



Society of African Missions

23 Bliss Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
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www.smafathers.org



Mass Schedule

Sundays

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

Weekdays & Holy Days

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

Christmas & New Year's Day

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

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: \$.1,288.00

Thank you for your support.

Local Superior:

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

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of JANUARY 13 – JANUARY 19, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 13	10:00	Sr. Anne Hamill (Liv)	Sister
	12:00	Sal & Gino Pico+	Sister & Nephew
Mon. Jan. 14	9:30	Jack J. Kenny	Mildred & Larry Fleming
	11:45	Brandon & Family (Liv)	Mr. & Mrs. Emil Morin
Tue. Jan. 15	9:30	Margaret Doonan & Kathleen Shannon McDermott (+)	Susan Doonan Murphy
	11:45	Cornelius Fitzsimons+	May Kenny
Wed. Jan. 16	9:30	The Quinn Family+	Mary Quinn & Family
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa (+)	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Jan. 17	9:30	Rosa Fernandez (Liv)	Friend
	11:45	Joseph Woo+	Brenda & Benny Walsh
Fri. Jan. 18	9:30	John & Eileen Ryan+	Breda & Benny Walsh
	11:45	Robert Guinto+	Cogan Family
Sat. Jan. 19	9:30	Nora Francisco (Liv)	Richard & Lydia
	11:45	Gregorio & Damiana Maglikian(+)	Luze Dimacali

**NEXT SATURDAY,
JANUARY 19 at 8PM**

God's Mercy is Here!

A Holy Hour for Healing

Powerful holy hour of praise, worship and healing

SMA Fathers Chapel

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Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 40:1-5. 9-11

The glory of the Lord will be revealed for all of us to see it.

Second Reading Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7

God has saved us through the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Luke 3:15-16. 21-22

The Baptism of the Lord

“After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” Luke 3:21-22.

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord which marks the beginning of Jesus’ public ministry. Before His Baptism by John in the Jordan, Jesus had lived a quiet life. Now He emerges into a life of growing popularity on account of his preaching, miracles, healings and proclamation of mercy and forgiveness.

was touched by Emeritus Pope Benedict’s words on the Baptism of the Lord. He sees the Baptism of Jesus as “an expression of His fundamental submission to the will of His Father and His complete identification with sinners. By submersion in the Jordan, Jesus is publicly seen as one in need of repentance and forgiveness Himself—although He has no need of it in actuality. Jesus is already embracing the enormous weight of humanity’s sinfulness, just as He will do in a definitive and final way on the Cross.

In this downward descent—this complete identification with sinners--we grasp the radical humility of Jesus. He is the One who empties himself, not clinging to his equality with God, but becoming a slave for the sake of our salvation.”

What about our Baptism? Bishop Donald Hying shares his thoughts on this. “In Christian Baptism, we become adopted children of the Father, members of the Church, the Body of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit. Baptism washes away our original sin and claims us for the kingdom of God. Through this saving sacrament, God fills us with sanctifying grace and with the fullness of the Trinitarian life. To understand the meaning and implications of our baptism is to fundamentally grasp our identity, vocation and mission as disciples of the Lord Jesus and members of the household of God.”

Jesus calls all of us to be missionary disciples wherever we are—in our families, in the workplace, in our communities—in all that we do. We are called to share the message of Jesus in word and deed. The missionary work of the Church is the job of all the baptized. The Church accomplishes its mission through the ministry of the baptized. We are sent forth to love and serve the Lord in others.

Many people don’t know Jesus. I think there is an urgency in today’s world, to spread the Good News and share what Christ has done for all of us. Dear missionary disciple, your witness to God’s love is important and needed! “You may be the only Gospel your neighbor will ever read.”

-Theresa Hicks