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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

Monday-Thursday: 9 AM - 4 PM Friday: Closed

SUNDAY, MARCH 16, 2025 SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



LENT: 40 DAYS OF RENEWAL FAST. GIVE. PRAY

Fr. Anthony's Pasta Dinner

PURCHASE TICKETS AT
DISCOUNTED PRICE
TODAY!!

After all the weekend Masses & at the Parish office Mon.-Thurs. 9:00AM- 4:00PM

\$17 Adults \$10 children (under 12)

Day of the Event:

\$20 (Adults)

\$12 Children under 12

THE VALUE OF ATTENDING DAILY MASS DURING LENT

(Continued from last weekend)

5. **Let Holy Mass be your life because you must eat His flesh.** A most important passage in Chapter 6 of John's Gospel are verses 51-58, for these



verses support the Church's teaching about the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. Other Christian religions teach that "the bread from Heaven" promised by Jesus simply means His teaching and our faith in it, and nothing more. This is true of John 6:26-50; but most certainly not of verses 51-58. Here, Jesus changes the subject. He speaks about eating, not bread, but His flesh; and He means to be taken literally, not figuratively. In promising the Eucharist, Jesus said: ...the bread that I will give is My flesh...If anyone eats this bread, he shall live forever. The eating of bread is necessary if you are to derive nourishment from it. You may look at bread, philosophize about it, analyze it and eulogize its qualities; you may even handle it—yet if you do not eat it, you will never be nourished by it! So our Lord said: If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man... If you do not eat! Eating, however, is an intensely personal act: no one else can eat for you. You cannot eat by proxy. You yourself, must do the eating—no other. If everyone else goes to Holy Communion and you do not, their going will not nourish you. Only he who feeds (trogein) on My flesh has life eternal.

6. Let Holy Mass be your life because you need to meet Christ – daily! After kissing the aAltar and making the Sign of the Cross, the priest begins Mass with the words: "THE GRACE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, THE LOVE OF GOD (THE FATHER), AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT BE WITH YOU ALL! This greeting at Mass comes from Paul's Second Letter to the Corinthians (13:13). Christ becomes present at Mass to enable the Church (1) to offer the highest worship to the Father and (2) to change us into loving persons and (3) through us, to change our world into a community of love. The key word, as I have said, is "presence." Because the Mass affects Christ's presence at the altar, the Church ordered that the Blessed Sacrament be removed from the altar of sacrifice (but not from the Church, nor shunted off to some obscure corner of the Church). This directive was given because the Mass celebrates the coming of Christ to our altars. To underscore this fact more clearly is the reason why the tabernacle was removed from the Altar of Sacrifice. The Mass celebrates four presences of Christ: General, Verbal, Real and Cosmic. That is why the symphony of the Mass has four movements. Now Christ promised to be where two or more are gathered together in His name. The Introductory Rites celebrates this Presence of Christ. It is a General Presence like that of the loved one in the mind of the lover. Because of His presence, we feel our unworthiness and beg forgiveness for our sins (The Penitential Rite). The second movement is the Liturgy of the Word. God the Father speaks to us in the Old Testament readings; God the Son, in the Gospel and God the Holy Spirit in the homily. Here our Lord is not present just in our hearts, but verbally present - He speaks to us. "When we read, God speaks to us!" Thus, we conclude the readings with "This is the word of the Lord" - not about the Lord. The Liturgy of the Word celebrates this *Verbal Presence*. The third or core movement of the Mass is the Liturgy of the Eucharist. This part of the Mass is modeled after the Last Supper. There, Jesus did three things: (1) He took bread (our Preparation of the Gifts); (2) He gave thanks (our Eucharist Prayer); and (3) He said "Take and Eat" (our Communion Rite). At this point of the Mass, we celebrate the best presence of Christ: His Real Presence in our midst. The forth and last movement of the Mass is the Concluding Rite. The Mass always ends with imperative "Go." Having come to Christ at Mass, having been enriched with the Bread of Life (His Word) and the Living Bread (His Body and Blood), we are bid to "go forth among the people" and make Him present in the circle in which we move by personal witness. This is the Cosmic Presence of Christ.

