



# Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

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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

### 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

### African Art Museum

Open daily. Contact:

Fr. James McConnell

201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Sunday Collections: \$1,184.00

Thank you for your support.

**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE  
CELEBRATION  
OF OUR FOUNDER**

**"BISHOP MELCHIOR  
DE MARION BRÉSILLAC"**

**JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>, 2019 11:45 am MASS  
followed by Barbecue in the Courtyard  
All are invited**

## THE MOST HOLY TRINITY Masses for the week of JUNE 16 – JUNE 22, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. June 16	10:00	Ralph Iacullo+ & Gerardo Sozio+ (Father's day)	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	12:00	Gino Pico+	Godson
Mon. June 17	9:30	John Loughlin+	Cavada Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawlor+	Lawlor Family
Tue. June 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae & Family
Wed. June 19	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	Cavada Family
	11:45	Carmella/Theresa Ambulo (Liv)	Rosanne
Thurs. June 20	9:30	Alejandro Ramirez-de-Arellano+	Friend
	11:45	Elsie Koch+	Koch Family
Fri. June 21	9:30	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	John Loughlin+	Hickey Family
Sat. June 22	9:30	Margaret Doonan+	Susan Doonan Murphy
	11:45	Claire & The Canci Family (Liv)	Caron

## Today's Readings

**First Reading Proverbs 8:22-31** The Wisdom of God was there at the beginning of creation and remains a guiding force in all creation and in human activity.

**Second Reading Romans 5:1-5** God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit.

**Gospel John 16:12-15** In the final days of his ministry, Jesus teaches how the Holy Spirit will work in his disciples, guiding them in truth and love.

**The SMA Community extends to all Fathers a blessed and happy  
Father's Day!**

## Illustration

The hymn “*Spirit of God in the Clear Running Water*” was very popular in the 1960s and 1970s, particularly in schools. It spoke of the living presence of God in creation – in the trees, in the sunrise, in the rainclouds. It also spoke of that same Spirit in every person. Those young people who loved the hymn were helped to grow in appreciation of God’s creation and to see God’s presence in all people and in the natural world.

This hymn about the Holy Spirit was written by Medical Mission Sister Miriam Therese Winter in 1965 and she described it as being linked to the “liturgy of life”. As a young nun, she fulfilled her dream of administering medical care in three continents, especially in poor communities. But during her travels she developed a new dream, that of spreading care and love through song rather than medicine. She said: “The soul of the universe is divinity present everywhere and in everything, in you and me, in friend and foe, and in all who share our sacred space on our hallowed planet.” She appreciated the whole living community of God’s creatures, understanding that humanity is interconnected with all living things. Her music is a contribution towards recognising the various aspects of God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit are Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer. They teach us about love, gratitude and hope. The Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer God nurtures anyone willing to build their lives on love and help bring about a more just, fruitful and peace-filled society.

## Gospel Teaching

On Trinity Sunday we celebrate our common divine origin – children of God with one shared life in the Holy Spirit. All the readings highlight God’s presence in the world from its beginning. The Trinity holds all things together. The parts are all aspects of the same God – God as the maker of all things, God before us and over us; God incarnate as Jesus Christ, fully human, fully divine, God beside us; and the mutual love and wisdom that is God the Holy Spirit, breathed into our very lives and into all creation. In the Trinity there is no hierarchy, only mutual love and harmony.

One ancient shape used to bring to mind the nature of God is three intertwined circles or trefoil. A circle has no beginning and no end, and its never-ending form represents God as eternal. The trefoil symbol was used by St Patrick when he illustrated the Trinity by pointing to a shamrock and remarking that it had the three separate leaves yet formed one shamrock. The three persons of the Trinity are also sometimes presented as being engaged in a joyful dance. We can try to get in step with the divine dance, and appreciate the lasting presence of Jesus in our lives and in the natural world through the Holy Spirit. We pray during our Eucharist to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that we may become one in body and spirit. The Holy Spirit connects us all to each other and to the natural world.

## Application

Our natural environment is one of the greatest examples we have of God’s power. God’s creation is a precious and holy resource. God’s spirit is in all that lives. And yet the beauty and diversity of our God-given creation is being diminished as millions suffer desperate poverty, creatures go extinct, our earth’s climate is heating up because of human activity and waters are polluted. We have a responsibility to ensure that the world is a place that can sustain all of God’s people into the future and we are called to appreciate our inter-connections with the rest of creation. Pope Francis called for this in his 2015 encyclical *Laudato Si’*, where he urged human society “to hear the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor”.

As we approach midsummer in the northern hemisphere, this is a good time to enjoy green spaces and urge children to appreciate the life in the grass, plants and hedges. Let us appreciate the fertility of soil, the joy in birdsong and see the Spirit of God at work in creation, especially in all new life. May we support action to protect vulnerable communities and natural resources. The Church has Caritas agencies, peace organisations and environmental initiatives that can help us to do this.

In one of her prayers, Miriam Therese Winter says: “Come, Creator Spirit! Come, Soul of the Universe! Come, Source of all that lives! Come, live in us! Amen!”

-The Living Word

**Our Lady of Perpetual Help!** Rosary & Novena,  
Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 4:30pm  
Holy Mass to follow.  
Join us!

**SMA ANNUAL GALA**  
Friday, September 27, 2019  
The Clinton Inn—Tenafly call (201) 567-0450