



# Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

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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: \$1,023.00

Thank you for your support.

### **Our Lady of Perpetual Help!**

Rosary & Novena, Saturday,

**June 29, 2019 at 4:30pm**

Holy Mass to follow.

Join us!

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

SMA ANNUAL GALA

**Friday, September 27, 2019**

The Clinton Inn—Tenafly

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Masses for the week of JUNE 02 – JUNE 08, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. June 02	10:00	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	John & Annie Hamill+	Daughter
Mon. June 03	9:30	John J. Loughlin, Jr+	Mary Ann Harte
	11:45	Theresa Molloy+	Bernadette & John McCabe
Tue. June 04	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	SMA Guild
	11:45	Lorraine Logerfo (Living)	Caron
Wed. June 05	9:30	Brian Mulligan+	James Neary
	11:45	Elizabeth & Jacob Micklas+	Rosemary & Stephanie Micklas
Thurs. June 06	9:30	Robert J. Jaeger+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv)	Mariana Cho
Fri. June 07	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoever & Mongiello Families	
Sat. June 08	9:30	JoAnn Di Paolo+	Martha Di Paolo
	11:45	Lydia Ramirez+	Ben/Mely Ramirez

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Acts 7:55-60

As Stephen is being stoned to death, in the presence of Saul, he sees the glory of God and Christ at the Father's right hand.

### Second Reading Apocalypse 22:12-14. 16-17. 20

The revelation to John of Christ's second coming is accompanied with an invitation to drink of the water of life.

### Gospel John 17:20-26

Jesus prays that all people might experience the love and unity of the heart of the Holy Trinity in order to witness to such an incredible truth.

## Illustration

“Paradise”, by the English singer and songwriter George Ezra, was a huge hit in the United Kingdom in 2018. As a heatwave took hold of the UK that summer, the incredibly upbeat, catchy tune never seemed to be off the airwaves. The song, which playfully revels in the joy of falling in love, was part of the backdrop to two months of prolonged dry and glorious weather. The song, sung in Ezra’s deep and sonorous tone, starts with the line, “My love, my lover, lover, lover, I’m in paradise whenever I’m with you,” and proceeds towards its chorus: “If it feels like paradise running through your veins, you know it’s love heading your way.” The lyrics speak of the booming heart of the lover, beating and thumping, and the feeling of being truly alive when love comes knocking.

## Gospel Teaching

Jesus’ heart and the heart of the Father are united. With the Holy Spirit, they are a true communion of love. Beating as one, the heart of God is desirous of drawing all people to it. Jesus expresses that desire in this beautiful, overflowing song of love from John’s Gospel. We hear the words of Jesus and behind these words there seems to be a deep yearning. Jesus yearns, thirsts even, for a true connection with all those who will hear the word preached. Jesus wants the world to believe and for there to be unity: a united heart of all people with the burning heart of God. He reminds the Father that all those who have come into contact with him have had the glory of God showered upon them. The Holy Trinity have shared their divine life with humanity. Now Jesus wants that glory to be constantly in the view of all those who believe and are one in heart and mind.

Jesus, speaking truly as God on earth, wants the love that he knows as the Son of God the Father to be in those who follow him. In fact he wants to be in them, which is the same thing. True paradise is the reality of God’s love: Father, Son and Spirit dwelling in all hearts, with all having a deep awareness of this truth.

## Application

As a Church, it is important to be reflecting constantly upon this mystery of love. Are we able to think this over and take greater ownership of this truth? If we are, then there will surely have to be some practical implications. Jesus says elsewhere in the Gospel that people will know those who believe in him by the fruit that they bear. If unity is the deep desire at the heart of God, then we need to be aware that this will not just come about as if by the waving of a magic wand. Unity among Christians will come about when, having pondered this mystery of love, we make some concrete effort to join forces with, pray with and witness alongside our brothers and sisters from other churches. Unity with the world will come about when we simply allow the truth to keep us faithful, unashamed and always aware that we are co-workers with God according to the gifts and talents that God has blessed us with. It will take courage, but surely this is a gift of the Holy Spirit.

*-The Living Word*

St. John’s Council #1345 Knights of Columbus, Dumont/Bergenfield is seeking new members to continue their charitable works.

Today, Sunday, Council members will be handing out flyers and answering any questions after all Masses.

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