



# Society of African Missions

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## 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

Deacon Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

### Sunday Collections: \$1,032.00

Thank you for your support.

## TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of AUGUST 25–AUGUST 31

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Aug. 25	10:00	Noreen Looby+	Looby Family
	12:00	Hannamary Moynihan+	Hickey Family
Mon. Aug. 26	9:30	Happy Birthday Kim M. Neill (Liv.)	
	11:45	Joseph Jeen Aynattu & Ancy Palliyatho George (Liv.)	Ancy Jeen
Tue. Aug. 27	9:30	Annie Hamill+	Daughter
	11:45	Mary Ellen Murphy+	Mae Kenny
Wed. Aug. 28	9:30	Maria Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Stefania Michalowska+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. Aug. 29	9:30	Marianna McCarthy+	Mildred/Larry Fleming
	11:45	Ann/Michael Peltier+ Joseph Kurpiel Jr & Sr+	Michelle Supper
Fri. Aug. 30	9:30	Kathleen Ryan+	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Corazon Castillo+	Rosanne
Sat. Aug. 31	9:30	John Neary+ (NYPD)	James Neary
	11:45	Rufino Ambrocio+	Ben/Mely Ramirez

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** Isaiah 66:18-21 - *The Lord is going to gather people from all the nations to his holy mountain.*

**Second Reading** Hebrews 12:5-7. 11-13 - *Sometimes life may be painful, but rather than be discouraged perhaps we may think of it as an opportunity to come nearer to God.*

**Gospel** Luke 13:22-30 - *Rather than speculate about others, Jesus encourages us to look into our hearts and to follow the way of salvation.*

## SMA ANNUAL GALA

Friday, September 27, 2019

The Clinton Inn—Tenafly

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information.

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## The Society of African Missions (SMA)

Invites you to join us in celebrating The Priestly Ordination of **Michael P. Bova, SMA**  
On Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2019, at one p.m. at Saint Antony Chapel.

First Mass of Thanksgiving which will be celebrated the following day, Sunday the  
15<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at twelve noon.

## *“Will there be only a few saved?”*

### **Illustration**

*Occasionally you hear of certain people committing offences but not being prosecuted. They park where parking is not allowed, wherever they like, whenever they like. They may exceed the speed limit, get stopped by the police and politely saluted. In 2017 in Germany, a driver killed a cyclist by opening the door of his vehicle directly into the cyclist's path without checking to see if the road was clear. He was not prosecuted. The people in question are diplomats, and they have diplomatic immunity.*

*The human heart is an optimistic organ, and deep down many of us are disposed to think that we have a kind of diplomatic immunity as far as God is concerned, which somehow allows us to sin – even if this doesn't apply to other people. We often think we have a good excuse and maybe imagine God as a genial magistrate who will say, “Don't worry about it.” We understand that rules are important: God gave us the Ten Commandments; but “the rules don't really apply to me”, we tell ourselves – although we may be very quick to criticise and condemn others who break them. A priest was once caught speeding. Quite truthfully he explained that he was running late for a funeral he was conducting. Instead of accepting this as a good reason, the officer replied, “I think the dead gentleman will wait a few more minutes for you, sir.”*

### **Gospel Teaching**

*In today's Gospel Jesus was asked whether only a few would be saved, but he didn't give a straight answer to the question. He suggested that we should not speculate about others, but rather look to ourselves: “Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.”*

*When reading the Gospels it is helpful to know the context in which the words were originally spoken. Here we have Jesus speaking to first-century Jews, people absolutely confident that being Jewish meant they were saved. One Jewish rabbi at the time of Jesus was so full of assurance that he wrote, “To have one's abode in Palestine is to be certain of eternal life.” Another said, “No circumcised man will ever see hell.” Against such complacency, Jesus warned that they might see Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of heaven, but find themselves turned away. And in their place would come others from the east, west, north and south. This meant Gentiles, non-Jews, coming into heaven, which would have been a shock to the devout Jews, even though it had been prophesied by Isaiah in today's first reading, “I am coming to gather the nations of every language.”*

### **Application**

*Now, if we are to take on board for ourselves what Jesus was teaching to the Jewish people, we must not assume our membership of the Catholic Church is an automatic passport to heaven. For there are some Christians who believe they are saved, no matter how they live. Far from being harsh, Jesus is teaching about the wonderful kindness and mercy of God. “There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea.” There are going to be innumerable people from east, west, north and south coming into the kingdom of heaven. We may think about members of our own families and friends; people of different faiths and traditions. While the Church has the obligation to evangelise everyone, those who with a sincere heart are moved by grace, following their conscience, despite not knowing the Gospel, may achieve eternal salvation.*

*How, then, are we saved? We don't have to be saints to enter the kingdom of God. We are not to be alarmed as though there was a certain standard to be attained. We will get there by following Jesus, by walking in his footsteps, trying our best to walk with him, as he put it, “by the narrow door”; trusting him to forgive us when we fail, being penitent and persevering in our faith. What gets us to heaven is God's loving mercy, and this same mercy is what stops us taking our salvation for granted, as though it doesn't matter what we do or how we behave. Our Lady can be our model and example. She was on tiptoe, not the tiptoe of fear that asks, “Shall I be saved?” but the tiptoe of someone eager to love and to do God's will.*

The Living Word

**CONDOLENCES.-** The SMA Community is saddened by the death of: 1) **Mary Looney**, our long time friend and sister of Fr. Daniel Looney, SMA. She passed away on August 11, 2019. We express our sincere sympathy to Ms. Eileen Gannon, Mary's niece, and all the family and friends.

2) **Susan McKay**, a dear friend and a member of the SMA Guild. Sue died August 23, 2019. We extend our condolences to her niece, Rosaleen Crawford and all the family and friends.

May Mary and Susan Rest In Peace.