In a word, the Mass is a real encounter with Christ. He is present to us in every possible way. "To become friends," Aristotle said, "you have to eat a bushel of salt together." At every meal we eat but a pinch of salt. Imagine how many meals one must eat to consume a bushel of salt. Aristotle was saying very clearly that to build up friendship two persons would have to have countless meals together. At Mass we banquet with Christ—we meet Him and commune with Him. However, to build up a true relationship of friendship with Him, we must have countless encounters with Him—go to many, many Masses.

- **7. Let Holy Mass become your life because you need to pray.** The heart of the Mass is all prayer! Each Eucharistic prayer consists of thanksgiving, adoration, invocations, acclamation, and petitions—all prayers! We pray for our Holy Father, our bishops, our priests and people. We pray for the poor souls in Purgatory. We pray for the people gathered to celebrate Mass to scatter the darkness of error, to preserve from contagion and corruption of sin, and to make His kingdom come, not in some small corner of the earth, but in the entire world. God does not ask us to do this alone. At Mass Christ is present among us in constant prayer for us. "
- **8.** Let Holy Mass be your life because you must give glory to God, become a loving person and create love in others. I used to think that love is something we can generate from within ourselves; that we could drill deep down into the innermost recesses of our hearts—and behold, love would gush forth like oil from a well. So, I thought. But it is not that easy, else we could



love our enemies at will. As fuel has to be pumped into a car, so love has to be poured into us from outside ourselves. From God, for God is love. And the service station from where love can be poured into the tank of our hearts is the Mass! Thus, in our prayer for unity, we ask the Holy Spirit, the God of Love, to unite all who receive Holy Communion, the Sacrament of love. This double outpouring of love at every Mass is the sacramental grace of the Mass.

- **9. Let Holy Mass be your life because you need to say "Thank you."** We go to Mass primarily not just to receive favors. We go to give thanks to God. The essence of religion is to believe in God's love for us and to rejoice in the thought of what He did and does for us. Religion does not consist in what we do for God—for we can do nothing, absolutely nothing for Him. Religion consists in understanding what God has done for us. Religion is (or should be) a great "thank you, God." In the preface of every Mass we are asked to give thanks to the Lord, our God. And we answer, "It is right to give Him thanks and praise." Then the priest says, "Father, it is our duty and our salvation always and everywhere to give You thanks. "It is right"—because all we are and all that we have we owe to God.
- **10.** Let Holy Mass be your life because you need to remember. The sin of the fallen angels was pride. The sin of man is forgetfulness. To help man remember His sacrifice, Jesus instituted the Most Holy Eucharist. The Eucharist is a memory of a past event. Like any memory, it affects the present. Going to Mass will help us remember the great love for us that has redeemed the world, and we shall learn to be grateful.
- 11-Let Holy Mass be your life because you need to be embraced by Christ. To teach His apostles to serve the poor and the lowly, our Lord took a little child, put His arms around him and said to them, "Whoever welcomes a child such as this one for my sake, welcomes Me." This little child, tradition says, became the fiery St. Ignatius of Antioch, martyred in 107 A.D. While still a boy, St. Ignatius often took his companions to be the spot where Jesus put his arms around him and said, "Here is the place where Jesus embraced me." Often we think of Holy Communion as our receiving Jesus, as our embracing Him. But Holy Communion also means Jesus receiving us and embracing us. At Holy Communion we rush to meet Christ. He picks us up, embraces us, loves us, pours His life and love into us! Not only does Jesus embrace us, but He is in us and we are in Him. I do hope and pray that you now understand a little better why Our Lady said, "Let Holy Mass be your life."



