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*To be a welcoming Eucharistic community by providing resources for spiritual growth
and faith development, and encouraging service and discipleship to spread
the good news of God's Kingdom.*

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saint Gianna Beretta Molla

A Witness of Everyday Love

By John D'Anca

1922-1962 • Feast Day: April 28



When we think of Catholic saints, our minds often jump to ancient martyrs, silent cloistered nuns, or solitary monks praying in the desert. We often forget sainthood is possible in our modern era, too. But Saint Gianna Beretta Molla (1922-1962) brings holiness right into the heart of everyday human life. Her sanctity wasn't lived at a distance from the world; it was woven directly through her busy work as a pediatrician, her vibrant marriage, and the joy of raising a family. As a devoted doctor, wife, and mother in mid-twentieth-century Italy, Gianna showed us that holiness isn't some far-off, mysterious state reserved for a chosen few. It is found in the quiet, sacrificial love we choose to give each and every day.

Growing up in Magenta, Italy, Gianna learned early on from her family that faith isn't just something you talk about on Sundays; it's something you put into practice daily. That deep conviction carried her through medical school at the University of Pavia, where she chose to specialize in pediatrics. For Gianna, being a doctor was never just a job or a career path; it was a true calling. She treated every patient who walked through her door, especially struggling young mothers, frightened children, and the elderly, with gentle patience and refined clinical skill. To her, caring for someone's physical health was simply another way of sharing God's tenderness.

That same warmth and joy spilled over into her personal life. In 1955, she married Pietro Molla, an engineer, and together they built a home filled with affection and deep mutual respect. Gianna truly loved being alive. She was an accomplished skier who cherished time in the mountains, loved painting, and found joy in classical music. She didn't abandon the beauty of the world to follow God; she found God right in the middle of it, providing a wonderful model for each of us.

The defining moment of Gianna's life came in September 1961. Two months into her fourth pregnancy, doctors discovered a painful tumor in her uterus. The standard medical treatments at the time offered a heartbreaking choice: a full hysterectomy or ending the pregnancy would safeguard her own life, but it would mean losing her unborn baby. Gianna, relying on both her medical understanding and her profound faith in the value of every human soul, refused any option that would harm her child. She asked the surgeon to remove only the tumor, knowing full well the immeasurable personal risk she was taking.

Throughout the rest of her pregnancy, Gianna carried herself with quiet courage and grace. She placed her family entirely in God's hands, but made her own wishes crystal clear to her doctors and her husband: if a choice ever had to be made between saving her life or saving the baby's, the baby's life was to be prioritized. On April 21, 1962, she gave birth to a healthy little girl, Gianna Emanuela. Just one week later, on April 28, Gianna passed away from severe complications at thirty-nine years old.

When Pope John Paul II canonized her in 2004, with her husband, Pietro, and their grown children standing in St. Peter's Square, the Church gave us a saint who feels remarkably close to home and one whose life somehow feels "within reach." Saint Gianna reminds us of the sacred beauty found in motherhood, the dignity of human life, and the quiet heroism of an ordinary life lived with extraordinary devotion. Her story is a beautiful, gentle reminder that true love is always a choice, a decision to give of ourselves for the good of another, no matter the cost. The recency of St. Gianna's life and canonization provide a wonderful model from a saint who not long ago walked among us.

ST. GIANNA MOLLA, PRAY FOR US!

FEAST DAY: APRIL 28

St. Patrick's Patrick

Celebrating Our Faith, Our Community, and Our Mission at Saint Patrick

I want to offer my sincere and heartfelt thanks to **Jennifer and Kevin Riley, Gabriella Patano, Nick Lukic, Raymond Pelelas, Peggy Gaiar, Meghan Hallagan, John and Nina Abuja**, and to all the volunteers who gave so generously of themselves to make the **Saint Patrick Sham Rockin' Summerfest** such a wonderful success last Sunday. It was a truly joyful celebration, filled with fellowship, laughter, and the beautiful spirit of our parish family. An event like this is only possible because of people who are willing to share their time, energy, and talents for the good of the community. To everyone who helped in any way, **thank you from the bottom of my heart**. May God bless you, your families, and your generosity, and may the spirit of Saint Patrick continue to inspire us. I also thank everyone who came and supported our parish. My hope is that next year even more parishioners will step forward and ask, "How can I help?" Each person has a gift to offer, and our parish grows stronger when we share those gifts with one another.

