



Society of African Missions

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Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

Provincial Superior:

Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.

If you invite one of our priests out to perform a sacramental function please make sure he is informed.
 201-567-0450 x 218

Mass Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:45 am

Confessions

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Anbu Kumar
 201-567-0450 Ext 204

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rosary

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Followed by Mass, Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 pm

The Little Way of St. Therese

of Lisieux

2nd Sundays after 12 pm Mass

Bible Reflection Group

Thursdays: 7:30 pm in the hall

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA

Sunday Collection: \$1,260.00

Thank you for your support.

TWENTY– SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of **OCTOBER 07 – OCTOBER 13, 2018**

| Date | Time | Intention | Requested by: |
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| Sun.-Sat. | 8:00 | Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA | |
| Sun. OCT 07 | 10:00 | Joseph+ & Grace Abbadessa+ | Abbadessa Family |
| | 12:00 | Alfonso Pico & Family+ | Daughter & Grandson |
| Mon. OCT 08 | 9:30 | Mary / Edward Collins (Deceased) | Pat/Barbara (Daughters) |
| | 11:45 | Nestor Ambulo (Liv) | Rosanne |
| Tue. OCT 09 | 9:30 | Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+ | Lawler Family |
| | 11:45 | Rodrigo Quinit+ & Adam Moises+ | Linda Rubio |
| Wed. OCT 10 | 9:30 | Francisco Martinez (Birthday) | Josie Martinez |
| | 11:45 | Jill Gordon (Liv) | Victoria Ann Costa |
| Thurs. OCT 11 | 9:30 | Gerarda Mauro+ Death Anniversary | Susan & Bob Jacullo |
| | 11:45 | Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv) | Thomas & Jessica Lee Family |
| Fri. OCT 12 | 9:30 | Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+ | Lawler Family |
| | 11:45 | Naciansino Bontuyan+ | Labay Family |
| Sat. OCT 13 | 9:30 | Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+ | Lawler Family |
| | 11:45 | Elaine Ong (Liv) | Rosanne |

NOTICE:

On October 21, 2018, the Knights of Columbus, St. John Council, will be soliciting funds for the yearly "Rose for Life" Program.

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

Man and woman are made in the image of God, to live in communion with each other.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus our brother leads us into the fullness of holiness.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

What God joins together in harmony, humanity must not divide or separate or subjugate.

October: Month of Missionaries

October is known as Mission Month. Missionary Month has as its aim to foster an increased awareness of the *missio ad gentes* (mission to the people) and taking up again with renewed fervor the missionary transformation of the Church's life and pastoral activity. For us members of the Society of African Missions, this month is special. We celebrate our call, our joys and challenges. We pray in a unique way for our supporters and volunteers. In this bulletin I will share with you about our mission in Niger (West Africa).

It is a well-known fact that the Niger Republic is one of the most challenging countries for Catholic mission work. According to official data the population of the country can be counted as follows: 93% Muslim, 7% Animists and 0.4% are Christians (Association of Religions, Nov 2012).

When Monsignor Oswald Waller SMA was appointed as the Prefect Apostolic of Shedam in Nigeria (1911) he vowed to “**prepare the ways of the Lord by preaching the Gospel**” all the way to Zinder (in Niger). Eight years later the first Catholic priest visited Zinder and the SMA maintained their ‘presence’ in the country until 1948. SMA priests looked after Zinder, visiting from their missions in Nigeria, to the south. At the same time, the city of Niamey was cared for by SMA's coming from Dahomey (Benin Republic).

French SMA personnel were the founding missionaries. However, in recent years, we are experiencing a radical change in Church personnel. Many of the older (French) have gone or are preparing to leave, mainly due to advancing years. Other SMA units are sending priests to take their place or to develop new areas. They come from India, Italy, Spain and Africa.

Today, three Italian SMA priests – Fathers Vito Girrotto, Carlos Bazzara and Gigi Maccalli – minister to the Gourmanche people (which means visiting at least 48 villages with about 50,000 inhabitants, mostly non-Christian). Recently, the Archdiocese presented an Ambulance to the parish to be used by the Health Centre (founded in 1968 by the missionaries but handed over to government control ten years later).

SMA priests from France and India have also developed new parishes, in Niamey, as well as in Bomoanga, Torodi and Kankani..... (to be continued next weekend)

-Fr. Julien Esse



A SMA priest baptizing a child in Niger

**LIVING ROSARY on Sunday, 10/14/18
at 3 pm**

SMA Chapel, 23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly, NJ
07670

(Assembly 2:30 pm at the SMA Museum-
Chapel Entrance)

Coordinator Carol Dumlao/SMA CHOIR

OFFICE OF CONCERN FOOD PANTRY

Annual Thanksgiving Food Collection

HOLIDAY FOODS, such as cranberry sauce
and other fixings, but also:

**CANNED FRUITS AND VEGETABLES,
PASTA AND BREAKFAST CEREALS**