



Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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

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

Sunday Collections: \$1,325.00

Thank you for your support.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR FOUNDER

"BISHOP MELCHIOR DE MARION BRÉSILLAC"

JUNE 25th, 2019 11:45 am MASS
followed by Barbecue in the Courtyard
All are invited

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Masses for the week of JUNE 09 – JUNE 15, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. June 09	10:00	Justin LaMorena+	Family
	12:00	Dennis Reo Sonny+ & Jet Allan Edward+	Erlinda P. Rubio
Mon. June 10	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	Eileen Walsh
	11:45	Rose Logerfo (Liv)	Caron
Tue. June 11	9:30	Fr. Joseph Bordonaro (Liv)	Friend
	11:45	Maria Gomez+	Guinto Family
Wed. June 12	9:30	Thanksgiving	Ibe Family
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. June 13	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	Rosa & Catherine
	11:45	John Loughlin+	Hellman Family
Fri. June 14	9:30	Annie Feeney+	Mary Quinn & Family
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae & Family
Sat. June 15	9:30	Cenen Cruz+ & Manuel J Ramirez	Claudia Cruz
	11:45	Lynn Rogers (Liv)	Vinny, Mary Ann & Friends

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

The apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit.

Second Reading Romans 8:8-17

Moved by the Spirit we become children of God and heirs as well. We can even be familiar with God, crying out, "Abba, Father!"

Gospel John 14:15-16. 23-26

At the Last Supper Jesus promises the gift of the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, who will teach us everything.

Illustration

“Birthdays provide us with opportunities to stop and reflect about life’s journey. We speak of “coming of age” and of significant milestones. Pentecost Sunday is traditionally called the birthday of the Church, so perhaps today is a good day for the whole Church, once again, to take stock and reflect on the story of the last two thousand years. At the same time, hopefully, we will be able to see connections, piece together the jigsaw of our own lives and see the wider picture more clearly. Hopefully, too, we will be able to recognise that it is not only the good times but even the bad and difficult times that help to shape us and to realise the truth of Paul’s teaching that God can turn everything to good.

In fact Paul tells us this truth shortly after he has implored us to recognise the power of God’s Spirit working in our lives in that section we listened to in today’s second reading, from Paul’s letter to the Romans. Paul is passionate about his faith and about the power of God’s Spirit. He was not, of course, with the apostles on the day of Pentecost, but he had his own powerful experience on the road to Damascus and he spent the rest of his life putting the jigsaw together and seeing the power of the Spirit at work in all he was doing. He also realised that this was how he could make sense of suffering. Jesus had suffered for us and our sufferings are a share in his sufferings, which ultimately will lead us to share his glory.

Gospel Teaching

The Gospel reading today is from what is known as the “Last Supper discourse” in John’s Gospel. Jesus was soon to be arrested and suffer his passion and death. For five whole chapters John records the conversation Jesus had with the apostles and emphasises the fact that he kept reassuring them. He would not leave them orphans; he would come back to them; the Father would send them the Holy Spirit. Clearly the apostles failed to understand. Later that evening and throughout the following weekend they were in disarray. It would seem that only John himself had the courage to be with Mary and the other women at the foot of the cross.

All the resurrection stories are shrouded in mystery and the apostles remain hesitant and uncertain as to what is happening: it would take them time to put the jigsaw together. But, when the day of Pentecost arrives, everything changes. Dramatically they are transformed. The hesitation and the uncertainty are gone and everything begins to fall into place. Full of courage, they go out and proclaim the message of Jesus’ resurrection and his message of salvation. The people are amazed because they can all understand what is being said, but, of course, the language spoken by the apostles was the language of love and that is a universal language.

Application

Today provides us as individuals and the Church as a whole with a wonderful opportunity to pause and take stock. It may be that you have been faced in your own life with challenges and doubts that have tested your faith and left you hesitant and uncertain. The Church across the world is having to cope with a period of dramatic transition. Very public scandals have caused immense sadness for today’s disciples of Jesus and once again many find it difficult to piece the jigsaw together.

The body of Christ has faced huge challenges down through the centuries. It has had to endure the persecutions, the Dark Ages and the Reformation and much else besides. Likewise, you and I have had to endure our own share of suffering, whatever the origins or causes may have been. The message of today’s feast is that all of this is redeemable in Christ. If we allow the Spirit of God to open our hearts and remind us of all that Jesus has taught us, then we will speak the language of love and Christ will redeem our lives and the life of the Church. We will see again that the gifts of the Spirit – wisdom, knowledge, understanding, courage, right judgement, awe and reverence – enable us to put everything into God’s perspective. We will experience, as individuals and as a community, the fact that the Lord can indeed turn everything to good. He is with us, as he always has been.”

-The Living Word

SAVE THESE DATES:

Knights of Columbus St. John’s Council 1345

61 Armour Place, Dumont, NJ 07628

111th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 22, 2019 from 7-11PM \$35 per person

Advanced Reservations Call or text Ken A. 516-220-9333

See flyer for more details.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help! Rosary & Novena,

Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 4:30pm

Holy Mass to follow.

Join us!

SMA ANNUAL GALA

Friday, September 27, 2019

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