



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: \$978.00

Thank you for your support.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses for the week of DECEMBER 1—DECEMBER 7, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Dec. 1	10:00	Juliana Lee (Birthday) (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	Arcenia Padaloy & Elmer Ongco (Liv.)	Linda Rubio
Mon. Dec. 2	9:30	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
	11:45	Mauricia Bontuyan+	Family
Tue. Dec. 3	9:30	Lutgardo Atienza+	Family
	11:45	Linda Bishop Rivera+	Richard Kane
Wed. Dec. 4	9:30	Ernie/Totoy Ascrate (Special Intentions) Liv.	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Benjamin Ramirez+ Amelia Ramirez (Liv.)	Ben/Mely Ramirez
Thurs. Dec. 5	9:30	Paddy & Margaret Murphy+	Michael Murphy
	11:45	Theresa Tietjen+	Family
Fri. Dec. 6	9:30	Phil Buffa+ (Birthday)	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
Sat. Dec. 7	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Lukchis Families	

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 2:1-5

We climb the mountain of God separately, but we meet at the summit.

Second Reading Romans 13:11-14

We are in the night, but we can see the dawn is coming.

Gospel Matthew 24:37-44

Pray, think, care, and then you will be awake, ready for God in all things.

Memorial Donation

The Altar Bread & Wine this week were donated by Rich Kane in memory of Linda Bishop Rivera.

REFLECTION

Advent begins with a call to vigilance. In Luke's Gospel, Jesus tells us to "Be vigilant and at all times pray." There are so many Scriptural passages that call us to vigilance in anticipation of Jesus' coming. Being vigilant means also that we are prepared, we are ready for Him, we are not caught with our pants down so to speak. Imagine if Christmas morning you got up and realized that you hadn't bought any food, had not shopped for any gifts, and had no idea what you were going to that day. This scenario would never happen. However, all of us, to varying extents, allow this scenario to play out in a spiritual sense. Our hearts are not prepared to celebrate the birth of Christ...

Not only is Advent a time to celebrate Jesus' first coming to us in the flesh, it is also a time to acknowledge that his first coming is ultimately fulfilled in his glorious second coming. This is what this Sunday's Gospel says where Jesus tells us to "Stay alert" for that day. Jesus will come again in heavenly glory and splendor to judge the living and the dead. We also profess this fact each Sunday when we say the Nicene Creed. However, do we really understand and take to heart what we profess? Probably not...

As Advent begins, reflect upon how prepared you are for Jesus' coming. Are you preparing with same fervor that you prepare for Christmas by shopping, cooking, decorating the Christmas tree and setting up the lights on the house? If you think that maybe you are not as prepared for His return in glory as you'd like to be, make this Advent a time when you get your heart ready. Try to commit to spending some quality time in prayer and or meditating on the Scriptural passages of the Annunciation, Visitation, and Nativity and what it means to you. Also, can you think of a better way to get your heart ready for His return than to spend an hour of power with Him during Eucharistic Adoration? By taking a little extra time for prayer and reflection, you will open the door to a closer relationship with the one who fashioned you and loves you most of all.

Fr Michael Bova, SMA

SAVE THESE DATES...

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th
9am—12 noon

SMA ADVENT REFLECTION
by Fr Michael Bova

MASS INTENTION BOOK

The book for announced Mass is open.

Sunday, December 8,
SMA Foundation Day
(163rd Anniversary)

Join Us at 12 Noon Mass,
for a

**COMMISSIONING AND
SENDING CEREMONY**
for

Ms. Jeong Nam (Anastasia)
and Ms. Mikki Wentz

Saturday, December 14 at 8pm

God's Mercy is Here!

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

SMA Chapel

SIMBANG GABI SA MISSION

DECEMBER 21, Holy Mass at 5:00pm

Please join us. Fellowship after Mass—SMA Hall

The Knights of Columbus Council #1345 of Bergenfield/Dumont

New Year's Eve Party - December 31st from 8PM-1AM we will be hosting our New Year's Eve party with **LIVE**

ENTERTAINMENT provided by **The R&B Show** to ring in the new year playing all your favorites from classic selections to today's top hits. Only \$95 per person includes passed hot hors d'oeuvres, buffet dinner with choice of 8 different entrees, assorted dessert bar, coffee, tea, open bar, and a midnight champagne toast. Watch the ball drop with us on the big screen in our dining room this year! **RSVP REQUIRED** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. **ADVANCE PAYMENT** required. Make check payable to Twin-Boro Columbian Club and mail to Ken Armellino, 60 Dance Blvd, Dumont, NJ 07628. **EARLY PAY EXTENDED. PAY BY 12/5 and pay only \$85 per person.**