



# Society of African Missions

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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  
 551-449-4357

### Sunday Collections:

10/21/2018: \$1,049.00

10/28/2018: \$1,095.00

11/03/2018: \$1,341.00

Thank you for your support.

## THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses For NOVEMBER 11 – NOVEMBER 17, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. NOV 11	10:00	Louis Vierno+	
	12:00	Mary Moloney+	Patrick White
Mon. NOV 12	9:30	Dec. Mem of Fr. Guiney & McCarthy Families	
	11:45	Peter Quinn	Mary Quinn & Family
Tue. NOV 13	9:30	Andrej Mikulaik	Family
	11:45	Mary & Joseph Falotico+	
Wed. NOV 14	9:30	Henry Fernandez+	
	11:45	Ryszard Kawalek+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. NOV 15	9:30	Margarita Cos+	
	11:45	Emiliano Cos+	
Fri. NOV 16	9:30	Patrick Kenny+	Jack/Mae Kenny
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Richard Kane
Sat. NOV 17	9:30	Tina Fernandez+	
	11:45	Henry Fernandez+	

## Today's Readings

### First Reading 1 Kings 17:10-16

God rewards the widow who cares for Elijah.

### Second Reading Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ's sacrifice has dealt with sin and death once and for all.

### Gospel Mark: 12:38-44

Jesus uses the poor widow's generosity to teach us that to be his disciples we are called to give ourselves totally.

### JOIN US FOR AN ADVENT REFLECTION

**"An Unexpected Expectation"**  
 with Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Saturday, December 1st, 2018  
 9am-1pm

Teaching, Devotions, Mass and Adoration  
 SMA Fathers, 23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670  
 For more information please call (201) 567-0450

# They Gave Everything They Had

The three Readings today invite us to look at three persons who gave their ALL that others might live: The Widow of Zerephath who shared her last meal with Elijah; the Widow in the Temple who gave in alms for the poor all she had to live on; Jesus the Son of God Who gave His Life in Sacrifice that we might be able to live forever in God's glory. Why would anyone want to do that-- give up all they had to help people they didn't even know? Love, perhaps? Love of God, love of neighbor?

Neither of the widows knew Jesus probably, one for sure did not, but surely, they knew God. Their willingness to give everything for others bears witness to the goodness at home in hearts made in God's Image. It was this same Truth of basic human goodness for which Jesus gave His ALL, offering the Sacrifice of His Life in obedience to His Father, that we might live eternally in God. "Like the two widows, the seemingly small choices of goodness we make every day in our life can change our lives dramatically.

How impressed had the Apostles been by the 2 small coins offered by the widow in the temple? Her small contribution was a real contrast to the large sums ostentatiously donated by those people whom Jesus noted as hypocrites? As He pointed out the widow to the Apostles, Jesus was asking them to look again at, to re-spect (i.e. to look at again) the generosity of the one person in the crowd who gave the most. In God's eyes the reasons of the heart count more than the sizes of donations.

I remember one evening in Grand Cess (Liberia) when, after our meal together, Fr. Kwia Weah (d.) joined the Sisters for evening prayer and reflection. (Anyone who ate with us also prayed with us!) The reading for the day was of the Widow in the Temple. We were carrying on about the generosity of the widow in her offering, when Fr Kwia just shook his head and said to us, "I don't think you understand poor people." "Oh? Why?" He reminded us that poor people usually have nothing much to give, so for them to give everything does not have to be a big deal. Their life is basically simple. Because they have little to protect or guard or hoard, it is easy for them to give "all". And because they know the pain of want, they can compassionate with those in need and can depend on the natural goodness of people to help them when they are in need. Their poverty enables them to be helpful to others, to trust in the goodness of others, to trust in the Providence of God. . . , just as Elijah promised the Widow of Zerephath.

God "judges" us by our hearts. We must love the Lord our God with all our hearts, with all our souls, with all our minds, with all our strength. We must love our neighbors as ourselves, sharing, trusting, listening, serving, doing whatever good thing comes next.

-Sr. Raphael Drone

## CONDOLENCES

The SMA Community is saddened by the death of **Catherine M. Hamill**, of Englewood Cliffs, who passed away on October 21, 2018 and **Mary P. Quinn**, of Cresskill, who passed away on October 29, 2018.

They were longtime supporters of our Mission.

We extend our condolences to their family and friends. May They Rest In Peace.

**Remember, Saturday, December 1, 2018 5pm to 9pm Karaoke Night** here at the Mission. Tickets available **\$20.00**

**COME JOIN US!**