I am also grateful to everyone who joined us for **Mass at Saint Patrick Cemetery on Saturday, August 15th**. It was a beautiful and meaningful way to honor our founders and all the parishioners who went before us, those who built this community, supported this church, and passed on the faith we are blessed to live today. We stand on the shoulders of generations of faithful people, and their prayers, sacrifices, generosity, and love for Saint Patrick continue to bear fruit among us. As we remember them with gratitude, we are also reminded of our responsibility to build for those who will come after us. I truly believe that **Saint Patrick, our patron, is working wonders in our parish**, and I encourage every parishioner to take part in that work. Join a ministry, volunteer at an event, welcome someone new, become involved in a parish group, help with our children and young people, or simply offer your time when there is a need. There is a place for everyone at Saint Patrick.

This weekend's Gospel places before us a question that should stay with us long after Mass has ended. Jesus asks His disciples, "**But who do you say that I am?**" Peter answers with deep faith: "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**" Jesus then entrusts Peter with the mission of leading His Church. Yet this question was not meant for Peter alone; it is addressed to each of us. **Who is Jesus for you?** Is He only someone we speak about on Sunday, or is He truly the center of our lives? Is He the one we turn to in times of joy and sorrow, the one who guides our choices, strengthens our families, forgives our sins, and calls us to serve? Our answer cannot remain only on our lips. It must be seen in the way we live, love, forgive, worship, and serve one another.

As we continue to build the future of Saint Patrick, let us never forget that the Church is more than a building. **The Church is us, the people of God, united in Christ**. Our parish will be as alive as the faith we bring to it and as welcoming as the love we show one another. Let us honor the legacy of those who came before us by creating a stronger, more faithful, and more welcoming Saint Patrick for the generations still to come. May Saint Patrick intercede for our parish, our families, our ministries, and all who call Saint Patrick home. And may each of us answer Jesus with our whole heart: "**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**"



Fr. Patrick Kizza

PASTOR

Sunday, August 23

- 8:00am** – Mass – Fr. Patrick
Intention: † Patricia Curren, req. Judy Kozak
- 10:00am** – Mass – Fr. Franzman
Intention: St. Mary's Knights of Columbus
- 11:45am** – Mass – Msgr. Dempsey
Intention: People of St. Patrick Church

Monday, August 24

- 8:00am** – Mass
Intentions:
† Beverly Franzke, req. Peg Therese Ruedig
† Chester Plodzeen, req. Pat Plodzeen

Tuesday, August 25

- 8:00am** – Mass
Intention: † John R Coath, req. Ted & Liz Brandt

Wednesday, August 26

- 8:00am** – Mass
Intention: Special intention for: 1st Lt. Emilia Puszyński, req. Her grandparents
- 8:30am** – Adoration - OC
- 6:15pm** – Benediction - OC

Thursday, August 27

- 8:00am** – Mass
Intention: Holy Souls in Purgatory

Friday, August 28

- 8:00am** – Mass
Intention: Special intention for: Madeleine Slingerland, req. The Saville Sisters
- 6:00pm** – Angelus/Adv. Prayer - MC

Saturday, August 29

- 5:00pm** – Mass – Fr. Jerry
Intentions:
† Msgr. Frank Cimarrusti, req. David & Marianna Cimarrusti
† Maria A Gambino, req. Kay Wawrzyn

