

The Feast of Saint Gianna Molla

April 28, 2020

Tonight, Nativity of Our Lord Parish will celebrate the Feast Day Mass for Saint Gianna Molla.

People from all over come to visit the shrine each week and place their prayer petitions at her feet.

They come also to venerate the relics that are kept at the shrine.

Please join us for the Livestream of the Mass
at 7pm tonight as we honor
Saint Gianna
on her Feast Day.

Dear Nativity Parishioners:

Even though we are still in the midst of the coronavirus shut-down, our parish has become more active in the last week. One of the reasons for that is Zoom. For those of you who do not know what Zoom is, it is an online conferencing program that allows us to have virtual meetings. Even though we cannot meet in person, the different groups and organizations in the parish have found a way to meet online.

The parish staff and different committees have also begun meeting. From these meetings new ideas are coming forward and I want to share some of them with you.

Daily Rosary in May

A few days ago, Pope Francis announced that he would like every Catholic to pray the Rosary every day in the month of May, which is Mary's month. He is asking us to turn to her protection during this time of the pandemic and to ask her intercession. Some folks may think that the Rosary is an old fashioned prayer that is past its time. That is not true. I, myself, have gained a new appreciation for the Rosary since this pandemic

began. I join the Archdiocese every night at 8pm to pray with close to 2,000 other people. Knowing that we are all praying together is a powerful thing.

As a result of our parish staff meeting, Nativity will host our own parish Rosary every day at 4pm during the month of May. It is my hope that many from of our parish community will join us to pray the Rosary.

Once I get it set up on Zoom, I will send the information out by Flocknote. I ask you to share it as much as you can.

The Crowning of Mary

Unfortunately, we cannot gather to honor Mary with a May Procession this year.

However, we are planning a May Crowning ceremony in the church that will be live-streamed for our parish to participate in online. When the date is confirmed, I will send it out to the whole parish.

The Carnival

Sadly, the carnival will have to be postponed. I have been in consultation with our Carnival Chairperson, the Finance Council, the Pastoral Council and Warminster Township. It is the consensus that we have to postpone. At this time, I cannot offer any further information about rescheduling.

Along these lines, the Memorial Day Picnic will be canceled this year. Even if there is a parade, there is no way we can keep social distancing while offering food and drink like we normally do.

The Pastoral Council has begun to think of a way the parish can come together for a fun event when this is all over.

Parish Outreach

Our newly formed Evangelization Committee is trying to come up with ways that we can reach out to our parish community. One suggestion is to identify our older members

who may be living alone and to connect with them. I will let you know more as it develops.

Please contact the parish office if you know of someone who would benefit from this kind of outreach.

Be assured of my continued prayers for all of you!

God bless,

Fr. Joe