



Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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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

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

African Art Museum

Open daily. Contact:

Fr. James McConnell

201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Deacon Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

Sunday Collections: \$1,152.00

Thank you for your support.

PRAYERS NEEDED

We need your prayers as we begin our Provincial Assembly tomorrow, July 1st, 2019.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of JUNE 30 – JULY 06, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. June 30	10:00	Theresa Molloy+	Mary Quinn Family
	12:00	David Wilson+	Mary H. Fischbach
Mon. July 01	9:30	Patrick Fleming+	Mildred/Lorry Fleming
	11:45	Joseph & Abby Maikisch (Liv)	Caron
Tue. July 02	9:30	Theresa Molly	Nora Blewitt
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Wed. July 03	9:30	Our Military	James Neary
	11:45	Mary Quinn+	Ortaglia & McCarthy
Thurs. July 04	9:30	Thomas Lee (Liv)-Birthday	Thomas & Jessica Lee family
	11:45	For the living & Deceased of the Logerfo & Chiusano Families	Caron
Fri. July 05	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoever & Lukchis Families	
Sat. July 06	9:30	Robert Doonan+	Susan Doonan Murphy
	11:45	Special Intention: Neil & Forgrave Families	

Today's Readings

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16. 19-21

On the journey of life, a good companion is better than a good pair of shoes.

Second Reading Galatians 5:1. 13-18

A misused freedom is the worst kind of slavery, for by it we enslave ourselves.

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

The journey which Christ began to Jerusalem did not end in Jerusalem, because it is continued by his Church.

Illustration

The word “procession” for many Catholics probably conjures up images of church processions, perhaps on Corpus Christi with the Blessed Sacrament, or following a statue of Our Lady, or just together while saying the rosary. If you ever go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, you will find yourself walking, or being pushed in a wheelchair, a lot. Yet another meaning of the word “procession” is to describe how the Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son. The Holy Spirit “proceeds from the Father and the Son”, as we say in the Creed. In the Holy Trinity, movement and stillness are combined, which is to say that God’s perfect movement, filling God’s whole self and all creation, looks more like stillness to us.

For us, movement has to involve change, so there is a good instinct in the Church for the people to walk as a symbol of prayer, to make a procession as it were. In the history of the Church, Christians have always made journeys, to the point that we have a special word for it: “pilgrimage”. It goes back to the journey of Jesus to Jerusalem. In some translations we are told that he “set his face hard” for Jerusalem, because you need a face set hard to walk into the wind. In Jerusalem he dies, but he rises again and the story of the Acts of the Apostles is about how the Church learns to go out from Jerusalem. It is no coincidence that when Jesus ascends into heaven, he leaves his disciples on the road. St Paul, too, is converted on the road to Damascus. Christian life is a journey.

Gospel Teaching

For a desert people, roads were of supreme importance. If you stray from the road, quite simply you die. The best way to keep a road in good condition is for people to use it. “Use it or lose it” is particularly relevant to a desert road, where the people tramp the road down into good condition, where travellers help each other and ensure that there is food and water on the way. The first Psalm warns us, though, of the danger of taking the wrong road: “the way of the wicked is doomed”. That is the road in the desert that peters out, and then what? If we are too proud to retrace our steps, then we will be lost for ever.

Jesus began a journey, which is our journey. We walk on his way. He is the road we walk on, our companion on that road, and he is also the destination to which the road leads us. Prayer, companionship, study and a willingness to go beyond our self-imposed boundaries will always be the stuff of Christian life, for the simple reason that Christ leads us on the road. The Gospel of St Luke is the great Gospel of this journey, and in Luke’s other work, the Acts of the Apostles, St Paul, the tireless traveller for God, is his great hero. Because Luke had travelled with Paul, he saw how much the expansion of the Church was really the world being filled with the presence of Jesus the Christ.

Application

Not every journey involves actual physical movement. The great monasteries and convents where people take vows of stability might seem to suggest that the Church advocates staying in one place. This is a misunderstanding. It is no coincidence that many monastic buildings look like boats. In fact the word for the main part of a church building, the nave, comes from navis, the Latin word for a ship. The Church is always on the move but it is a spiritual movement. We believe and hope in the future, and anyone who prays is on a journey.

If we could see this journey of the Christian from above it would seem strangely chaotic. We walk off the road, get lost, yet somehow by God’s grace and mercy find our way back. Sometimes we refuse to move at all, we discourage other travellers on the way. We forget the basic rule of any journey, which is to put one foot in front of the other. We look back at the places we have been, we fear the places that God may call us to pass through. Yet as the psalmist says, “If I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil.”

-The Living Word

July 4th

Independence Day

**After the 11:45 Mass there will be
a Cook-Out**

All are welcome!

Lord bless our nation.

SMA ANNUAL GALA

Friday, September 27, 2019

The Clinton Inn—Tenafly call (201) 567-0450

TICKETS AVAILABLE