SATURDAY, MARCH 15

4:30 PM Harry & Tina Wilson r/b Linda Cohen

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

8 AM Virgilio Balbuena r/b Ruth Tayao

10 AM Vivian Vazquez r/b Danette Avito
Joseph & Kathryn Di Cosola r/b Family
Patricia Passarelli r/b Falvo Family

12 Noon Gene Salerno r/b Family **Carl Grace** r/b Family

Bernard E. De Lury r/b Family

2 PM Omar Bolivar r/b Family

Josefa Dominguez r/b Naldo Castillo

MONDAY, MARCH 17

8:30AM Frances Schreiner r/b Chris Dragovits

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

830 AM Alexander De La Rosa r/b Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

8:30 AM Dan & Dolores Haviland r/b Eileen Haviland

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

8:30 AM Alice Giunta r/b Sutor & Rando Families

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

8:30 AM Vivian Vasquez r/b Charbel & Renee Fleifel

7:00 PM Souls in Purgatory r/b Gladys Jimenez

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:30 PM Rodolfo Siazon r/b Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8 AM Raymond E. Baker Jr. r/b Dave & Francine

Andrews

10 AM Vivian Vazquez r/b Michael Inforzato

Robert J. Quigley r/b Kelly Mc Carron

Kim Mosko r/b Barbara & Ray Sands

12 Noon Special Intention of Barbara Costello

Bernard E. De Lury r/b Children & Grandchil-

dren

2:00 PM Raul Martinez r/b Familia

Francisco Juarez r/b Familia

MARCH 15-MARCH 21

THE SANCTUARY LAMP

(above the Main Altar)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY IN HEAV

Requested by

NERI & ALMENDRAS FAMILIES

ST. JOSEPH &BLESSED MOTHER
ALTARS

In Thanksgiving

For All Favor received

Requested by

MARGARITA RIVERA & FAMILY

Try to make it a habit to give God the first few minutes of each day by simply praying. "Lord, what do You want me to do today with all the gifts You have given me?" Then, as a good **Steward** be sure to listen for His response throughout each day.





Monday-Thursday: 9

AM-4PM

CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

We would like to thank

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for advertising in our weekly Bulletin.











Fr. Anthony's Pasta Dinner March 23, 2025 —1:00—5:00 PM Parish Hall



Mark your Calendar!!

St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish Keys & Roses Award Banquet Resorts Casino & Hotel Friday, May 2, 2025 at 6:30 PM Details coming soon.

PARISH MISSION 2025

Please join us for a

"A Week of Spiritual Renewal"



Rev. Allian Caparas

March 24th through March 27th

7 p.m. each evening. Parish Church



ather Anthony Manuppella will offer a series of Lenten talks on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30 PM, in the parish hall, starting Wednesday, March 12th. Please mark your calendar and plan to join us for some delicious homemade soups.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & BENEDICTION Every Wednesday of Lent

7 p.m.

(except during Parish Mission & Holy Week)

The South Jersey Catholic Ministries 2025 Appeal is underway at this time in our parish. We sincerely rely on your generosity to achieve our Parish's assigned goal of \$121,100. All parishes that achieve the goal receive 10% raised, and 100% of all funds collected above the goal.

We invite all parishioners to participate in this important effort. We thank you for all you have done in past years, and our sincere gratitude for whatever you can do to help make the 2025 appeal a success. There are solicitation materials in the pews of the church. Please remember: check donations are to be made to the "Catholic Ministries." You are welcome to drop your donation in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Loaves & Fishes Project

Our parish collects non-perishable food for local food banks on the first Sunday of

every month. Please remember to bring your donations and place them in the gathering area of the church. Thank Food Drive you.

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Next Collection Day: April 5-6, 2025

Be a Server at the Altar!

Te are in need of Adults who are available to become Altar Servers and help at Funerals, Wed-

dings, daily Mass, and other holidays when our youth is not available. If you are interested please call the parish office (609-646-5611).



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

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aint 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.





Weekdays of Lent:

There is no obligation to fast. However, voluntary acts of self-denial are recommended.

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday:

These are days of fast & abstinence from meat. There is a limit of one full meal on these days for all between the ages of 18 and 59 inclusive.

Days of Abstinence: (All Fridays in Lent)

All who have reached their 14th year are bound to abstain totally from meat.

Easter Duty Obligation:

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season.

