

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA PARISH

ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

AN OASIS OF FAITH AT THE GATEWAY TO THE SHORE

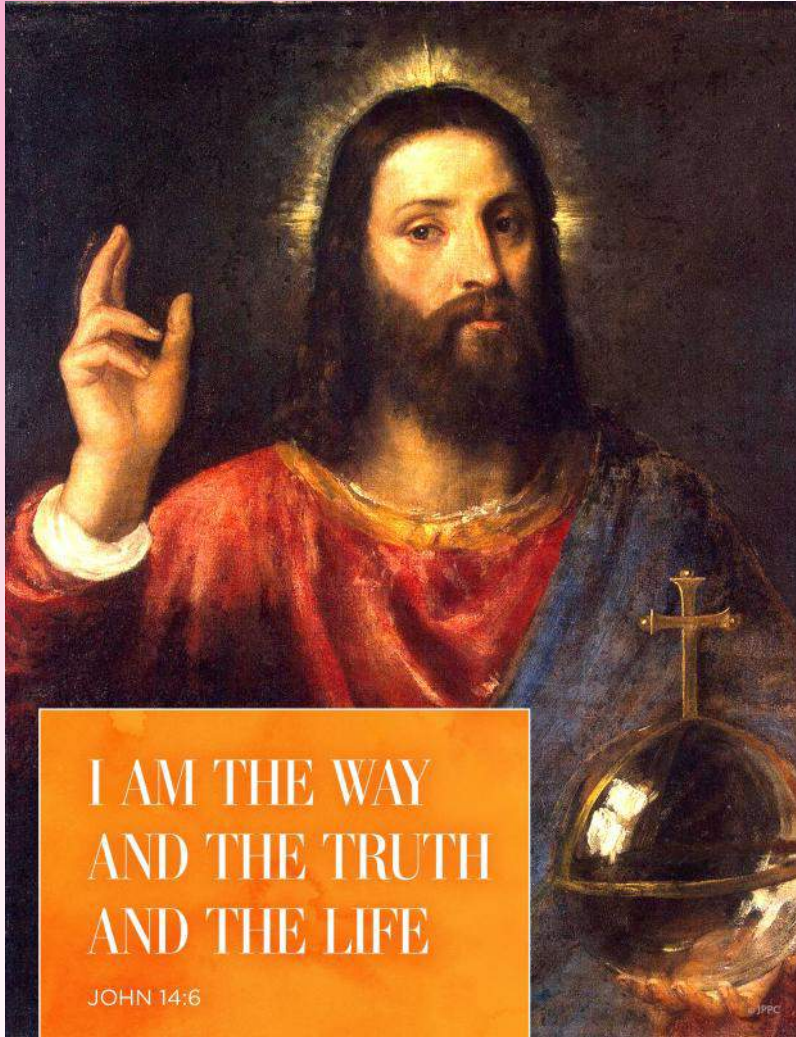
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WEEKDAY MASSES

Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English)

Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

WEEKEND MASSES

Saturday 4:30 PM

Sunday 8 & 10 AM

12 Noon Traditional Latin Mass

2 PM Mass in Spanish

MASSES ON HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

Vigil: 7:00 PM

Feast Day: 8:30 AM and 12:00 noon

7:00 PM (Bilingual)

SUNDAY, MAY 3, 2026

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

HYMNS FOR THE WEEKEND

ENTRANCE: #704 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty "

OFFERTORY: #450 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Be Not Afraid"

COMMUNION: #634 in the St. Michael Hymnal "My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

CLOSING: #577 in the St. Michael Hymnal "Immaculate Mary"



First Holy Communion

On Saturday, May 3rd, at 10:30 a.m., our dear little children made their First Holy Communion. What a beautiful sight of these innocent Children of God coming up to receive our Blessed Lord for the very first time. It should remind all of us of the day we made our first Holy Communion and ask our dear Lord to re-ignite our devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament.

