

The Baptism of the Lord January 13, 2019

This section of Isaiah is referred to as the Book of Consolation, as it begins with the words “Comfort, gives comfort” (Isaiah 40:1) and the promise of justice and light overcoming punishment and darkness. Our baptism should console us as well, knowing that like the Gentile Christians Cornelius and Titus, we too have received the Holy Spirit to guide us in the ways of light and justice.

Thanks especially to Saint Paul, the early church expanded quickly to many Gentile areas. Titus had been given charge of the Christian community on the island of Crete. At this time he was asked to remind the Cretans of their beliefs and duties as Christians. Here and now, in a time and place that Paul never could have imagined, the reminder is the same. The grace of God we have received, the consolation of knowing Christ’s redemptive suffering, the Holy Spirit we received in baptism, all call us to live lives of goodness and holiness, with the hope of eternal life with God.

There is a subtle difference between Saint Luke’s account of Jesus’ baptism and the accounts of the other three evangelists. Luke says that after Jesus was baptized by John and before the Holy Spirit descended upon him like a dove, Jesus took the time to pray. From the beginning of his ministry to his death on the cross, Jesus communicated to his Father through prayer. Jesus taught his disciples to address his Father through prayer. Prayer is an essential part of Christian life, even for Jesus himself.

Question of the Week

How does my baptism affect the way I live my life? Does prayer help guide me?



Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 12, 2019

Vigil of The Baptism of the Lord

4:00.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Danny Jon Singletary – George Marcell

Sunday, January 13, 2019

The Baptism of the Lord

8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – – Walter Banks, III – Calvin Tate – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Melvina Kepp – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Thieu Tran

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Melvin Thomas – Veronica Vigne Richards – Eugene Ganier – Deacon Poncho – Intentions of the McKinney Family – The Martin Family

12:00p.m. Intentions of St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, January 14, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Deacon Poncho – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Tu Tran –

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – Intentions of our Parish – Stacey Martin and Family

Thursday, January 17, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – John and Melba Fletcher – Intentions of Tamerle Young – James Young – Stacey Martin – Leonard Gauthreaux – Henrietta Davis

Friday, January 18, 2019

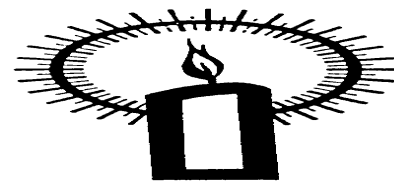
8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Tu Tran – Deacon Poncho – Joseph Nguyen – Mary Pham – Intentions of Tamerle Young – Stacey Martin & Family

Saturday, January 19, 2019

8:30a.m. All Poor Souls in Purgatory – Mary Pham – Joseph Nguyen – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcement

“The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday thru Friday, 9:00a.m. –12:00 noon and Saturdays, 12:00noon – 3:00p.m.



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Eugene Ganier
The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Donald Adams, Jr. and Weldon Heisser

Bible Study

The theme for **The Baptism of the Lord**: It is going to be alright! Bible Study celebration will be based on the readings for the: **Reading I: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-116-7; Responsorial Psalm: 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30; Reading II: Titus 2:11-14; 3: 4-7; Gospel: Luke 3:15-16, 21-22.** Bible study is held every Monday evening at 7:00p.m. in the center.

This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another. (Jn 14:35)



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

RCIA

This Sunday marks the last day of the Christmas Season. Jesus’ birth has now been celebrated. His public life comes next. His baptism begins it. The Holy Spirit descended on Jesus, so does the Holy Spirit descend upon us. Jesus is the beloved Son, so are we beloved children; God was well pleased with Jesus so is God well pleased with us. To what does such a baptism call us? What do we expect? What does God Expect? **Are your children still Catholic? Do they practice their faith? Do you know enough about your faith to help them?**

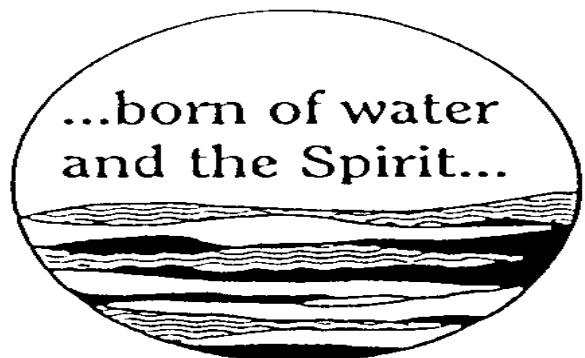
Every Catholic has a role in welcoming those seeking to join the Catholic Church. God has touched them in a special way that leads them to us. Let us get out of the pews and into the community.

The RCIA is in its Evangelization and Precatechumenate Phase. Do you know someone who wants to be Catholic? For more information contact the RCIA Team: Deacon Terrel J. Broussard or any member of the RCIA Team or by email at tbroussard@smgnola.com, or visit the website at smgnola.com

This Week in our Parish

- Monday, January 14, 2018**
6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class - Center
- Tuesday, January 15, 2019**
6:00p.m. N. Kenilworth HOA - Rms 7
7:00p.m. Lady of Fatima – Rms. 3 & 4
- Wednesday, January 16, 2019**
6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center
7:00p.m. Catholic Men’s Fellowship – Library
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm 10
7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
- Thursday, January 17, 2019**
6:00p.m. Bingo - Center
- Friday, January 18, 2019**
6:00p.m. Holy Name Social – Kitchen & Rms. 3 & 4
- Saturday, January 19, 2019**
8:00a.m. Lord Teach Me to Pray – Rms.– 3 & 4
7:00p.m. Fatima Prayer Group – Rms. 3 & 4

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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.