

Happy Easter to All

We at St. Maria Goretti have just completed a wonderful Lenten season. We can now celebrate the beauty and joy of Easter.

Each day during Lent so many attended daily Mass, Way of the Cross and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Chapel.

Many joined in Bible Study on Monday nights to share the Word of God.

On Palm Sunday we experienced the Hosanna's of the people who recognized Jesus in exhilaration.

On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week we gathered as a family to join together in worship, praise and song to give God glory as we celebrated and grew in our knowledge of God and fellowship in our Parish Mission.

On Holy Thursday we gathered to give thanks to God for the institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood he entrusted to us at the Last Supper.

On Good Friday we mourned and suffered with Jesus, hanging on the Cross in reparation for our sins and salvation for us.

On Holy Saturday we entered the darkness of our Church with the Easter Candle, symbolic of Christ, the Light of the World. During these ceremonies we recalled the Creation of the world and mankind, and our fallen nature through sin. Then we sang with gusto, and rang all the Church bells, lighted the candles, decorated our altar and church with flowers as we sang the "Glory to God in the highest".

We are alive with Christ, fully alive through Baptism, inspired by the Holy Spirit, reconciled with God and each other, and uplifted by the Eucharist. What a wonderful, happy and holy Easter we have, as we celebrate the beauty of nature in our world and the special beauty of our lives with Christ.

A Happy, Holy Easter to our Goretti Family,

Msgr. Gauthreaux, Fr. Cyril, and all our Staff



Saturday, March 31, 2018

Vigil of Easter

4:00p.m. Darrell and Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – George Marcell – Ellsworth McKendall – Rita Whitehead – Intentions of Tu Tran – Lelica Brustie

Sunday, April 1, 2018

Easter Sunday

8:30a.m. Darrell & Elodie Gabriel – Bruce Gabriel – Calvin Tate – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Earthy B. Lazard – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Melvina Kepp – Hurby Oubre – James St. Charles – Manuel & Evelyn Grouse – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Corinne Singletary – Intentions Tu Tran – Pierre Family – Rixner Family

10:30a.m. Lamar and Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Barbara McKine – Leontine Coleman – Nathaniel Wilson, Sr. – Dennis and Rita Washington – Russell Obee, Jr. – Curley Dazart, Jr. – Guillory & Faciane Family – Nathaniel W. Dorsey – Rita Whitehead – Intention of the McKinney Family – Herman Mitchell

12:00p.m. Andrew Joseph, III – Enix Smith – Intentions of the Parishioners of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, April 2, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Katherine Bertrand – Alcina Sampson – Beverly Wilkerson – Rita Washington – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Intentions of Tu Tran – Cheryl Thomas – Herman Mitchell

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Beverly Wilkerson – Intentions of Tu Tran – Blair McDonald – Herman Mitchell – Wilkerson & Baham & Families

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Beverly Wilkerson – Intentions of Tu Tran – Reggie Woolery, Jr. – Herman Mitchell Family – Betty Baptiste

Thursday, April 5, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Russell Obee, Jr. – Beverly Wilkerson – Intentions of Tu Tran – Herman Mitchell & Family – Robert and Memory Britsch

Friday, April 6, 2018

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Beverly Wilkerson – Peter Phi Van Nguyen – Intentions of Tu Tran

Saturday, April 7, 2018

8:30a.m. Intentions of Tu Tran – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

“I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Lent a Journey of Hope

During this Holy Season of Lent, the parish will embark on a journey of Hope. Now we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord, knowing that God is Faithful, He loves us, and He lives with us! The Bible Study theme for **Easter Sunday** is: **Rejoicing in Hope – Let our hearts be healed by the risen Christ.** The Bible study for this week has the same theme and it is based on the readings for **Easter Sunday**: **Reading I: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Responsorial Psalm: 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Reading II: Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel: John 20:1-9.** The bible study can be found on the parish website at: smgnola.com/BibleStudy. **Come and be warmed by the word of God. Join us Monday, April 9, 2018 in the Center at 7:00p.m.**

He is risen - He is alive!

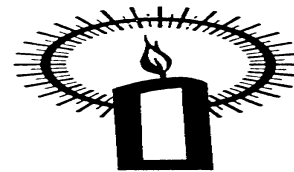


Thursdays, 8:00p.m. in the Center where you might win and have some fun with friends & family.

RCIA

As we embrace the Resurrection of Our Lord, we also embrace the need to renew and strengthen our faith in Jesus Christ. The St. Maria Goretti (Rites of Christian Initiation of Adults) continues to welcome all who wish to know more about the Catholic Faith. Come and join us. Registration forms can be found in the rear of the Church.

This week’s **RCIA** Session is a continuation of a discussion of how God reveals Himself to us entitled: **What does the sacrament of the Eucharist have to do with the Resurrection of Jesus? Did Jesus really rise from the dead? Why do we keep Holy Sunday and not Saturday? Is Jesus’ Resurrection a historical fact?** For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard, Harold Broussard, Sheila Thompson, Byron Martin, Dianne Wiltz-Huntley or any member of the RCIA Team at (504) 242-7554, or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at <http://www.smgnola.com>. **Join us Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:00p.m. in the chapel.**



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Chris H. Davillier, Sr.
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Beverly Wilkerson and Helen Cheatham



Monday, April 2, 2018

Closed

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

- 6:00p.m. Excerise Class – Center
- 6:30p.m. Huntington Park HOA – Rm. 8
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10

Wednesday, April 4, 2018

- 9:00a.m. UTNO – Center & Kitchen
- 6:00p.m. Exercise Class – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library

Thursday, April 5, 2018

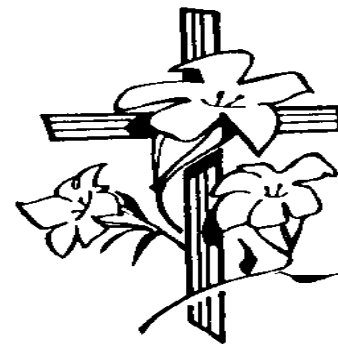
- 6:00p.m. Bingo - Center

Friday, April 6, 2017

- 12:15p.m. Excerise – Center

Saturday, April 7, 2018

- 11:30a.m. CYO Meeting – Rm. 11
- 12:00p.m. Haiti Partnership Meeting – Library
- 2:00p.m. Altar Society Meeting – Rms. 3 & 4
- 7:00p.m. Filipino Ministry – Rms. 3 & 4



We welcome everyone into our parish. If you have not filled out a census card, the cards can be found on the table at the entrance of the church.

Hallelujah!