Sunday, August 30

- 8:00am** – Mass – Fr. Patrick
Intention: † Bernie Peter, req. Sandy McBreen
- 10:00am** – Mass – Fr. Franzman
Intentions:
† Dorothy D'Souza, req. Menuhin D'Souza
† Alice Balakrishnan, req. Bala Balakrishnan
† Gary Widman, req. Gail & Patrick Geary
- 11:45am** – Mass – Fr. McMahon
Intention: People of St. Patrick Church

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord Jesus, Divine Physician, we bow before you. Stretch out your healing hand upon [Name]. Ease their pain, calm their fear, and restore their health. May they feel your loving presence today. Amen.

SCAN TO SIGN UP FOR ADORATION



GIVE ONLINE

Support St. Patrick through online giving. Scan the QR code to visit our GiveCentral page.



FINANCES

Sunday Collection for the Weekend of August 8-9, 2026

Actual	\$25,484
Budget	\$17,650
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$7,834

Fiscal Year to Date

Ordinary Income	\$211,799
Ordinary Expense	\$170,087
Surplus	\$41,712



JOIN US FOR THIS MOMENTOUS OCCASION

THE INSTALLATION MASS OF
FR. PATRICK KIZZA
AS PASTOR OF ST. PATRICK PARISH

Please join our parish community as Fr. Patrick is formally installed as pastor and as we pray for him and for St. Patrick Parish in this new chapter together.



**SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 13**

11:45 AM



**ST. PATRICK
CATHOLIC CHURCH**

950 W. Everett Rd
Lake Forest, IL 60045



PLEASE RSVP

Scan the QR code or visit
stpatrick-lakeforest.netlify.app/frpatrick

We look forward to celebrating this important day with you.



*All women of the parish are invited
to register for the St. Patrick Church
Women's Group and our new
Welcoming Committee and
Hospitality Committee!*

Welcome to the 2026 – 2027 season of the St. Patrick Women's Group. We encourage you to register for our new parish ministries and the Women's Group so that we can build community and accomplish our mission of supporting our church and each other by sharing Faith, Friendship and Service. There is no charge to register for the St. Patrick Women's Group, but we would like to have email addresses to invite you to participate in our activities and service projects.



The online registration form and current list of events can be found at:

stpatrick-lakeforest.netlify.app/womensgroup

*Please volunteer for our new ministries and any events
that you would like to help with.*



Representatives of the Women's Group will also be available after all the masses on **August 29th and 30th** to answer any questions and to register new members.



Please mark your calendar for our opening event on
Thursday, September 17th.

The event will be held at our church where we will attend mass together at **10:00 AM** followed by refreshments in the Parish Center. The event is free for all women of the parish. We hope to see you there.



If you have questions, please email Kathy Healan at khealan@gmail.com or Peggy Gaier at peggy.gaier@outlook.com.

Faith • Friendship • Service



MEN OF ST. PATRICK

Join the St. Patrick Men's Group

*Grow in faith, fellowship, and service with
other Catholic men of the parish.*

The St. Patrick Men's Group brings men together
to support the parish community through
Spiritual, Service, and Social opportunities.
New and longtime parishioners are welcome.

— SPIRITUAL • SERVICE • SOCIAL —

1ST FRIDAY MEN'S MASS

Join us on the first Friday
of each month for Mass and fellowship.
Held at the Main Church / Parish Center

MEN'S SPIRITUALITY

3RD SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH
7:30 AM – 8:30 AM
Held in the Community Room



All men of the parish are invited.



FROM OUR GARDEN TABLE

Our From Our Garden Table is a simple way to live the Gospel
by sharing the abundance God has entrusted to us.

If your garden has produced more than you can use, we invite
you to bring your extra fruits, vegetables, herbs, or flowers to
the table and share them with your fellow parishioners.

This year, God has blessed me with tomatoes and green peppers.
What has He blessed you with?

We each receive different gifts from the earth, and by sharing
them we become a blessing to one another, especially to those
who may not have had the opportunity to plant a garden or
grow their own produce.

