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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

You are my
beloved Son;
with you I am
well pleased.

LUKE 3:22



SUNDAY, JANUARY 12, 2025

BAPTISM OF THE LORD

ENTRANCE: #825 in the St. Michael Hymnal "What Child Is This"

OFFERTORY: #757 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise"

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

CLOSING: #748 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Sing of Mary"



Baptism of the Lord

In the Baptism of the Lord we celebrate the Baptism of Jesus by John in the waters of the Jordan. Though He, Himself, has no stain to be washed away, He wished to submit Himself to this rite as He submitted Himself to other requirements of the law. As a human being, He submitted Himself to the laws that governed the lives of the people of Israel who had been elected by God to prepare the way for the Redeemer.

John the Baptist carried out energetically the mission to prophesize and arouse a great movement towards repentance as an immediate preparation for the coming of the Messianic Kingdom. The Lord desired to be baptized, says St. Augustine, so that He might freely proclaim through His humility what for us was to be a necessity. By His Baptism, Jesus left for us the Sacrament of Christian Baptism, directly instituted by Christ with what would be a further progressive determination of its elements and be imposed as a universal law from that day of His Ascension. *All authority in Heaven and on earth has been given to Me, the Lord was to say on that day. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:13).*

In Baptism, we receive faith and grace. The day we were baptized was the most important day of our lives. Just as the parched land does not yield its fruits if it does not get water, so also, we who were like dried sticks can produce fruits of life only if we receive freely the gentle and abundant rainfall of grace from on high. Before we received Baptism, we were outside the locked gates of paradise, unable to bring forth the slightest supernatural fruits.

Today, our prayer enables us to thank God for this totally undeserved gift and to rejoice in the countless good things He has so lavishly bestowed on us. Thanksgiving is the very first emotion that should be born in us in response to our Baptism. The second is joy. Never should we think of our Baptism without deep feelings of interior gladness. We must rejoice in the cleansing of our souls from the stain of original sin and of any other sin we may have committed before our Baptism.



All men are members of the same human family which was originally damaged by the sin of our first parents. This original sin is transmitted as an extricable part of our fallen human nature, by generation, not by imitation and is to be found individually in each one of us. But, Jesus gave us Baptism as a specific means of purifying our human nature and freeing it from the terrible affliction of this sin we were born with. The Baptismal water operates in a real way, signifying what the use of natural water signifies – the cleansing and purification from every blemish or stain.

Thanks to the Sacrament of Baptism, you have been turned into a Temple of the Holy Spirit, says St. Leo the Great. Don't ever let it happen, he exhorts us, do not drive away from that noble guest by your evil deeds, or ever again submit to the power of the demon; for the price you were bought with is the Blood of Christ.



**YOU ARE MY
BELOVED SON.**

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THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I wish to express my deepest thanks to everyone who helped make this Christmas of 2024 here at St. Gianna Parish so beautiful and so very extraordinary!

Special thanks go to all who participated in decorating the church — those who helped with the trees, the lights, and the flowers. Thank you, also, to everyone who contributed to our collection for the magnificent poinsettias in memory of their dear loved ones!

Thank you to each one who served a special ministry during this Holy Season. Thank you to all the children of the parish who participated in the Christmas pageant and the adults who assisted us.

To all of our Choir members, Ushers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers and Altar Servers, I say "Thank You!" for helping make Christmas so special. I thank Fr. Sunny, Fr. Franklin, and Deacon George for all their help and support during this busy time.

Thank you to Jesse Santiago, our Maintenance Engineer, and to our Parish Staff for their dedication, support, and wonderful work.

To all of our wonderful parishioners who have always been there to help, support and sacrifice for the good of our parish, I say, "THANK YOU!"

May God Bless you all and may all of you have a Holy, Healthy and Happy New Year!

Fr. Anthony



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.



O 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 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 Juan Pablo Hernandez r/b Familia

MONDAY, JANUARY 13

8:30AM Rev. Edward Lyons r/b Bill Wolf

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

830 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

8:30 AM James Pontari r/b Marlene Pontari

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

8:30 AM Gus Braun r/b Frank & Sue Mierzejewski

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

8:30 AM Peggy Di Bello r/b Raymond & Barbara Sands

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

4:30 PM George Hornberger r/b Barbara & Carmen Faia

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

8 AM Intentions of Nancy Bell r/b Greg & Carol Bell

10 AM Linda Olivo r/b Raymond & Barbara Sands
Intentions of Fr. Anthony r/b Family

12 Noon Juanito Velez r/b Ernesto Velez
Gene Salerno r/b Family

2 PM Hermelina Ortiz r/b Sus Hijos



JOY TO THE WORLD



Start *the* new year



with a prayer...

As we prepare to celebrate a brand new year, to you we extend our prayerful good wishes for a blessed 2025.

We, who are honored to serve this wonderful parish, are deeply grateful for all that is being accomplished through stewardship in the life of our parish. We thank you for your understanding, 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 appreciated. 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.

Priests & Staff of St. Gianna

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 11 – JANUARY 17

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

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *R. O bless the Lord, my soul.*

O LORD, my God, you are great indeed! you are clothed with majesty and glory,
robed in light as with a cloak. You have spread out the heavens like a tent-cloth; **R.**

You have constructed your palace upon the waters. You make the clouds your chariot;
you travel on the wings of the wind. You make the winds your messengers,
and flaming fire your ministers. **R.**

How manifold are your works, O LORD! In wisdom you have wrought them all--
the earth is full of your creatures; the sea also, great and wide,
in which are schools without number of living things both small and great. **R.**

They look to you to give them food in due time. When you give it to them, they gather it;
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things. **R.**

If you take away their breath, they perish and return to the dust.