It is my prayer that these children will continue to grow in their Catholic faith with the help of their parents who will be committed to their faith and teach their children the importance of going to Mass every Sunday and confession frequently. Let us keep them in your prayers as they continue their spiritual journey.

Congratulations to our First Communicants!!

LEO ALVARADO
ANTHONY ALVAREZ POCASANGIE
SOFIA ARIZMENDI PEREZ
NATHANIEL BRIZUELA
LUIS CABRERA RODRIGUEZ
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DAVIAN RODRIGUEZ
SOPHIA SANCHEZ
VERA TALIS
EMILY ZAPATA ARENAS



In Our Parish

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 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.

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.

NEW MEMBERS: We would like to extend an invitation to all women of the Parish to join our wonderful spiritual organization. We meet on the **first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm** for the following months: February, March, April, May, September, October and November. We also host a Spring and Christmas luncheon every year. **NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 5 at 7:00 pm**

EXPECTANT MOTHERS: If you are pregnant or have a family member who is pregnant, please reach out to Elisa Egan at 609-703-0432 to add their name to our prayer list for the mother and the baby they are 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 to her. If you would like to sign up for a week of prayer, please contact Diane Del Rossi at 609-653-6905 to sign up. Think about hosting Mary in your home for a special occasion.

MONTHLY COLLECTION – We will be collecting items for the Veterans at Meadowview Nursing Home. Items include Snack-size treats (cookies, cakes, crackers); gift cards; sunglasses; baseball hats, etc.

SHARE THE WORD PRAYER GROUP

Tuesday at 7:00 PM - Parish Hall

Fr. Franklin Opara is inviting you to come and enjoy the presence of the Lord every Tuesday. We pray for each other, our children, families, our Church, our country and the world. Rosary, praise and worship, intercession prayers, and scripture study. All are welcome!

LEGION OF MARY PRAYER GROUP

TUESDAYS AT 5:00 PM-PARISH CHURCH

Please join us!! We pray and meditate the mysteries of the Holy Rosary and learn about Servant of God, Frank Duff, the founder of the Legion of Mary.

MILLIONS OF MONICAS PRAYER GROUP

www.millionsofmonicas.com

We are meeting only on the first Wednesdays of the month through summer, starting now and hopefully starting back up weekly in September. Our next meeting will be May 6th at 6:30. Millions of mothers have watched their children abandon their Catholic faith in a chaotic, stressful and struggling world. Join with other Catholic women who are being called by the Holy Spirit to imitate St. Monica as they attend this prayer ministry in their parishes. Like St. Monica, we pray for our children to return to the practice of their Catholic faith, and for our children to always stay close to their faith. We are a group of mothers, young and old, who believe in the mother's power of prayer. Join us!!

"THAT MAN IS YOU" PRAYER GROUP

Men of the Parish!! Join "That Man is You" prayer group!! Every Thursday, 6:30-8:00 PM in the parish Hall.

For information please call 609-402-1844 or email david@castellinilaw.com



Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Hallelujah!

Easter Duty Obligation

After they have received their First Holy Communion, Catholics are bound by the obligation of receiving Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept should be fulfilled during the Easter Season. Catholics are also bound to confess serious (mortal) sins at least once a year, but this is not limited to the Lenten/Easter Season. The time for fulfilling the Paschal Precept (Easter Duty*) extends from the First Sunday of Lent, February 22, 2026 to the Solemnity of the Holy Trinity, May 31, 2026.



Spot light on...

Knights of Columbus Council 6277 Presents

PASTA DINNER

ALL YOU CAN EAT!

Saturday, May 9th · 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Our Lady of Sorrows Church
Linwood, NJ

- ✓ Homemade Meatballs & Sausage
- ✓ Fresh Salad & Bread
- ✓ Delicious Desserts!

ONLY \$15 PER ADULT

KIDS UNDER 12 EAT FREE!

Join Us for a Great Meal & Good Company!