In doing so, we imitate the spirit of the early Church, where
believers joyfully shared what they had so that everyone's
needs were met (Acts 2:44-45).

*Starting the weekend of August 15th, let us celebrate
God's generosity by bringing what we have and share.*

Fr. Patrick

FIRST COMMUNION

2026–2027 School Year

Classes start in September. Register soon. Some classes are filling up.

- † Religious Education classes meet Sundays 8:30–9:45 AM or Mondays 4:30–5:45 PM.
- † Two years of enrollment are required before receiving First Communion.
- † Uploading a Baptismal Certificate is required to submit registration.
- † Tuition: 1 child \$375 | 2 children \$600 | 3 or more children \$675.
- † 2nd Grade Sacrament Fee: additional \$60.
- † Early Bird pricing ends July 1. After that, fees increase by \$100 per family.
- † Tuition assistance is available.

SCAN TO REGISTER



Questions? Contact the Faith Formation Office

Dianne Marshall | 847-234-2179

dmarshall@stpatrick-lakeforest.org

Register online: stpatrick-lakeforest.org/reregistration

CONFIRMATION

Grades 8–9 | 2026–2027

Registration is open. Confirmation begins in grade 8.

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- † St. Patrick Confirmation is a two-year program.
- † It begins in the fall of 8th grade and continues through freshman year.
- † Second-year students are confirmed in the spring of freshman year.
- † Classes take place on average twice a month on Sunday afternoons.
- † If your child was not baptized at St. Patrick, a Baptismal Certificate must be uploaded.
- † 1st Year: Tuition \$350 and Retreat Fee \$50.
- † 2nd Year: Sacramental Fee \$50, Classroom Fee \$50, and Retreat Fee \$150.
- † Early Bird pricing ends July 1. After that, fees increase by \$100 per student.
- † Financial assistance is available.

Register online: stpatrick-lakeforest.org/confirmationregistration

Knights Corner

Lake Forest Council 1268

Join us **September 18-20**
for the annual Knights of Columbus
"Tootsie Roll" drive.

Your donations support Camp Hope and individuals
with intellectual disabilities and special needs.



We welcome support
from our ministries,
Scouts, High School
students and anyone
who can help.



All donations
qualify as a
501C3 charity
tax deduction.



Thank you for
helping make
a difference!

Contact a Knight!



Tootsie Roll Drive Chairman: Jeff Kowal: (630) 235-3319



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Email: knightsoflakeforest1268@gmail.com



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WOMEN'S *Retreat*

Join us for an uplifting Young Adult Women's Retreat designed
to nurture your soul, reignite your faith, and invite you into
a sisterhood filled with authentic, Christ-like friendships. This
retreat is open to young women aged 18-39.

- ✓ Insightful speakers
- ✓ Heart-opening conversations
- ✓ Mass, Adoration and Confession



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5TH
START AT 10 AM - 4 PM



ST. PATRICK CATHOLIC CHURCH
991 S. Waukegan Road
Lake Forest, IL 60045



Scan to register!

Check-in opens at 9:45 am by the Main Church
Mass will begin in the Main Church at 10 am

Cost of retreat: \$15



How are we called to
love through life's
new chapters and
challenges?



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SACRAMENTS AND RESOURCES

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)

Saturday: 4:00 pm to 4:45 pm in the Main Church
or by appointment

Sacrament of Baptism

Sundays: 1:00 pm
Arrangements must be made in advance of the date.

Sacrament of Marriage

Arrangements must be made at least six to eight
months prior to wedding.

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact Fr. Patrick Kizza at 847-234-1401

Holy Communion for the Homebound

Please call the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

New Parishioner Registration

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Sacrament of Confirmation

Contact Dianne Marshall at 847-234-1401

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Contact the Ministry Office at 847-234-1401

Office for the Protection of Children and Youth

312-534-5254

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