

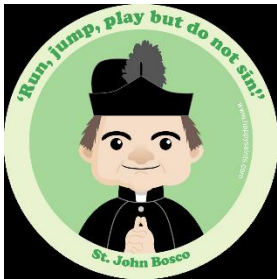


Patron Saint of the Week: St. Gianna Molla, Class 6C and St. John Bosco, Class 2B

St. Gianna Molla (1922 – 1962) was an Italian pediatrician, or a doctor of babies and children. She was also a mother of three children. When St. Gianna was expecting her fourth child, she had a health problem that could either risk her own life or the baby's. Being a devout Catholic who believed that every baby was God's gift, she chose to save her unborn child. As a result, she died while her child survived. St. Gianna is the patron saint of mothers and unborn children. Her feast day is on 28 April.



Dear Lord Jesus, St. Gianna saw every life as precious. Thank you for giving me the gift of being alive. Amen.



St. John Bosco (1815 - 1888) was an Italian priest who loved children. He was concerned for children wandering in the streets and getting into fights. So he gathered them, giving them fun and meaningful activities which also helped them to discover God. Don Bosco himself would entertain the kids with his acrobatic acts and magic tricks, using them as lessons about God. He founded the Salesian Society, based on the spirituality of St. Francis De Sales. His feast day is on 31 January.

Dear Lord Jesus, thank You for blessing me with a home and a family. I pray for those who are homeless and unfortunate. Amen.

(Closing Prayer will be on intercom at 6:10 & 7:55)

Next week: St. Philip Neri, Class 5C

Thanks for all your prayers...smaller cast but still limited typing. I should be here to see you all!

As a component of the readiness for Confirmation the **8th Grade/Confirmation Retreat will be February 16-17, 2018 at St. Patrick School**. Attendance at this retreat is required for the Confirmandi. The retreat will begin at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 16 and end after the 5 PM Mass on Sunday, February 17.

Pancake Breakfast after morning Masses Sunday, February 17.

There will be a **First Communion Meeting for Parents** on **Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 7:00 PM in the Church**. Childcare will be provided, but must be reserved in advance.