MASS SCHEDULE IN OUR PARISH

Saturday Evening: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 8:00 & 10:00 AM. (English)
 12:00 NOON: Traditional Latin Mass
 2:00 PM (Spanish)

WEEKDAYS:

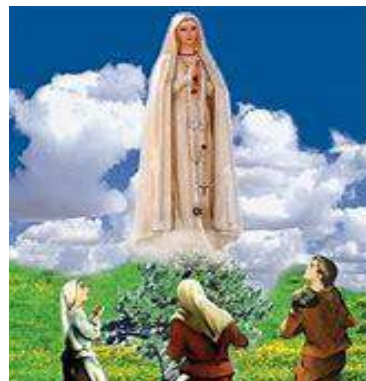
Monday-Friday 8:30 AM (English)
 Friday 7:00 PM (Spanish)

HOLY DAYS

Vigil: 7:00
 Feast Day: 8:30 AM - 12:00 Noon
 7:00 PM (Bilingual)

HOURS FOR CHURCH OFFICE:

Monday-Thursday 9 AM – 4 PM
CLOSED ON FRIDAYS



“Pray the Rosary daily for peace in the world...”
 — Our Lady of Fatima



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SATURDAY, MAY 2

4:30 PM Charlie Vermilyea r/b Carol & Bruce Tatman

SUNDAY, MAY 3

8 AM JoAnne Zumpano r/b Barchik Family
10 AM Mass of Thanksgiving for the 57th Wedding Anniversary of Paulette & Harry Birthday Intentions of Marie M. Cerome Leo Duke Rivera r/b Family
12 Noon Charles Dadino r/b Family
2 PM Consuelo Perez r/b Divina Lopez

MONDAY, MAY 4

8:30 AM Living & Deceased Members of the Parish

TUESDAY, MAY 5

8:30 AM Joseph Della Ferra r/b The Family

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

8:30 AM Benjamin Dumlad Reyes r/b Myrna

THURSDAY, MAY 7

8:30 AM Diane O. Berube r/b Ray & Barbara Sands

FRIDAY, MAY 8

8:30 AM Intentions of my Friends r/b Parishioner
7:00 PM Jose A. Peralta r/b Dulce Osoria

SATURDAY, MAY 9

4:30 AM The Guerrera Family r/b Linda Cohen

SUNDAY, MAY 10

8 AM Ellen DeStefano & Virginia Young r/b Ann & Tony Young
10 AM Marianna Migliore r/b Daughter & Family Kathryn & Joseph W. Di Cosola r/b Family Fedora Phillip r/b The Family
12 Noon Joan Grist r/b Thompson Family Mary Dadino r/b Family
2:00 PM Divina Mendoza r/b Divina Lopez Iris Consuelo r/b Familia

MAY 2 – MAY 8

The Sanctuary Lamp Will Burn

**IN MEMORY OF
GIUSEPPE NANFARA
DONATED BY THE
FAMILY**



At the Blessed Mother & St. Joseph Altars the Lamp Will Burn

**IN MEMORY OF
GABRIEL VARGAS SANCHEZ
DONATED BY THE FAMILY**

LAMPS FOR THE ALTARS

After many requests, we are happy to report that you will have the opportunity to dedicate the candle lamps burning at the altars of St. Joseph and our Blessed Mother (right and left of the main altar) as we do with the Sanctuary lamp above the main altar. These lamps will also burn for one week for the intentions of a particular person or in memory of a loved one. Kindly complete the form below and return it to the Parish office. Your request for the lamps (Sanctuary, Blessed Mother/St. Joseph's altars) will be sequentially (on a first-come, first-served basis) assigned and will be announced and published in the Parish bulletin.

LAMP REQUEST

Circle one: In Memory of Intentions of

Requested by:

Phone #:

Donation (\$20)

Mother's DAY

During the month of May, we will remember all mothers, grandmothers, and great-grandmothers, living and deceased, whose names are submitted to us (envelope included in your contribution set). Six Masses will be offered for mothers beginning on Monday, May 11th through Friday, May 15th at the daily 8:30 am Mass and on Friday, May 15th at 7:00 pm (Mass in Spanish).

