



# 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. Dermot Roache

201-567-0450 Ext. 212

### 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

Fr. Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

### Sunday Collections: \$1,046.00

Thank you for your support.

**SMA KARAOKE NIGHT**

Saturday,

November 30<sup>th</sup>

5:30PM—10:30PM \$20

## THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Masses for the week of NOVEMBER 17—NOVEMBER 23, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Nov. 17	10:00	Ricarte Laguatan+ Lydia Ruiz+	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Hickey Family	Angela
Mon. Nov. 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Jeryl Maglio (Liv.) Special Intentions	Victoria Ann Costa
Tue. Nov. 19	9:30	Julia Little+	
	11:45	Reynaldo Ambrocio+	Ben/Mely Ramirez
Wed. Nov. 20	9:30	Charlotte Cuzzolino+	Martha Paladino
	11:45	Susan McKay+	Martha Paladino
Thurs. Nov. 21	9:30	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	John Loughlin+	Ann Marie Loughlin
Fri. Nov. 22	9:30	Laura & James Daniel (Living)	
	11:45	Reynaldo Ambrocio+	Ben/Mely Ramirez
Sat. Nov. 23	9:30	Mary Higgins+	Diane/Mike Bruno
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrenta Lawler+	Lawler Family

### Administration:

**Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,**  
Provincial Superior

**Fr Dermot Roache,**  
House Superior

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Malachi 3:19-20

Harsh words for the wicked who will be left with nothing, but great consolation for those who remain faithful to God.

### Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

A warning to those who will not contribute in any way to the community but who offer constant criticism to all and sundry instead.

### Gospel Luke 21:5-19

Nothing can compare with the glory of the Son of Man, in this world or the next. Things in heaven and earth may pass away, but the Son of Man coming in glory will gather his own to himself in the end.

## The Only Thing...

The Church's year is drawing to a close. During the coming weeks, the liturgies invite us to look forward in hope to the glorious fulfilment of God's plan for creation.

Jesus was born in one of the most turbulent times in history and throughout his public ministry Israel remained full of restless expectations – giving rise at times to uprisings seeking to throw the years of oppression from the Roman occupation. The Jerusalem Temple (spoken in today's readings) not only symbolized the nation's life and hopes; it was one of the wonders of the ancient world, filling God's people with joy and pride each time they saw it. In today's gospel, Jesus blows a hole in their national pride by the foretelling of the Temple's destruction. He also spoke of the imminent hardships and persecution before, during and after this time. However, He concludes with these encouraging words: "Your endurance will win you your lives."

The Jewish people did not look forward to the end of history, but to an intervention of God that would inaugurate a new era of human history. In this new era, all the institutions of Israel, such as the Temple worship, would be even more glorious. That was their plan, not God's. Jesus certainly brings the message that the hopes of Israel are to be realized; but the realization is in God's time and plan – not as we humans think. In fact, it will be a realization that shows such things as the Temple as only a pale foreshadowing of God's final blessings – 'the hour is coming when you will worship the Father, neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem' (Jn 4:21). The disciples became disappointed because they were attached to their venerable institutions and buildings; it became difficult for them to accept that the new order of things brought by the Savior was the fulfilment of their hopes. Isn't that the same for some of us today? Something to ponder.

We are also in one of the most turbulent times in history. Sin and corruption have peaked in an unprecedented way. Something surely is about to change; human hearts can feel that. Though the signs of these time speak of the nearness of the Lord, do not allow fear or anxiety to overtake you because the end is not so soon. Therefore, let us keep working hard with a faith that is perseverant, a hope that is firm and a love that is constant. And let us remember that it is His plan, not ours. The Lord is so good. He encourages us persevere in righteousness, and endure difficult moments. By warning that the Temple of Jerusalem would be destroyed in spite of its elegance and greatness, Christ also reminds us that nothing of this world will last forever no matter how precious they are to us. The only thing that will endure is our faith in Christ.

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

## SAVE THESE DATES...

### OFFICE OF CONCERN FOOD PANTRY. Annual Thanksgiving Food Collection

Special request for: HOLIDAY FOODS, such as cranberry sauce and other fixings, and also: Canned fruits and vegetables, pasta and breakfast cereals.

Thank you!

## Saturday, December 14 at 8pm God's Mercy is Here!

Please join us for a powerful holy hour of praise and worship.  
SMA Chapel

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>** 9am—12 noon

**SMA ADVENT REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Bova

Our deepest condolences to the Ortaglia Family on the passing of Rosa Ortaglia. She died last week. May She Rest in Peace.

### The Knights of Columbus Council #1345 of Bergenfield/Dumont

**Adult Christmas Party.** - December 7 from 7 pm to 11 pm the Knights of Columbus will present Panorama Music for our Adult Christmas Party. We are also asking for a donation of non-perishable food item for local food banks. RSVP REQUIRED by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing [kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com). \$40 per person.