



Society of African Missions

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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

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. 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

551-449-4357

Sunday Collections: \$991.00

Thank you for your support.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Masses for the week of May 26 – JUNE 01, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. May 26	10:00	Tim Mara+	James Neary
	12:00	Rolando M. Dumlaio+	Martha Paladino
Mon. May 27	9:30	John Loughlin+	Eileen Walsh
	11:45	Josephine Buonomo+	Martha Paladino
Tue. May 28	9:30	Theresa Malloy+	Martha Paladino
	11:45	Ibe Alfred+	Wife
Wed. May 29	9:30	Maria Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Sister Nora Lohan+	Mae Kenny
Thurs. May 30	9:30	John Loughlin+	Rosa & Catherine
	11:45	Nita Ponce de Leon (Living)	Rosanne
Fri. May 31	9:30	Josephine Buonomo+	SMA Guild
	11:45	Regina Piccini+	Mr / Mrs. Emil Morin
Sat. June 01	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Edward Quirke+	Duggan Family

THANK YOU....
 A big thank you to those who made possible the Flores de Mayo celebration at the Mission.

SAVE THE DATE:
 SMA ANNUAL GALA
Friday, September 27, 2019
 The Clinton Inn—Tenafly

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Delegates are sent from Jerusalem to help the Christians of Antioch understand all that the Holy Spirit is teaching them.

Second Reading Apocalypse 21:10-14. 22-23

St John shares with us his heavenly vision of Jerusalem, the holy city, radiant with the glorious presence of God in the midst of God's people.

Gospel John 14:23-29

Jesus' disciples are called to be faithful to his teaching, helped by the Holy Spirit whom God sends in his name. God's indwelling word will bring us peace.

On the occasion of the SMA General Assembly held in Rome, Pope Francis took time to thank and encourage the SMA to persevere and assured his prayers for our confrere from Italy, Fr. Pierluigi Maccalli, who was abducted last year in Niger.

Here are the highlights of the Holy Father's address:

“Dear Brothers and Sisters,

I welcome you, members of the Society of African Missions, on the occasion of your General Assembly being held in Rome. This meeting enables me to thank the Lord for the great work of evangelization that you carry forward in Africa, especially among the remotest rural populations, where the Christian community is still fragile or non-existent. I rejoice also over your will to develop new forms of presence, in populations of African origin in other parts of the world, with special attention to migrants...

“I thank you for your missionary zeal, permeated with courage, which leads you to go forth to offer all the life of Jesus Christ, sometimes risking your own, in the footsteps of your Founding Fathers, the Servant of God Melchior de Marion Bresillac and Father Augustin Planque. In this connection, I would like to associate myself to your prayer for your brother Father Pierluigi Maccalli, kidnapped for several months in Niger, and to assure you of the solicitude and attention of the Holy See in regard to this worrying situation...”

Faithful to your roots, you are called, as a family and in as much as family to witness the Risen Christ through the love that unites you to one another, and with the radiant joy of a genuine fraternal life. Therefore, I invite you to seek constantly — in listening to the Word of God, in the sacramental life and in the service to brothers —, the means to renew in each one of you the personal encounter with Christ. In fact, “the first motivation to evangelize is the love of Jesus that we have received, the experience of being saved by Him, which drives us to love Him ever more. [. . .] Therefore, it's urgent to recover a contemplative spirit, which enables you to rediscover every day that we are recipients of a good that humanizes, which helps to lead a new life” (Ibid., 264) ...

Dear brothers and sisters, I thank you once again for your visit, as well as for the witness you give. I encourage you to persevere, with ever renewed enthusiasm and dynamism, on the path followed by the Society of African Missions, which has produced so many fruits of conversion to Christ. In listening to the Spirit, do not be afraid of opening new ways, to manifest that “God is ever novelty, which drives us continually to begin again and to change places to go beyond what is known, towards the peripheries and the borders” (Apostolic Exhortation Gaudete et Exsultate, 135). With this hope, I entrust your missionary family to the intercession of the Virgin Mary, asking her to sustain your efforts. I bless you and pray for you. And you, please, don't forget to pray for me.”

REMINDER:

Thursday, May 30, 2019, The Ascension of the Lord, Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, and 11:45am

Memorial Day! We remember in prayer those who died while serving, especially those who have died in military service.