgo, autores, poetas, estadistas, médicos, educadores, científicos, ministros protestantes y hasta obispos que han encontrado su camino en la Iglesia Católica. Muchos son los libros que se han escrito sobre estos modernos y sabios hombres. Ustedes están en esa caravana; en esa procesión que se dirige a la cuna de Cristo. No pueden estar en mejor compañía. Tal vez se sorprenda un poco de las cosas y condiciones que encontrara en la iglesia católica. Tal vez no sea lo que usted había esperado. Tal vez se decepcione un poco y hubiese querido que las cosas fueran de otra manera. Pero piense en los Reyes Magos cuando llegaron al establo. ¿No cree que a ellos les hubiese gustado que las cosas hubiesen sido más agradables para Cristo Jesús y para aquellos que decidieron seguirlo? Con la Fe y el coraje de aquellos hombres sabios del Oriente usted también se arrodilló para adorar al Niño Dios. Sí, usted también es parte de esa Obra Maestra de todos los tiempos—la Obra Maestra de misericordia y bondad de Dios. Otro motivo de felicidad es que ustedes también le han traído regalos a Cristo. Han traído el oro de la vida que llena sus corazones. Han traído el regalo de incienso fragante y agradable a Dios en la forma de sus virtudes. Y sí, también han traído la amarga mirra, símbolo de las dificultades, el dolor y la tortura por la que pasó para encontrar a Cristo. Todos estos obsequios fueron colocados generosa, inteligente y amorosamente a los pies de Cristo, sabiendo que Él los aceptará y bendecirá. Para usted, particularmente y para todos los católicos, Epifanía es un día de especial significado. Los pastores que en Navidad vimos eran simples, francos, sin educación, pero sinceros al venir a Cristo. Poco después vinieron los Magos, hombres sabios y educados. Usted siempre encontrará a las personas intelectuales y a las personas simples al lado de la cuna del pesebre. Oremos para que Dios nos conceda a todos nosotros la humildad y la sencillez de los pastores, la sabiduría de los sabios. Que tengamos la sabiduría y la humildad de buscar y adorar a Dios. Que usted encuentre el camino a la cuna del Señor y que sea un verdadero pastor, un verdadero sabio.



Si 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 vestíbulo de la iglesia. El proceso de registración es simple pero muy importante para la administración de nuestra iglesia y para servir mejor a nuestra comunidad.



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 Preparación Bautismal** para los Padres y los Padrinos es **obligatoria** y se dicta el **ultimo Viernes** de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa de las 7 pm en el Salón Grande.

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

PROCESIÓN DEL PAN Y EL VINO DURANTE LA MISA

Aquellas 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.



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.



Los Regalos de Reyes

La costumbre de los regalos que se entregan en la festividad de la Epiphany se originaron con los obsequios que los Sabios del Oriente le entregaron a Jesus cuando celebraron su nacimiento en Belen. El significado de esos obsequios a continuacion:



*Oro: Reinado de Cristo *Incienso: Divinidad de Cristo *Mirra: Sufrimientos de Redención

2025 SOBRES DE CONTRIBUCIÓN

La caja de los sobres de contribución 2025 estan en la iglesia para que usted los recoja. Estan ordenados alfabeticamente por apellido. Si su set no esta allí, por favor llame a la oficina parroquial.

Por favor recordémos en nuestras oraciones a todos aquellos que no están pasando por un buen momento éstos dias; especialmente los que se encuentran en hospitales y casas para ancianos y muy especialmente recordemos a todos aquellos que están terminalmente enfermos.

PRIMERA LECTURA DEL LIBRO DEL PROFETA SAMUEL

Levántate y resplandece, Jerusalén, porque ha llegado tu luz y la gloria del Señor alborea sobre ti. Mira: las tinieblas cubren la tierra y espesa niebla envuelve a los pueblos; pero sobre ti resplandece el Señor y en ti se manifiesta su gloria. Caminarán los pueblos a tu luz y los reyes, al resplandor de tu aurora. Levanta los ojos y mira alrededor: todos se reúnen y vienen a ti; tus hijos llegan de lejos, a tus hijas las traen en brazos. Entonces verás esto radiante de alegría; tu corazón se alegrará, y se ensanchará, cuando se vuelquen sobre ti los tesoros del mar y te traigan las riquezas de los pueblos. Te inundará una multitud de camellos y dromedarios, procedentes de Madián y de Efá. Vendrán todos los de Sabá trayendo incienso y oro y proclamando las alabanzas del Señor. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. Que te adoren, Señor, todos los pueblos.

Comunica, Señor, al rey tu juicio y tu justicia, al que es hijo de reyes;
así tu siervo saldrá en defensa de tus pobres y regirá a tu pueblo justamente. R.

