



# Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

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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  
 201- 894-8611

**Sunday Collection:** \$856.00

Thank you for your support.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Masses for the week of MAR 4—MAR 10, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Mar. 4	10:00	John & Veronica (RIP)	Veronica McDonagh
	12:00	Peter Quinn+	Mary Quinn & Family
Mon. Mar. 5	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	Sung Choi Family & Marianna Cho (Liv)	Mariana Cho
Tue. Mar. 6	9:30	Gerardo Sozio+ Birthday	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	11:45	John & Edward Martin+	John Tietjen
Wed. Mar. 7	9:30	Cho Hyung Joon Stephen & Suh IL Ran Veronica (Liv)	In Goo. Yoon
	11:45	Laura & Virgil Costa	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Mar. 8	9:30	Laura & Assoero Passarelli+	Enrico & Filomena Salituro
	11:45	John Paladino+	Martha Paladino
Fri. Mar. 9	9:30	Special Intentions	Alonso Morato Family
	11:45	Thanksgiving	Labay Family
Sat. Mar. 10	9:30	Anthony Story+	Neary Family
	11:45	Bridget McGowan+	Gerald McGowan

**Stations of the Cross**  
**every Friday**  
**@ 7:00PM**

**SMA CHAPEL**  
**CAMPAIGN**  
 Your help is essential in achieving this goal!  
**ANY DONATION IS WELCOME!**

**Today's Readings**    **First Reading Exodus 20:1-17** The Ten Commandments – indicators of where genuine human fulfillment is to be found.  
**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:22-25**  
 The Christian paradox: Christ crucified is the power of God and the wisdom of God.  
**Gospel John 2:13-25**  
 In cleansing the Temple, Jesus declares that he, through his death and resurrection, is to replace the Temple.

**MEMORIAL DONATION.– The Altar Bread and Wine on March 10, 2018, at 11:45 am Mass are offered in memory of Peter Quinn by Mary Quinn and Family .**

# The Two Greatest Commandments

As we continue our journey through Lent, we are encouraged to look at the Commandments as laid out in the First Reading (Exodus 20). God delivered the Ten Commandments to Moses. The Jews had 613 rules guiding them in their religious practices. So many rules! In the New Testament, Jesus simplifies the rules down to two: “You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength; and the second is like it: You shall love your neighbour as yourself.” It is all about love, and these commandments are linked. We cannot say we love God, whom we can’t see, if we hate the neighbour we can see.

In today’s verse before the Gospel we hear “God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might have eternal life.” Do we realize what Jesus has done for us? Can we comprehend how much God loves us, to send His only beloved Son to share fully in our humanity, so that we can share fully in His Divinity? Jesus was like us in all ways except sin. He takes our sins upon Himself (the sacrificial lamb), suffers and dies for us. He does this to bring us back to the Father and the Oneness Jesus longs for— “Father, that they may be One, as we are One.” This incredible act of love is an infinite act for all, for all time, to save us, forgive us and reconcile us to the Father. God loves us infinitely and unconditionally, taking us as we are and where we are in our journey through life. No one is excluded.

In the Gospel we see Jesus reacting to His Father’s House being turned into a marketplace. We are called to reverence God in His Temple/Church and in every person (each one a Temple of the Holy Spirit). Here is a question for us to reflect on this Lenten Season: How do I love and respect my brothers and sisters, especially the ones I am having difficulties with? Am I kind and compassionate to those I like? Anyone can do that! As Christians, it is different for us. We are called to love one another and love our enemies (those who persecute us). Look at your most challenging acquaintance, family member, community member, or workmate. How do you treat that person? In fact—if you want to check how you love God—your answer is in, “How do you love the difficult people in your life?” For us weak human beings, it is impossible. But, the power and love of God dwells within us. Choosing to do God’s will, by the power of His love within us, we can forgive one another and be reconciled. Through forgiveness, we experience God’s healing, peace and the freedom that comes with forgiving. As Christ’s followers, let us do our best to love one another.

Theresa Hicks

**Reminder:** Saturday, March 10 at 11:45am Mass in Honor of St. Patrick sponsored by The Bergen County Council of Irish Associations.

Sunday, March 11 from 5:30pm to 10:30pm Karaoke, Dancing and Entertainment, sponsored by The Knights of Columbus, Madonna Council 520 of Englewood.

**FINAL DAYS OF THE FRANCISCAN GIFT SHOP** (253 KNICKERBOCKER ROAD, TENAFLY, NJ)

**CLOSING DOORS—THURSDAY, MARCH 15 at 3PM.** EVERYTHING IS REDUCED UP TO 80% OFF AND WE MUST CLEAR OUT ALL ITEMS . SELECTION OF COMMUNION, EASTER AND CONFIRMATION ITEMS AT REDUCED PRICES.

GET YOUR ST. PATRICK’S DAY GIFTS. BEFORE THEY ARE ALL GONE.

IRISH COOKIES, CANDY AND CAKES . THE SISTERS AND VOLUNTEERS WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR DEDICATION AND SUPPORT OVER THE LAST YEAR AND ALSO FOR THE LOVE AND SUPPORT YOU SHOWED SR. TRINITY FOR 50 YEARS.

**MARCH 8- 9 and 10, HOURS: THURSDAY, FRIDAY AND SATURDAY 10 AM - 3 PM**