The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, March 9, 2025 to the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, June 15, 2025.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS MINISTRY

Praying with Confidence for our Children

SPECIAL LENT INVITATION WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT 5:30 PM -PARISH HALL SOUP FOR THE SOUL & STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Starting Wednesday, March 12th) Fr. Anthony's Pasta Dinner

"FR. ANTHONY'S PASTA

DINNER FUNDRAISER"

Sunday, March 23, 2025

1:00 pm to 5:00 pm in the Parish Hall

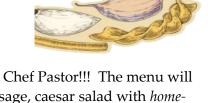
Pre-Sale tickets are available at the weekend Masses and at the Parish office Monday through Thursday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. \$17 Adults, \$10 Children

Tickets at the door: \$20 Adults, \$12 Children

You can dine with us or you may purchase dinner to go! Come join us for an after-

noon of delicious food, great company, music, and lots of fun!





On Sunday, March 23rd everything will be made from scratch by our little Chef Pastor!!! The menu will include pasta with *homemade* tomato sauce, *homemade* meatballs, and sausage, caesar salad with *homemade* dressing, and dessert. We need as many cakes as possible and so for, we need your help. We kindly ask you to *let us know by calling the parish office if you intend to donate a cake for Fr. Anthony's pasta dinner.* If you feeling adventurous try this easy-to-make cheese cake (recipe bellow)—one of Father Anthony's favorites desserts.

CLASSIC ITALIAN CHEESECAKE

1 Cup Honey Maid Graham Cracker Crumbs

3 Tbsp. butter or margarine, melted

2 Tbsp. sugar

4 cups Polly-O Original Ricotta Cheese

1 1/4 Cups of sugar

1/4 cup of flour

1/2 cup whipping cream

2 tsp. vanilla

1 tsp. grated lemon peel

5 eggs

Preheat oven 350°F if using a silver 9-inch springform pan, or 325°F if using a nonstick 9-inch springform pan. Mix crumbs, butter and 2 tbsp. of sugar. Press firmly in bottom of pan. Bake for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, beat ricotta cheese, 1 1/4 cups of sugar and flour in large bowl with a mixer on medium speed until well blended. Add whipping cream, vanilla and lemon peel. Add eggs, 1 at time, mixing just until blended after each addition. Pour over crumbs. Bake 1 hour and 20 minutes or until center is almost set. Run a knife or metal spatula around rim of pan to loosen cake; cool before removing rim of pan. Refrigerate 4 hours or overnight.



Fr. Anthony's Pasta Dinner

PLEASE
HELP US TO
FILL
THESE

BASKETS

Father Anthony's Pasta Dinner is around the corner—Sunday, March 23rd). We still have one more week to prepare for the great Auction of Gift Baskets we are planning to have that day. We are collecting baskets, wrapping products, e.g. ribbons, bows, wrap film, stuffers, etc. Also, new or unused gifts items. If you would like to help us by donating any of these items please bring them to the Parish office on your way by. Any help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you!!

















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!

We may not think of Lent as a time of thanksgiving, but God became human in order to make it possible for us to share in the divine life. In this holy season of Lent, let's remember to give thanks and celebrate this great gift.



MEDITATION BREAK What Does God Say About Helping Others?

"And the King will answer them, Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me." **Matthew 25:40**

"To love another person is to see the face of God," as quoted by the famous author Victor Hugo. As Christians, our every decision should be because of the love of

God and the grace that He showed us. Helping those in need makes us the mirror that will reflect the love of God so it can shine for others as well. The Bible emphasizes compassion to our fellow human beings just as God shows us His love for us every single day. Helping others when we have the capacity to do so is a must. Having the capacity to help our needy neighbors is because God loves us. We should return the favor by being God's instrument to love others as well.

Please remember that family and friends for whose intentions the Mass is being offered are invited to bring up the *offertory gifts* at the Mass. Before the Liturgy begins, please indicate your intention to one of our Ushers.

Father's Quick Quote: "I cannot gauge my wealth by an inventory of what I have in the bank. The only valid gauge is an inventory on what I have in my heart." ~ *Anonymous*

A READING FROM THE FIRST BOOK OF GENESIS

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid? *R*.

