

Seventh Sunday Of Easter June 2, 2019

As Saint Stephen, the first Christian martyr, was put to death, he modeled for us a new way to pray. His is the first prayer in scripture addressed to Jesus. Stephen prays to Jesus as Jesus had prayed to the Father. Stephen's last words, in fact, parallel Christ's last words on the cross. Significantly, when Stephen prays, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them," Saul would be included in that sentiment, as he approved and witnessed the execution (Acts 7:60). Saul—as Paul—would go on to become the greatest missionary of the Christian faith. Luke implies that Stephen's selfless prayer was answered, and answered in a way beyond compare. Speaking of Saint Paul, it was not long after Stephen was martyred that he heard the voice of Jesus on his way to Damascus. But in the reading we hear today, Saul's allies "covered their ears," refusing to hear Stephen's testimony about Jesus (Acts 7:57). The members of the Sanhedrin fail to hear the voice of Jesus because they refused to listen to it.

Three days ago, on Ascension Thursday, we celebrated Jesus' return to the Father. Jesus' mission here on earth was complete. But that mission is incomplete as well. "That they may all be one," Jesus prays, envisioning a world that comes together, that achieves the unity modeled by the Father and Son (John 17:21). It is a daunting task, but the route is laid out for us. Ensure "that the love with which you loved me may be in them and I in them" (John 17:26). With the love of God in us, directed outward toward our neighbor, Jesus is made manifest in us, in us all.

Question of the Week

How can I imitate the love of God? What concrete action can I take to show God's love to my neighbor?



Saturday, June 1, 2019

Vigil of the Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:00p.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Francis Hai Cao – Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Kelly & Marie Keller – Calvin Peter Casmier – Cecelia Medley – Leonard Belton – Intentions of June Pierre – Noella Rochon – Theresa Cousin – In thanksgiving to Jesus and Mary.

Sunday, June 2, 2019

Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30a.m. Elodie Gabriel – Darrell & Bruce Gabriel – Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – France Hai Cao – Calvin Tate – Melvina Kepp – Walter Banks, III – Lawrence Miller, Jr. – Jasper Price, Jr. – Geraldine O. Dowden – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Anthony Rout – Jerome Lomba – Intentions of Miriam Jones – Elaine Jackson – Noella Rochon

10:30a.m. Lamar & Shirley Smith – Lordeas Glapion Nix – Theresa Cousin – Melvin Thomas – Albert Pierre – Rudolph DeBose

12:00p.m. Diana Hale – Anna Trena Guillaume – Intentions of St. Joseph's Altar Elysian Fields Group – St. Maria Goretti Parish

Monday, June 3, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch Catherine Bertrand – Calvin Casmier – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Diane Hale – Betty Cates – Intentions of Blair McDonald – Latoya Pierre Williams – Noella Rochon – Memory Britsch

Tuesday, June 4, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Donald Bell – Memory Britsch – Betty Cates – Diana Hale – Calvin Casmier – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Noella Rochon – Theresa Cousin

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao and Mary Pham – Joseph Cong Cao – Peter & Mary Kham Nguyen – Calvin Casmier – Diana Hale – Betty Cates – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Noella Rochon – Theresa Cousin

Thursday, June 6, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Memory Britsch – Donald Bell – Calvin Casmier – Betty Cates – Diana Hale – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Intentions of Ashton Pierre – Stacey Martin – Noella Rochon – Theresa Cousin

Friday, June 7, 2019

8:30a.m. Joseph Ngan Cao & Mary Pham – Betty Cates – Diana Hale – Calvin Casmier – Jerome Lomba, Sr. – Intentions of Stacey Martin – Cathy Craigie – Noella Rochon

Saturday, June 8, 2019

8:30a.m. Intentions of Wendell Michael Pierre – The Living and Deceased Benefactors of the Catholic Negro American Mission.

Announcements

“God the Father was glorified in the death and resurrection of His Son. Let us, confidently, pray to Him to enlighten our minds.” Eucharistic Adoration Monday – Friday, 9:00a.m. – 12:00 Noon and Saturdays, 12:00 noon – 3:00pm.

Bible Study

Seventh Sunday of Easter - The Ascension Of The Lord Readings. Reading I: Acts: 7:55-60; Responsorial Psalm: Psalms 97:1-2, 6-7, 9; Reading II: Revelations: 22:12-14, 16-17, 20; Gospel: John: 17:20-26. The Bible Study can found on the parish website. The Bible Study is held on Monday's at 7:00p.m. in the Center.



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

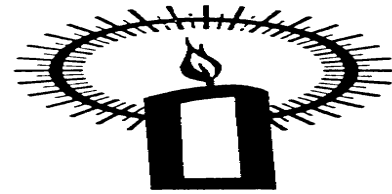
Congratulations



To all of our CCD students who made their Confirmation on April 23, 2019

RCIA

Give the gift that keeps on giving. Invite someone to a life in Jesus Christ. St. Maria Goretti Parish offers an opportunity to come together in a small group to learn more about our faith. These sessions will focus on the Bible, the teachings and experiences of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. For more information please contact Deacon Terrell Broussard tbroussard@smgnola.com or visit the website at www.smgnola.com



Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp in the Church for this week will burn in memory of Elodie Gabriel. The Sanctuary Lamps in the chapel this week will burn in memory of Diana Hale and Betty Cates.



The Week Ahead

Monday, June 3, 2019

- 10:30p.m. Senior Dance Class
- 5:00p.m. Metropolitan Youth – Rms. 3 – 4
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise Class – Center

Tuesday June 4, 2019

- 10:00p.m. Senior Dance Class

Wednesday, June 5, 2019

- 9:00a.m. UTNO – Center & Kitchen
- 5:00p.m. Metropolitan Youth – Rms. 3 – 4
- 6:00p.m. Zumba Exercise – Center
- 7:00p.m. Liturgical Dance – Center
- 7:00p.m. First Place Class – Rm. 10
- 7:00p.m. Catholic Men's Meeting – Library

Thursday, June 6, 2019

- 6:00p.m. Bingo – Center

Friday, June 7, 2019

- 1:00p.m. Set Up – Sister's of the Holy Family
- 6:00p.m. Men Rosary for Peace – Chapel

Saturday, June 8, 2019

- 10:00a.m. Sister's of the Holy Family Mass – Church
- 10:00a.m. Jubilee Banquet – Whole Center
- 6:00p.m. Filipino Mass – Chapel
- 7:00p.m. Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group – Center

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.



Congraduations Grads