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 you.



Next Collection Day:
May 2-3, 2026

Food Drive

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. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. and the games start at 10 a.m. Join us!! \$1,000 in prize money. Instant winners. Progressive Jack-Pots. Also, coffee, bagels, donuts and lots of fun. Come and enjoy the games!! And meet that wonderful group of parishioners who freely donate their time and talent to make our bingo games, week after week, a delightful and great success. Don't miss it!! Thank you all!!



Honoring Mary in May



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

**May Crowning and Procession
Consecration of our Parish to the
Immaculate Heart of Mary**

Sunday, May 3, 2026

4:00 PM

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

*Children will meet in the Religious Edu-
cation's classrooms in the Parish Hall*

ORDER OF PROCESSION

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

ST. GIANNA BERETTA MOLLA



ST. GIANNA PARISH HAPPY FEAST DAY!!

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

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

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

SODALITY OF ST. GIANNA SPRING LUNCHEON

Ladies Luncheon

Our Spring Luncheon will be held at Little Italy in Northfield, on Sunday, June 14 at 1:00PM. For more information, please reach out to Linda Cohen at 609-703-0432. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend.

MAY, THE MONTH DEDICATED TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Since the 16th century Catholic piety has assigned entire months to special devotions. Toward the end of the 18th century a zealous Jesuit priest, Father Lalomia, started among the students of the Roman College of his Society the practice of dedicating May to Our Lady.

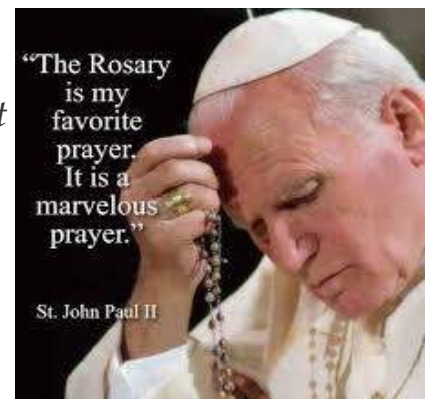
The devotion, which others had promoted in a small way, soon spread to other Jesuit colleges and to the entire Latin Church. In the early years of the 19th century, it quickly spread throughout the Western Church, and, by the time of Pope Pius IX's declaration of the dogma of the Immaculate Conception in 1854, it had become universal, and since that time it has been a regular feature of Catholic life.

There is no firm structure as to the content of a May devotion. Catholics offer Mary special honor in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.



This specific devotion has been supported by several popes including Pope Pius XII in his encyclical *Ingruentium malorum*:

The custom of the family recitation of the Holy Rosary is a most efficacious means. What a sweet sight - most pleasing to God - when, at eventide, the Christian home resounds with the frequent repetition of praises in honor of the August Queen of Heaven! Then the Rosary, recited in the family, assembles before the image of the Virgin, in an admirable union of hearts, the parents and their children, who come back from their daily work. It unites them piously with those absent and those dead. It links all more tightly in a sweet bond of love, with the most Holy Virgin, who, like a loving mother, in the circle of her children, will be there bestowing upon them an abundance of the gifts of concord and family peace. ImmanuGrace – Monthly Dedications.



A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

As the number of disciples continued to grow, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the Twelve called together the community of the disciples and said, "It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table. Brothers, select from among you seven reputable men, filled with the Spirit and wisdom, whom we shall appoint to this task, whereas we shall devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word." The proposal was acceptable to the whole community, so they chose Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit, also Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicholas of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles who prayed and laid hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly; even a large group of priests were becoming obedient to the faith." The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Exult, you just, in the LORD; praise from the upright is fitting.
Give thanks to the LORD on the harp; with the ten-stringed lyre chant his praises.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy.
He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness,
To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

