



Society of African Missions

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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: \$1,118.00

Thank you for your support.

TWENTY– NINTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of **OCTOBER 21 – OCTOBER 27, 2018**

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. OCT 21	10:00	Sung Choi (Birthday), (Liv)	Mariana Cho
	12:00	Isabella Laccay (Liv)	Abrajano & Chrisologo Families
Mon. OCT 22	9:30	Anna Lee (Liv), (Birthday)	Mother
	11:45	James Connolly+	Cogan Family
Tue. OCT 23	9:30	Pio (Liv)	Mother
	11:45	Diana Colon — Happy Birthday	John Tietjen
Wed. OCT 24	9:30	Tony Pagliaro+ Birthday	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
Thurs. OCT 25	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
	11:45	Liam Hurley+	Cogan Family
Fri. OCT 26	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
	11:45	Patrick Murphy+	Cogan Family
Sat. OCT 27	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
	11:45	Elizabeth Clune+	Murphy Family

NOTICES:

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

Envelopes for the All Souls intentions for the month of November are available in the back of the Chapel.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 53:10-11

The suffering servant takes our sins upon himself. This is God's will: that all might inherit the light and happiness of eternal life.

Second Reading Hebrews 4:14-16

We trust in God's mercy because our supreme high priest is the Son of God. Jesus was without sin yet, as a human being, he understands our frailty.

Gospel Mark 10:35-45

The kingdom of God transcends earthly states. Its citizens are distinguished by loving service to one another, as Jesus showed by his humble life and atoning death.

MISSION SUNDAY

World Mission Sunday celebrates the mercy of God as we extend His loving heart to our neighbor through our prayers and sacrifices. The past two Sundays of this month I have been sharing with you about the work of the Society of African Mission (SMA) in Niger. As we celebrate the World Mission Sunday it is good to remember all our missionaries in your prayers especially those in difficult missions. One of the challenges we missionaries are facing in some part of the world today is terrorism. Recently Fr. Pier Luigi Maccalli, SMA working in Niger was kidnapped. He has served in Niger for 11 years. During the night of Monday, September 17, Fr. Pier Luigi Maccalli SMA was kidnapped by suspected terrorists operating in Bamoanga, a village 125 kilometres from the capital Niamey.

In a statement, Niamey's Archbishop Laurent Lompo said Father Pier Luigi Maccalli was attacked and abducted by "unidentified individuals" on Monday evening. The Vatican News Agency, Agenzia Fides, reported the following additional information: missionaries in the General Curia of SMA in Genoa stated that a group of armed men entered the village at 9.30 pm local time yesterday, abducted the priest, stole his computer and his phone. It was possible to reconstruct the facts thanks to the testimony of a SMA Indian confrere, who lives with father Pier Luigi, who managed to escape...



Fr. Pier Luigi Maccalli SMA

"In the last few months," Fr Maccalli's confreres told Fides, "the police have warned the religious. The police and law enforcement agencies had in fact registered suspicious movements of terrorist-militiamen right at the border with Burkina Faso". In order to protect their own safety, the missionaries had thus limited their travels and no longer left the mission during the night. "After the abduction – report the Curia of SMA – Father Maccalli was probably brought beyond the border. In the neighboring region of Burkina Faso there is, in fact, a vast forest in which the terrorist-militants have their bases.

Father Maccalli, an experienced missionary with several years of service also in the Ivory Coast, was serving in the parish of Bomoanga in the diocese of Niamey, having transferred there from the diocese of Crema. He was active in evangelization and integral human development, building schools, dispensaries and offering training for young farmers. His brother, Fr. Walter Maccalli, is also a member of the Society of African Missions, serving in Angola.

The Catholic Mission of the SMA Fathers in Niger is located in the Gourmancé area (South-West) on the border with Burkina Faso and about 125 km from the capital Niamey. The people of Gourmancé are agriculturalists, with around 30,000 inhabitants living in this region. The SMA Mission was present in Niger from 1931-1948. It returned at the invitation of the local Church in 1976 and remains there until now. Since the 1990s more than 20 missionaries have visited the villages of Gourmancé, of which 12 have active Small Christian Communities.

The Catholic Church in Niger strongly supports the social gospel and the Mission of Bomoanga has a strong commitment to Integral Human Development through its small faith-based communities called CSD (Comité de Solidarité et Developpement). Thank you for your prayers and support to the missions.

-Fr Julien, SMA

PRAYER FOR SMA VOCATIONS

God our Father, We pray that you would bless our Church, and especially the Society of African Missions, with many members who are filled with a missionary spirit. Extend your call to our youth, and instill in them the desire to devote themselves to you and to the service of your people, especially in the most abandoned areas of Africa. Strengthen us in the vocation we have received.

May our lives give witness to others of the joy of serving you.

We ask this through Christ your Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Mary, Mother of All Missionaries, Pray for us