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks. *R*.

Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off. *R*.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. *R*.

A READING FROM THE LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord. The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God

R. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ King of Endless Glory
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him.
R. Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ King of Endless Glory

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO LUKE

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Parish Notes

A 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! If you are not receiving envelopes or regular mailings from us and you usually join us for worship, please register! *You are important to us and hopefully we are to you.* Let us know who you are. Registration forms can be taken from the green binder in the gathering area of the church. Registration in the Parish facilitates access to the Religious Education Program and other Parish ministries. Also, it enables the Parish to provide Certificates of Eligibility to serve as Sponsors at Baptism and Confirmation.

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 <u>must</u> be a registered, <u>participating</u> member of St. Gianna Beretta Molla Parish, a <u>practicing</u> Catholic in good standing (not living in violation of the Church laws), at least 16 years of age and <u>have received the sacraments of initiation</u> (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist). Please call the Parish office to make an appointment.

Sacrament of Marriage

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.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION – PRE-CANA

Our Lady of the Angels, 35 E. Mechanic St., Cape May Court House, NJ 08210 For information and to register for the class please call *609-287-9205 or 609-827-2127*.



Baptisms are celebrated on the First Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM in the parish church.

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 7:30PM in the Parish Hall.



Requirements for Godparents in the Catholic Church

- They must be chosen by the parents or those acting in their place, and have the capacity and intention to serve as godparents.
- They must be at least 16 years old.
- They must be baptized, confirmed, and have received the Eucharist.
- ◆ They must be Catholics who lead a life of faith in keeping with their role.
- If married, they must be in a valid Catholic marriage.
- A letter of "sponsorship" is required for those godparents who are not members of this parish.

Bienvenido

S i usted visita semanalmente Santa Gianna y aún no se ha registrado formalmente en la parroquia, por favor hágalo. Las planillas de registración son VERDES y están ubicadas en el vestibulo 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.

También Necesitamos de su Colaboración...

Para mantener los archivos de nuestra parroquia en orden, necesitamos de su ayuda. Por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial (646-5611) si usted desea solicitar sobres de contribución, cambiar su número telefónico, su estado civil o su domicilio. Gracias!

Horario de Misas en Español

Viernes: 7:00 PM Domingos: 2:00 PM

Sacramento de Reconciliación

Viernes: 6:00 - 6:45PM **Domingos:** 1:15 – 1:45 PM

Para confesarse fuera de estos horarios por favor comunicarse con la oficina parroquial.

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.

Acompáñenos a rezar el Santo Rosario

Todos los Viernes a las 6:30 p.m.

(antes de la Misa)

Por favor recuerden que la Iglesia no es un lugar donde nos reunimos para conversar sino para alabar a Dios. Debemos respetar la Presencia Real de Dios en el Tabernaculo y por sobre todo debemos respetar a



las personas que estan orando y preparándose espiritualmente para la celebración de la Misa.

os 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

timo Viernes de cada mes inmediatamente después de la Misa en el Salón Grande. Visite la oficina parroquial para registrarse.

RED DE ORACION

anta Gianna Red de Oración es un ministerio que está compuesto de voluntarios cuya misión es simplemente rezar por aquellas personas que tienen necesidades especiales (espirituales, monetarias, físicas o familiares). Las intenciones solicitadas se mantienen en la Red de Oración durante 30 días. Si usted necesita "oraciones" o desea participar en la Red de Oración de nuestra parroquia rezando por las necesidades de otras personas por favor comuníquese con la oficina parroquial.

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

¡Bienvenidos! MARZO 16, 2025 - Segundo Domingo de Cuaresma

Regulaciones para la Cuaresma

El Miércoles de Ceniza y el Viernes Santo (18 de abril) son días de ayuno y abstinencia, y todos los viernes de Cuaresma son días de abstinencia.

