



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
 551-449-4357

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of OCTOBER 28 – NOVEMBER 03, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. OCT 28	10:00	D. J. Carey+	Neary Family
	12:00	Joseph & Elizabeth Madar+	Stacey Soycher
Mon. OCT 29	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
	11:45	John Burke+	McGowan's Family
Tue. OCT 30	9:30	Special Intention: Healing Carrillo / Stewart Family	Maria Carrillo
	11:45	Rodrigo Bontuyan+	Labay Family
Wed. OCT 31	9:30	Salvatore Di Paolo+	Martha Di Paolo
	11:45	Laura & Virgil Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. NOV 01	9:30	All Members of the Salituro Family	Enrico & Filomena Salituro
	11:45	Joseph A. Mulheren, Sr+	Barbara Mulheren & Family
Fri. NOV 02	9:30	Rosario Ambulo+	Rosanne
	11:45	Mulheren & Maziarz Families+	Barbara Mulheren & Family
Sat. NOV 03	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoever, Mongiello Families	

Today's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7-9

God promises salvation for the scattered remnant of Israel, return from exile and a joyful homecoming.

Second Reading Hebrews 5:1-6

Jesus is forever our great high priest, a kingly priesthood bestowed by God the Father.

Gospel Mark 10:46-52

A blind beggar cries out to Jesus in faith and out of need, and Jesus cures him.

November 1, 2018 SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Holy Day of Obligation.
 Masses at 8, 9:30 and 11:45AM

November 2, 2018 COMMEMORATION OF ALL THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED ALL SOULS' DAY

SMA MISSION IN NIGER

Please Pray for the safe return of Fr Pier Luigi Maccalli SMA, September 29, 2018



As of today, there is no further news on his abduction. We continue to pray for him and his family in this difficult time. Please join us in prayer for the safe return of Fr Pier Luigi Maccalli SMA.

A suggested prayer:

We pray for the safe return of Fr Gigi Maccalli SMA who was kidnapped in Niger Republic recently. Strengthen him, his family in Italy and his SMA confreres in Niger at this difficult time. Lord, hear us. Terrorists are suspected to be responsible for the kidnapping of Fr. Pier Luigi Maccalli SMA. Niger has become a target for recurring terrorists attacks from neighboring Nigeria and especially in areas in the southwest that lie close to the border with Mali. A German humanitarian worker was kidnapped in the same region of Tillaberi in April, while an American aid worker was seized farther north in October 2016. Security officials believe that they have been taken to northern Mali as hostages.

Niger is a predominantly Muslim country, where between one and two percent of the inhabitants are Christians in a population of about 20m. The Vatican News Agency, *Agenzia Fides*, reports that poverty in Niger is structural and that health and hygiene problems are enormous. There is widespread illiteracy due to a shortage of educational facilities; there is also a scarcity of water, a consequence of increasing desertification and Global Warming. The lack of roads and other means of communication make the area isolated and forgotten.

Defence Web, describing itself as ‘Africa’s leading defence news portal’ reporting on Fr. Maccalli’s kidnapping added: *“Western powers, primarily France but also the United States, have deployed thousands of troops in the semi-arid Sahel region to combat what they see as a growing terrorist-militant threat that targets both civilians and the military. In April, a German humanitarian worker was abducted by men riding motorcycles near Niger’s western border with Mali. Last October the State’s affiliate in West Africa claimed responsibility for an attack in Niger’s borderlands that killed four members of the U.S. special forces and at least four Nigerien soldiers. “What is worrying us in particular is a bigger capacity of these terrorist groups to act, especially near the three borders,” said a French diplomatic source, referring to Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso. France has some 4,500 troops in the area.”*

-Fr. Julien Esse