



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

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of May 24 — MAY 30, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 24	10:00	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	Jun Mina Lingan+ Lumen Ramos+	Linda Rubio
Mon. May 25	9:30	Feliciano Guinto+	Family
	11:45	Henry K Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
Tue. May 26	9:30	Victor A Migliaccio - Catherine M Migliaccio	
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family
Wed. May 27	9:30	Michael R Desrochers	
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family
Thurs. May 28	9:30	Bernard McGowan+	G. McGowan
	11:45	Alfred Ibe+	Wife & Family
Fri. May 29	9:30	Maria R Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Garrett McGowan+	G. McGowan
Sat. May 30	9:30	Tim Mara+	Neary Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family

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

Today's Readings: **First Reading Acts 1:1-11**
 Jesus ascends into heaven from where he will come to judge the living and the dead.
Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23
 The Holy Spirit is poured into the hearts of the baptised that they may respond with joy and hope.
Gospel Matthew 28:16-20
 Jesus sends the apostles to the ends of the earth to preach the Gospel and baptise.

“May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you.”

“Illustration

Spring days are such a relief after the cold and wet of winter. They create the opportunity for a time when we sit and pause to look around us. The green shoots of the new life by which we are surrounded is encouraging and we might even feel the heat of the sun on our faces. Such signs of Easter have been with us since we celebrated that wonderful feast. Forty days later, the feast of the Ascension of the Lord is a time when it is good, perhaps, to sit in a graveyard and reflect on those we have loved and who have gone before us. There we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. In a local churchyard we see the graves and rediscover the memories of families, friends, other members of the parish community and those we have known and loved. All have influenced our lives in different ways. Some memories may be joyful and evoke memories of love, care and friendship. Others might be more painful as we recall friction, arguments and breakdowns of relationships. Yet all are part of our lives and many belong to the great cloud of Christian witnesses who have lived their faith as best they can amidst all the vagaries and crooked lines which make up daily life.

Gospel Teaching

All these lives can be entrusted to God who redeems the world and promises the creation of a new heaven and a new earth. This feast is full of hope and joy. The Ascension of the Lord is a feast on which to pray for them because God promises an eternal future in heaven. Jesus’ ascension is the promise of an inheritance which is given to those who believe in him, whether throughout their lives or only at the very end. We can enter into the mystery of Christ’s death, resurrection and ascension to the right hand of the Father.

When Jesus ascends into heaven, there is the temptation to think that he has left us. We might then think of absence rather than presence. The mystery of this feast is that it is more about presence than absence. Jesus ascends into heaven to sit at the right hand of the Father. The Holy Spirit is sent into our hearts so that we can respond to the invitation of God and follow Jesus who is the way, the truth and the life. Christ remains ever present to us through the Holy Spirit and walks with us on our pilgrimage of life. He is closer to us than ourselves. Christ remains present in his body which is the Church. He gives us his word in the scriptures and tradition of the Church and is close to us whenever we read the Bible. He is most closely present to us in his body and blood in Holy Communion. Today we can rejoice in his presence rather than lament his absence. His final command to his disciples is to go forth and spread the Gospel to the ends of the world. At baptism we become members of the Church, members of his body and are promised an inheritance with the saints in heaven. “

The Living Word

Knights of Columbus St. John's Council - Blood Drive

St. John's Council #1345, along with Boy Scout Troop 1345 is hosting a blood drive at the Council (61 Armour Pl., Dumont) on June 17th from 4PM to 8PM. In order to help maintain safe social distance protocols, everyone is asked to please make an appointment by going to: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52510



On Behalf of the SMA Fathers
we wish you all a
Happy Memorial Day!
Have a safe weekend.
God Bless America!