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO TITUS

Beloved: The grace of God has appeared, saving all and training us to reject godless ways and worldly desires and to live temperately, justly, and devoutly in this age, as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the glory of our great God and savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to deliver us from all lawlessness and to cleanse for himself a people as his own, eager to do what is good. When the kindness and generous love of God our savior appeared, not because of any righteous deeds we had done but because of his mercy, He saved us through the bath of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, whom he richly poured out on us through Jesus Christ our savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

John said: One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." 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 si 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

“Consuelen, consuelen a mi pueblo, dice nuestro Dios. Hablen al corazón de Jerusalén y díganle a gritos que ya terminó el tiempo de su servidumbre y que ya ha satisfecho por sus iniquidades, porque ya ha recibido de manos del Señor castigo doble por todos sus pecados”. Una voz clama: “Preparen el camino del Señor en el desierto, construyan en el páramo una calzada para nuestro Dios. Que todo valle se eleve, que todo monte y colina se rebajen; que lo torcido se enderece y lo escabroso se allane. Entonces se revelará la gloria del Señor y todos los hombres la verán”. Así ha hablado la boca del Señor. Sube a lo alto del monte, mensajero de buenas nuevas para Sión; alza con fuerza la voz, tú que anuncias noticias alegres a Jerusalén. Alza la voz y no temas; anuncia a los ciudadanos de Judá: “Aquí está su Dios. Aquí llega el Señor, lleno de poder, el que con su brazo lo domina todo. El premio de su victoria lo acompaña y sus trofeos lo anteceden. Como pastor apacentará su rebaño; llevará en sus brazos a los corderitos recién nacidos y atenderá solícito a sus madres”. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. Bendice, al Señor, alma mía.

Bendice al Señor, alma mía: Señor y Dios mío, inmensa es tu grandeza.

Te vistes de belleza y majestad, la luz te envuelve como un manto. R.

Por encima de las aguas construyes tu morada. Las nubes son tu carro; los vientos, tus alas y mensajeros; y tus servidoras, las ardientes llamas. R.

¡Que numerosas son tus obras, Señor, y todas las hiciste con maestría!
La tierra está llena de tus creaturas. y tu mar, enorme a lo largo y a lo ancho,
está lleno de animales pequeños y grandes. R.

Todos los vivientes aguardan que les des de comer a su tiempo:
les das el alimento y lo recogen, abres tu mano y se sacian de bienes. R.

Se retiras tu aliento, toda creatura muere y vuelve al polvo.
Pero envías tu espíritu, que da vida, y renueva el aspecto de la tierra. R.

LECTURA DE LA PRIMERA CARTA DEL APOSTOL SAN JUAN A TITO

Querido hermano: La gracia de Dios se ha manifestado para salvar a todos los hombres y nos ha enseñado a renunciar a la vida sin religión y a los deseos mundanos, para que vivamos, ya desde ahora, de una manera sobria, justa y fiel a Dios, en espera de la gloriosa venida del gran Dios y Salvador, Cristo Jesús, nuestra esperanza. Él se entregó por nosotros para redimirnos de todo pecado y purificarnos, a fin de convertirnos en pueblo suyo, fervorosamente entregado a practicar el bien. Al manifestarse la bondad de Dios, nuestro salvador, y su amor a los hombres, él nos salvó, no porque nosotros hubiéramos hecho algo digno de merecerlo, sino por su misericordia. Lo hizo mediante el bautismo, que nos regenera y nos renueva, por la acción del Espíritu Santo, a quien Dios derramó abundantemente sobre nosotros, por Cristo, nuestro salvador. Así, justificados por su gracia, nos convertiremos en herederos, cuando se realice la esperanza de la vida eterna. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Se abrió el cielo y resonó la voz del Padre, que decía: “Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo”.

R. Aleluya.

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN MATEO

En aquel tiempo, como el pueblo estaba en expectación y todos pensaban que quizá Juan el Bautista era el Mesías, Juan los sacó de dudas, diciéndoles: “Es cierto que yo bautizo con agua, pero ya viene otro más poderoso que yo, a quien no merezco desatarle las correas de sus sandalias. Él los bautizará con el Espíritu Santo y con fuego”. Sucedió que entre la gente que se bautizaba, también Jesús fue bautizado. Mientras éste oraba, se abrió el cielo y el Espíritu Santo bajó sobre él en forma sensible, como de una paloma, y del cielo llegó una voz que decía: “Tú eres mi Hijo, el predilecto; en ti me complazco”. 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 !!

No hay una manera más fácil de ayudar a St. Gianna que comer en el Shore Diner en Northfield. Shore Diner guardará todos los recibos de nuestros feligreses que visiten el restaurant y devolverá a nuestra parroquia el 20% de las ventas correspondientes. Lo único que usted tiene que hacer es llevar a su familia y amigos al Shore Diner en cualquier sábado o domingo. ¡¡Eso es todo!! Disfrute de los deliciosos desayunos y cenas. Gracias por su participacion!!



*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.