Abstinencia — requiere que todos los católicos que hayan cumplido sus 14 años de edad se abstengan de comer carne el Miércoles de Ceniza, el Viernes Santo y todos los viernes de la Cuaresma (Código de Derecho Canónico §1252). Se considera carne aquella de los mamíferos y aves. Pescados de mar o de agua dulce al igual que otros mariscos están permitidos; también están permitidos productos derivados de animales como productos lácteos o huevos.

Ayuno – requiere que todos los católicos desde la edad de 18 años hasta el comienzo de la edad de 60 reduzcan la cantidad de comida consumida normalmente. La Iglesia define esto como una comida sin carne al día, y dos comidas sin carne más pequeñas que juntas no excedan la comida principal en cantidad. Comer entre comidas no está permitido, pero líquidos, incluyendo leche y jugos naturales, están permitidos.

Dispensas — Además de los límites de edad, aquellos de facultades mentales perturbadas, los enfermos, los frágiles, mujeres embarazadas o madres lactantes según la necesidad de carne o nutrición, trabajadores manuales según la necesidad, huéspedes a una comida en la cual no podrían excusarse sin causar gran ofensa o causando enemistad y otras situaciones de imposibilidades morales o físicas a observar la disciplina penitencial.



Padre Anthony Pasta Dinner Sunday, March 23, 2025 1-5 p.m. Salón Grande



Alimentar el Espíritu Durante la Cuaresma (En Español)

Todos los Viernes a las 5:30 PM Salón Grande

Reserve todos los Viernes durante el tiempo de Cuaresma para eschuchar la plática de Fr. Opara sobre este tiempo penitencial y compartir pan y deliciosas sopas preparadas por miembros de nuestra familia parroquial. Todos están invitados! Si usted desea preparar sopa por favor comuníquese con Fidelina o Ester al finalizer la Misa.

Via Crucis 6:30 PM

Alimentar el Espíritu Durante la Cuaresma (En Inglés)

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Via Crucis 7:00 PM



PRIMERA LECTURA DEL LIBRO DEL LIBRO DEL GENESIS

En aquellos días, Dios sacó a Abram de su casa y le dijo: "Mira el cielo y cuenta las estrellas, si puedes". Luego añadió: "Así será tu descendencia". Abram creyó lo que el Señor le decía y, por esa fe, el Señor lo tuvo por justo. Entonces le dijo: "Yo soy el Señor, el que te sacó de Ur, ciudad de los caldeos, para entregarte en posesión esta tierra". Abram replicó: "Señor Dios, ¿cómo sabré que voy a poseerla?" Dios le dijo: "Tráeme una ternera, una cabra y un carnero, todos de tres años; una tórtola y un pichón". Tomó Abram aquellos animales, los partió por la mitad y puso las mitades una enfrente de la otra, pero no partió las aves. Pronto comenzaron los buitres a descender sobre los cadáveres y Abram los ahuyentaba. Estando ya para ponerse el sol, Abram cayó en un profundo letargo, y un terror intenso y misterioso se apoderó de él. Cuando se puso el sol, hubo densa oscuridad y sucedió que un brasero humeante y una antorcha encendida, pasaron por entre aquellos animales partidos. De esta manera hizo el Señor, aquel día, una alianza con Abram, diciendo: "A tus descendientes doy esta tierra, desde el río de Egipto hasta el gran río Éufrates". Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor**.

SALMO RESPONSORIAL: R. El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación.

El Señor es mi luz y mi salvación, ¿a quién voy a tenerle miedo? El Señor es la defensa de mi vida, ¿quién podrá hacerme temblar? R.

Oye, Señor, mi voz y mis clamores y tenme compasión; el corazón me dice que te busque y buscándote estoy. R.

No rechaces con cólera a tu siervo, tú eres mi único auxilio; no me abandones ni me dejes solo, Dios y salvador mío. R.

La bondad del Señor espero ver en esta misma vida. Armate de valor y fortaleza y en el Señor confía. R.