Florecerá en sus días la justicia y reinará la paz, era tras era.
De mar a mar se extenderá su reino y de un extremo al otro de la tierra. R.

Los reyes de occidente y de las islas le ofrecerán sus dones.
Ante él se postrarán todos los reyes y todas las naciones. R.

Al débil librará del poderoso y ayudará al que se encuentra sin amparo;
se apiadará del desvalido y pobre y salvará la vida al desdichado. R.

LECTURA DE LA PRIMERA CARTA DEL APOSTOL SAN JUAN A LOS EFESIOS

Hermanos: Han oído hablar de la distribución de la gracia de Dios, que se me ha confiado en favor de ustedes. Por revelación se me dio a conocer este misterio, que no había sido manifestado a los hombres en otros tiempos, pero que ha sido revelado ahora por el Espíritu a sus santos apóstoles y profetas: es decir, que por el Evangelio, también los paganos son coherederos de la misma herencia, miembros del mismo cuerpo y partícipes de la misma promesa en Jesucristo. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Hemos visto su estrella en el oriente y hemos venido a adorar al Señor.

R. Aleluya.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN MATEO

Jesús nació en Belén de Judá, en tiempos del rey Herodes. Unos magos de oriente llegaron entonces a Jerusalén y preguntaron: “¿Dónde está el rey de los judíos que acaba de nacer? Porque vimos surgir su estrella y hemos venido a adorarlo”. Al enterarse de esto, el rey Herodes se sobresaltó y toda Jerusalén con él. Convocó entonces a los sumos sacerdotes y a los escribas del pueblo y les preguntó dónde tenía que nacer el Mesías. Ellos le contestaron: “En Belén de Judá, porque así lo ha escrito el profeta: *Y tú, Belén, tierra de Judá, no eres en manera alguna la menor entre las ciudades ilustres de Judá, pues de ti saldrá un jefe, que será el pastor de mi pueblo, Israel*”. Entonces Herodes llamó en secreto a los magos, para que le precisaran el tiempo en que se les había aparecido la estrella y los mandó a Belén, diciéndoles: “Vayan a averiguar cuidadosamente qué hay de ese niño y, cuando lo encuentren, avísenme para que yo también vaya a adorarlo”. Después de oír al rey, los magos se pusieron en camino, y de pronto la estrella que habían visto surgir, comenzó a guiarlos, hasta que se detuvo encima de donde estaba el niño. Al ver de nuevo la estrella, se llenaron de inmensa alegría. Entraron en la casa y vieron al niño con María, su madre, y postrándose, lo adoraron. Después, abriendo sus cofres, le ofrecieron regalos: oro, incienso y mirra. Advertidos durante el sueño de que no volvieran a Herodes, regresaron a su tierra por otro camino. Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a Ti Señor.**

Atención!!!

- Recuerden apagar sus celulares ANTES de entrar a la iglesia para que no sirvan de distracción a la comunidad.
- También recuerden NO parquear sus automobiles en las zonas "NO PARKING" para que su automobille no sea confiscado.

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CONFESIONES:

VIERNES: 6:15 PM—6:45 PM

DOMINGOS: 1:15 pm –1:45 PM

FUERA DE ESTOS HORARIOS PUEDE HACER SU CITA LLAMANDO A LA OFICINA PARROQUIAL.

* En nuestra parroquia rezamos el santo Rosario todos los Viernes antes de Misa 630 p.m. *

*Preparación para el Sacramento del Matrimonio
Curso Pre-Cana en Espanol Parish of St. Monica
609-345-1878

*Reflexión sobre el Evangelio. Todos los Viernes a las 7 PM en la iglesia San Judas, 402 S. Black Horse Pike, Blackwood, NJ. Acércate a la lectura del Evangelio a través de reflexiones frescas y actuales para aplicar en nuestra vida diaria.



Atención feligreses !!

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*Gracias por
unirte!*

Nuestra parroquia desea expresar su agradecimiento a todos los que han colaborado para que el nacimiento de Jesús haya sido una celebracion tan especial. Es en la liturgia y en la participación de la misma que encontramos las mayores expresiones de colaboración. Qué nuestro agradecimiento llegue al Ministerio de Música (niños y adultos), Ministerio de Arte y Decoración, Lectores, Extraordinarios Ministros de la Eucaristía, Monaguillos y Ushers, personal de la oficina de Educación Religiosa. También a todos ustedes, nuestros feligreses, que forman parte de la gran familia de Santa Gianna. Qué Dios los bendiga con un 2025 lleno de Paz, Alegría y Prosperidad.

