



# Society of African Missions

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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

## Mass Schedule

### Sundays

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

### Weekdays & Holy Days

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:45 am

### 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

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA  
201- 894-8611

### Sunday Collection: \$1,268.00

Thank you for your support.

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of **AUGUST 12 – AUGUST 18, 2018**

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. AUG 12	10:00	Robert Jaeger+	Martha Paladino
	12:00	Gino Pico+	Sister & Nephew
Mon. AUG 13	9:30	Joseph Jeen & Ancy George	Ancy George & family
	11:45	Bob Jaeger+	Angela Hickey
Tue. AUG 14	9:30	Eugene Laughlin+	Nora Blewitt
	11:45	Sean Kelly+	Rosanne
Wed. AUG 15	9:30	Special Intention for Theresa Ambulo (Liv)	Rosanne
	11:45	Victoria Ann Costa (Liv)	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. AUG 16	9:30	Angela McCabe (Liv)	Sister Catherine
	11:45	Francis & Borgy Ambulo Special Intention (Liv)	Rosanne
Fri. AUG 17	9:30	Dec. Members of Fr. Guiney & McCarthy Families	
	11:45	John Anderson+	Flynn Family
Sat. AUG 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Neary Family
	11:45	Dorothy McLaughlin+	Mary Ann Harte

## Today's Readings

### First Reading 1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah is at a low ebb in the wilderness when God provides him with food for nourishment to continue his journey.

### Second Reading Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2

A warning not to “grieve the Holy Spirit of God” or to be unkind to one another. A call to follow Christ “by loving as he loved you”.

### Gospel John 6:41-51

Jesus says that the bread he gives “is my flesh, for the life of the world”.

August 15, 2018

The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

**Holy Day of Obligation.**

Masses 8, 9:30 and 11:45am

# Gospel Teaching

*In today's Gospel, Jesus describes himself as the "living bread". After he was gone, they would still have God's word, and they would have his "living bread" for nourishment. They could smell, share, taste and swallow bread – an earthy reminder that Jesus would always be with them and was the bread that would take away all hunger.*

*As Catholics, we believe that when we receive the Eucharist we receive the body of Christ. The monk and writer Thomas Merton suggested that "while we eat the substance of the true body of Christ under the sacramental species, we ourselves are eaten and absorbed by the mystical body of Christ... we become as it were perfectly part of that body, assimilated by it, one with its spiritual organism". By loving one another we are incorporated into the body of Christ and enlightened by Christ. We are to bring life to the world, as he did. Courage, gifts and blessings come to us when we remain close to Jesus and deepen our relationship through the Eucharist.*

## Application

*Some of us will have experienced the ritual of making bread in our homes: the gentle kneading process; the earthy smell of the bread baking; the delight of the fresh, warm bread shared. The baking fills the home with a generous love. Bread is a staple of our lives, just as Jesus is central to our lives. Today's Gospel focuses on what nourishes and sustains us. Today we get the sign in the breaking of the bread that the spirit of Jesus is with us always when we are dedicated to the teachings of Christ and to building life-affirming relationships. Our Eucharistic lives are also accompanied by special meals with family and friends, reaching out to those who are vulnerable to share food, and liturgies that celebrate what it means to share bread with one another and to serve one another. We could prepare for the Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation on 1 September, noting the importance of fruitful harvests and a stable climate. The celebration of life has everything to do with food. Food is at the centre of human community making.*

*The challenge is there for us today. Let us expand our belief in the one whom God has sent – listen to him, follow him, deepen our relationship with him. Each of us is called to follow Jesus and we will be filled with the food that is far more than daily nourishment. The deep food of everlasting life that Jesus gives to us will revolutionise each of us and will inspire us to work for the common good in our world, and that includes sharing bread with those who are hungry. However, we experience many hungers – the hunger for meaning, the hunger for peace, the hunger for contentment. Wealth can satisfy for a while but it can never give us real peace. Fame can satisfy for a while but can never give a lasting sense of meaning to life. Even material success can only give momentary contentment. It is in God alone that we find lasting satisfaction for all our hungers.*

-The Living Word

## **SMA GALA NIGHT** AT THE CLINTON INN OF TENAFLY

**Friday, September 21, 2018** - **TICKETS AVAILABLE**

**Also RAFFLE TICKETS** **FOUR CHANCES TO WIN**

**4 GIFT CARDS \$500 EACH**

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