LECTURA DE LA PRIMERTA CARTA DEL APOSTOL SAN PABLO A LOS FILIPENSES

Hermanos: Sean todos ustedes imitadores míos y observen la conducta de aquellos que siguen el ejemplo que les he dado a ustedes. Porque, como muchas veces se lo he dicho a ustedes, y ahora se lo repito llorando, hay muchos que viven como enemigos de la cruz de Cristo. Esos tales acabarán en la perdición, porque su dios es el vientre, se enorgullecen de lo que deberían avergonzarse y sólo piensan en cosas de la tierra. Nosotros, en cambio, somos ciudadanos del cielo, de donde esperamos que venga nuestro Salvador, Jesucristo. Él transformará nuestro cuerpo miserable en un cuerpo glorioso, semejante al suyo, en virtud del poder que tiene para someter a su dominio todas las cosas. Hermanos míos, a quienes tanto quiero y extraño: ustedes, hermanos míos amadísimos, que son mi alegría y mi corona, manténganse fieles al Señor. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

R. Honor y gloria a Ti

En el esplendor de la nube se oyó la voz del Padre, que decía: "Éste es mi Hijo amado; escúchenlo" *R. Honor y gloria a Ti*

LECTURA DEL SANTO EVANGELIO SEGUN SAN LUCAS

En aquel tiempo, Jesús se hizo acompañar de Pedro, Santiago y Juan, y subió a un monte para hacer oración. Mientras oraba, su rostro cambió de aspecto y sus vestiduras se hicieron blancas y relampagueantes. De pronto aparecieron conversando con él dos personajes, rodeados de esplendor: eran Moisés y Elías. Y hablaban de la muerte que le esperaba en Jerusalén. Pedro y sus compañeros estaban rendidos de sueño; pero, despertándose, vieron la gloria de Jesús y de los que estaban con él. Cuando éstos se retiraban, Pedro le dijo a Jesús: "Maestro, sería bueno que nos quedáramos aquí y que hiciéramos tres chozas: una para ti, una para Moisés y otra para Elías", sin saber lo que decía. No había terminado de hablar, cuando se formó una nube que los cubrió; y ellos, al verse envueltos por la nube, se llenaron de miedo. De la nube salió una voz que decía: "Éste es mi Hijo, mi escogido; escúchenlo". Cuando cesó la voz, se quedó Jesús solo. Los discípulos guardaron silencio y por entonces no dijeron a nadie nada de lo que habían visto. Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a Ti Señor**.



Fr. Anthony's Pasta Dinner March 23, 2025 —1:00—5:00 PM Salon Grande

Los tickets ya estan a la venta durante todas las misas del fin de semana. masses. Inviten a sus familiars y amigos y participen en este gran esfuerzo parroquia. .

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El dia de la pasta dinner
Adultos: \$20 Niños: \$12

Atención!!!

- Recuerden apagar sus celulares AN-TES 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 automobile no sea confiscado.

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os sacerdotes y personal administrativo de Santa Gianna jamás contactarian a los miembros de la comunidad de la Iglesia via "email." Si usted recibe un comunicado via "email" solicitando dinero, ShopRite cards o solicitaciones de dinero por favor NO HABRA ESE EMAIL Y repórtelo a la oficina parroquial llamando al 609-646-5611.



MARQUEN SUS CALENDARIOS!!

MISION PARROQUIAL

MARZO 24- MARZO 27, 7:00PM

PREACHER: FR. ALAIN CAPARAS

Dia de Retiro para Lectores y Ministros Extraordinarios de la Santa Communion.
Sabado 29 de Marzo , 8:00 AM –12 Noon
Parroquia Santa Cruz
732 Morton Ave., Bridgeton
annmarie.ours@camdendiocese.org



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Informacion sobre Inmigracion

Los invitamos a visitar los siguientes enlaces donde encontraran recursos e información en español e inglés sobre leyes de inmigración y los derechos de los inmigrates. https://www.ilrc.org/sites/default/files/resources/ilrc-red or https://www.cliniclegal.org/issus/know-your-rights

Es necesario el silencio para escuchar la Palabra de Dios, para prepararnos a escuchar esa Palabra. Dios se hizo Palabra en Jesús, y condición para escuchar esa Palabra es el silencio: silencio del corazón, de la mente, de los sentidos, silencio ambiental.