A Reading from the First Letter of St. Peter

Beloved: Come to him, a living stone, rejected by human beings but chosen and precious in the sight of God, and, like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it says in Scripture: *Behold, I am laying a stone in Zion, a cornerstone, chosen and precious, and whoever believes in it shall not be put to shame.* Therefore, its value is for you who have faith, but for those without faith: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone, and A stone that will make people stumble, and a rock that will make them fall.* They stumble by disobeying the word, as is their destiny. You are "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people of his own, so that you may announce the praises" of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light. The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

I am the way, the truth and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **R. Alleluia, alleluia.**

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be. Where I am going you know the way." Thomas said to him, "Master, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father." The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**



Del Escritorio de Padre Anthony



First Holy Communion

El sábado de Mayo a las 10:30 am nuestros pequeños niños hicieron su Primera Communion. Fue una hermosa experiencia verlos con tanta inocencia acercarse a recibir a nuestro Señor por primera vez. Este hecho nos debería recordar a todos nosotros el día en que recibimos nuestra primera comunión y deberíamos orar para que Dios nos re-avive la devoción al Santísimo Sacramento del Altar.

Es mi deseo que estos niños sigan creciendo en la fe Católica con la ayuda de sus padres que tienen la obligación de inculcarles las enseñanzas y el amor a los sacramentos de penitencia y la importancia de asistir a Misa todos los domingos y fiestas de guardar. Oremos para que todos los padres respeten la obligación y la responsabilidad que contrajeron como padres. Oremos por todos ellos mientras continúan su camino en la fe.

Felicitaciones First Communicants!!

LEO ALVARADO

ANTHONY ALVAREZ POCASANGIE - SOFIA ARIZMENDI PEREZ

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Lectura del Libro de los Hechos de los Apóstoles

En aquellos días, como aumentaba mucho el número de los discípulos, hubo ciertas quejas de los judíos griegos contra los hebreos, de que no se atendía bien a sus viudas en el servicio de caridad de todos los días. Los Doce convocaron entonces a la multitud de los discípulos y les dijeron: "No es justo que, dejando el ministerio de la palabra de Dios, nos dediquemos a administrar los bienes. Escojan entre ustedes a siete hombres de buena reputación, llenos del Espíritu Santo y de sabiduría, a los cuales encargaremos este servicio. Nosotros nos dedicaremos a la oración y al servicio de la palabra". Todos estuvieron de acuerdo y eligieron a Esteban, hombre lleno de fe y del Espíritu Santo, a Felipe, Prócoro, Nicanor, Timón, Pármenas y Nicolás, prosélito de Antioquía. Se los presentaron a los apóstoles, y éstos, después de haber orado, les impusieron las manos. Mientras tanto, la palabra de Dios iba cundiendo. En Jerusalén se multiplicaba grandemente el número de los discípulos. Incluso un grupo numeroso de sacerdotes había aceptado la fe. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

Salmo Responsorial: R. El Señor cuida de aquellos que lo temen.

Que los justos aclamen al Señor; es propio de los justos alabarlo.
Demos gracias a Dios al son del arpa, que la lira acompañe nuestros cantos. **R.**

Sincera es la palabra del Señor y todas sus acciones son leales.
El ama la justicia y el derecho, la tierra llena está de sus bondades. **R.**

Cuida el Señor de aquellos que lo temen y en su bondad confían;
los salva de la muerte y en épocas de hambre les da vida. **R.**

Lectura de la Primera Carta del Apóstol San Pedro

Hermanos: Acérquense al Señor Jesús, la piedra viva, rechazada por los hombres, pero escogida y preciosa a los ojos de Dios; porque ustedes también son piedras vivas, que van entrando en la edificación del templo espiritual, para formar un sacerdocio santo, destinado a ofrecer sacrificios espirituales, agradables a Dios, por medio de Jesucristo. Tengan presente que está escrito: *He aquí que pongo en Sión una piedra angular, escogida y preciosa; el que crea en ella no quedará defraudado.* Dichosos, pues, ustedes, los que han creído. En cambio, para aquellos que se negaron a creer, vale lo que dice la Escritura: *La piedra que rechazaron los constructores ha llegado a ser la piedra angular, y también tropiezo y roca de escándalo.* Tropiezan en ella los que no creen en la palabra, y en esto se cumple un designio de Dios. Ustedes, por el contrario, *son estirpe elegida, sacerdocio real, nación consagrada a Dios y pueblo de su propiedad,* para que proclamen las obras maravillosas de aquel que los llamó de las tinieblas a su luz admirable.. Palabra de Dios. **Te alabamos Señor.**

R. Aleluya, aleluya.

Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida; nadie va al Padre si no es por mí, dice el Señor.

