



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 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

Theresa Hicks, Lay Associates
 201-496-8394

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA Priesthood

201- 894-8611

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$1,238.

**"THIS IS MY SON,
 WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN;**



LISTEN TO HIM."
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Local and Provincial superior:
 Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.
 If you invite one of our priests
 out to perform a sacramental
 function please make sure he is
 informed. 201-567-0450 x 218

18th week in Ordinary time
Masses for the week of Aug. 6-12th
TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	Requested by:
Sun. to. Sat	8:00	Liv. And Dec. Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Aug. 6	10:00	Mr. Gabriel Darcy+	Martha Paladino
	12:00	Basilio Abrajano+	Crisologo & Abrajano Families
Mon. Aug. 7	9:30	Sung Choi Fam (Liv) & Mariana Cho (Liv)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Soo Kyung Anne Lee (Liv)	Mother
Tues. Aug. 8	9:30	Pauline Schweitzer+	Paula Schweitzer
	11:45	Maurice Murphy+	Duggin Family
Wed. Aug. 9	9:30	Mark and Lillian Neal+	Veronica McDonagh
	11:45	Joan Cohen+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thur. Aug. 10	9:30	Peter McGowan+	
	11:45	Eugene Bryda, RIP+	Joe and Joan Mallon
Fri. Aug. 11	9:30	Gleason Family+	Barbara and Joe Mulheren
	11:45	Randy Supper+ Bill Supper+ 9 & 32 yrs ann.	Michelle Supper
Sat. Aug. 12	9:30	Jerry+ & Gilda Otelsberg, (Liv)50th wedding anniv.	Flora Petines Bereck
	11:45	Glicerio Crisologo+	Crisologo & Abrajano Families

Today's Readings

First Reading Daniel 7:9-10. 13-14 In his vision of heaven, Daniel sees a human being coming on the clouds of heaven who receives sovereignty, glory and kingship.

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-19 Peter gives his version of what he saw and heard on the holy mountain.

Gospel Matthew 17:1-9 Jesus is transfigured in the presence of the disciples Peter, James and John.

“This is my Beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased. . . . Listen to Him!”

In this Sunday’s Gospel story, Peter, James and John are in the midst of a tremendous revelation of Who Jesus really is -- and Peter decides he wants to build something!! Granted, it is something meant to honor God, to honor Jesus, and Peter being the impulsive, loving Peter we know, feels a need to DO SOMETHING. . . . Perhaps, it would help him to kind of control things, to keep a hold on this wonderful experience, to hold on to the memory, to share it with others. But God wants something different; God asks him and the others to consider more deeply what is being revealed to them, to LISTEN! Hadn’t Jesus led them up a mountain to a quiet place to be alone with Him? Were they not witnessing a tremendous mystery of God? Why the need to DO something?

Perhaps this is much like our wanting always to take videos and photos and selfies, so we don’t “lose” the beautiful experiences or forget the good times we have. We control by *holding onto!*

What would it be like for us if we’d leave camera, phone, and e-mail behind sometimes – or limit their use to necessity -- when we climb our “mountains” of engagement with nature and friends? The Voice from the Cloud (God) told the apostles to “Listen to Him!” For us, too, few words are often really needed, just open hearts and a willingness to take time to experience the brilliant Presence of God within us, within every person, within every Scripture reading, each situation and event and thing, remaining present to whatever Mystery God wants to reveal to us at the moment. Where is God and what is He trying to say to us in the slow traffic, in the rude neighbor, in the friendly checkout person at the grocery store, in the frustrating computer, in the pain of rejection or hurt feelings, in the generosity of a friend, in the company of family or of community at the lunch table In Liberia when I moved or talked too fast, I was told to “take time.” It’s a good phrase, a good reminder, to take time and live the gift of the moment, to LISTEN. We might learn who we really are, and Who God really is!

Jesus, transfigured so that His divinity shone through His human Body . . . , announces the extraordinary possibilities at the depths of every one of us. As a “temple of God” (1Cor 3:16) where the Father, Son and Holy Spirit have come to make Their dwelling place (Jn14:23), we carry within us . . . the pledge of our inheritance. . .”(Eph 1:13). Fr Carroll Stuehmueller CP

Some weeks ago in a store in Tenafly I noticed a mother and her small daughter shopping. At one point, the mother did not see her daughter, so she called her name. The little one came running and, her face brilliant, she lisped in total awe, “Mo-ommy! I just saw a ba-a-aby!” I immediately thought of Peter at the Transfiguration -- and found it quite disappointing that the mother’s only response was, “You have to stay with me.” She might have “listened” to her child, gone with her to see the baby and witnessed with her to the awesome experience of God present in a new life! An opportunity missed! Sr. Raphael Ann Drone, ASC

SYMPATHY

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Emma Looby and family at the passing of her granddaughter Colleen Looby.

Also we extend our deepest sympathy to Nora Blewett and her family at the passing of her brother Patrick Blewett, who passed away Thursday.

May they rest in peace.

Announcements:

Raffle tickets for the drawing on Dec. 2nd are now available. The ticket costs \$5 and 1st prize is 2,200 \$ gift certificate from Liberty Travel and second prize is an iphone 7plus. So if you are looking to travel take a chance. Contact Ms. Paladino if you want more information.

We are still looking for readers for the Sunday and weekday masses.