



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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of May 10 — MAY 16, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 10	10:00	Gerarda Mauro+ Geraldina Rose+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	12:00	Rose Pico & Family+	Daughter & Grandson
Mon. May 11	9:30	Catherine M & Victor A. Migliaccio	
	11:45	Mayo Lamorena+ Erlinda Lamorena+	Family
Tue. May 12	9:30	Linda Palmares (Special Intentions)	Rosanne Ambulo
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Richard & Marilyn
Wed. May 13	9:30	Linda Palmares (Special Intentions)	Esther Pada
	11:45	Ilka & Joanna Ponce de Leon (Liv.)	Rosanne Ambulo
Thurs. May 14	9:30	Annie Feeney+	Mary Quinn & Family
	11:45	Alexander Reyes+	Luz Dimacali
Fri. May 15	9:30	Linda Palmares (Special Intentions)	
	11:45	Ann Peltier+ Broaddaus & James Kurpiel, Jr	Michelle Supper
Sat. May 16	9:30	Frayda Ascrate (Liv.)	Erly Cortez
	11:45	Conrado & Dolores Maglikian+	Luz Dimacali

Please note that the
Mass Intentions are
being honored in private
by our Priests.

Congratulations to Millie Sutter on her 106th Birthday!
May God continue to bless Millie with good health and happiness.



Today's Readings: First Reading Acts 6:1-7

The focus is on building the Church and working together to build God's kingdom.

Second Reading 1 Peter 2:4-9

Peter tells God's people they are living stones, chosen by God and precious to God.

Gospel John 14:1-12

Jesus gives his farewell address at his Last Supper with his disciples. He tells them that he will be with them only a little while longer and is going to prepare a place for them.

“Do not let your heart be troubled or afraid.”

This is a command of love from our Lord. He speaks very clear and wants us to know that a fearful and troubled heart is not of Him. Fear comes from Satan. To be troubled and fearful is a great burden and weighs us down. Jesus desperately wants us to be free of these burdens. He wants us to be free so that we can experience the joy of life. *“so that you may have life to the full.” [Jn 10:10]* You might say to me right now, “Father, that’s easier said than done in during these troubled times.” But actually, identifying the problem really is the easy part.

These weeks of quarantine should have helped you make a good self-inventory of the points Jesus raises today. In truth, our fears essentially are personal. What really bothers you? Why? What are you really afraid of? Why? Fear and anger have a marriage together. One feeds off the other. Many times, anger is expressed when the underlining issue is fear. Other times the fear we have drives us to cower and fuels an anger from within. Perhaps there is nothing that overwhelms you but, instead, find that there is a constant burden in a small way, always lingering there in the background. These burdens can be quite difficult especially when they last from year to year.

The first step to freedom is to see the burden for what it is. Through prayer, when we are honest enough to name it – we’ve conquered half the battle. If the cause of your burden is your own sin, repent of it and seek Confession. There is no greater medicine for the western world than the sacrament of confession!

If, however, your burden is the result of another’s actions or some situation in life that is out of your control, then you are in a unique position to surrender to our Lord, giving Him complete control of this situation. Freedom is found in total surrender, trust and abandonment to His will. This is a challenge that requires us to seek this grace in prayer to accept His will.

Spend some time today reflecting upon that which burdens you the most in life. What is it that weighs heavily upon you? It is this, reason more than anything else, that Jesus really wants to enter into your heart and transform you, free you lift you from the ashes. He wants you free so that you can experience the joy that He has to offer you in life.

Don’t be afraid. We are an Easter people of Hope. Open your hearts to let Jesus in – trust in His goodness.

The Most Important Person on Earth

“The Most Important Person on earth is a mother. She cannot claim the honor of having built Notre Dame Cathedral. She need not. She has built something more magnificent than any cathedral -a dwelling for an immortal soul, the tiny perfection of her baby’s body. . . The angels have not been blessed with such a grace. They cannot share in God’s creative miracle to bring new saints to Heaven. Only a human mother can. Mothers are closer to God the Creator than any other creature; God joins forces with mothers in performing this act of creation. .. What on God’s good earth is more glorious than this: to be a mother?”

~ Venerable Jozsef Cardinal Mindszenty

On behalf of the SMA Fathers we wish all Mother’s a very Happy Mother’s Day!

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

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“Bridge to Recovery”

St. John's Council, P.O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628

God bless the Knights of Columbus!