R. Aleluya.

Lectura del Santo Evangelio según San Juan

En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a sus discípulos: "No pierdan la paz. Si creen en Dios, crean también en mí. En la casa de mi Padre hay muchas habitaciones. Si no fuera así, yo se lo habría dicho a ustedes, porque ahora voy a prepararles un lugar. Cuando me haya ido y les haya preparado un lugar, volveré y los llevaré conmigo, para que donde yo esté, estén también ustedes. Y ya saben el camino para llegar al lugar a donde voy". Entonces Tomás le dijo: "Señor, no sabemos a dónde vas, ¿cómo podemos saber el camino?" Jesús le respondió: "Yo soy el camino, la verdad y la vida. Nadie va al Padre si no es por mí. Si ustedes me conocen a mí, conocen también a mi Padre. Ya desde ahora lo conocen y lo han visto". Le dijo Felipe: "Señor, muéstranos al Padre y eso nos basta". Jesús le replicó: "Felipe, tanto tiempo hace que estoy con ustedes, ¿y todavía no me conoces? Quien me ve a mí, ve al Padre. ¿Entonces por qué dices: 'Muéstranos al Padre'? ¿O no crees que yo estoy en el Padre y que el Padre está en mí? Las palabras que yo les digo, no las digo por mi propia cuenta. Es el Padre, que permanece en mí, quien hace las obras. Créanme: yo estoy en el Padre y el Padre está en mí. Si no me dan fe a mí, créanlo por las obras. Yo les aseguro: el que crea en mí, hará las obras que hago yo y las hará aun mayores, porque yo me voy al Padre". Palabra de Dios. **Gloria a ti Señor.**



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.

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.



HONRANDO A MARIA EN EL MES DE MAYO



Marquen sus calendarios!!
Coronación y Procesión
Domingo 3 de Mayo,
4:00 PM

Adultos se reúnen en frente de la Iglesia
Niños se reúnen en el Salón Grande

SACRAMENTO DE PENITENCIA TODOS
LOS DOMINGOS DE 1:15 – 1:45 PM
TODOS LOS VIERNES DE 6:15-6:45 PM

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

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

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

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

1. Deberá haber sido elegido por quien va a bautizarse o por sus padres, o por quienes ocupan su lugar; o, si faltan estos, por el párroco o ministro.
2. Deberá tener la capacidad para esta misión e intención de desempeñarla.
3. Deberá tener al menos 16 años. (El obispo puede establecer otra edad en su diócesis o el mismo párroco o ministro - por justa causa- puede considerar una excepción.)
4. Deberá ser católico, estar confirmado, haber recibido la Primera Comunión, y llevar una vida congruente con la fe y con la misión que va a asumir.
5. No puede estar afectado por una pena canónica declarada o impuesta legítimamente.
6. No puede ser el padre o la madre de quien se ha de bautizar.
7. De no estar registrado en Sta. Gianna, los candidatos a ser padrinos deberán presentar una carta de la parroquia donde practican su fe (letter of sponsorship). (Código de Derecho Canónico núm. 872-874)

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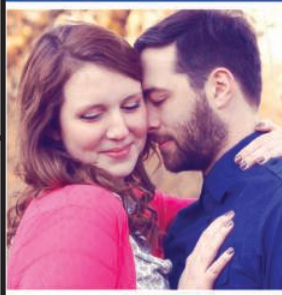
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