



# Society of African Missions

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## Administration:

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## 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: \$1,250.00

Thank you for your support.

## SMA ANNUAL GALA

Friday, September 27, 2019

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

TICKETS AVAILABLE

## SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of JULY 21 – JULY 27, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. July 21	10:00	Reynaldo Santiago+ Warlito Babaran+	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
Mon. July 22	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Richard
Tue. July 23	9:30	Patricia Galasso+	Mary Ann Harte
	11:45	Jack Farrell+	Hickey Family
Wed. July 24	9:30	Bridget Daly+	Angela Hickey
	11:45	Tom Tambole (Special Intentions)	Martha Paladino
Thurs. July 25	9:30	Ralph Iacullo+ (Anniversary of Death)	Susan/Bon Iacullo
	11:45	Lyndsey & Ben Kintop (Liv.)	Louise Coull
Fri. July 26	9:30	Mary Ellen Murphy+	Eileen Walsh
	11:45	John Loughlin+	Vickie Kapal
Sat. July 27	9:30	Neil Labay (Birthday)	Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawlor+	Lawlor Family

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham gives his Lord a great welcome and is blessed by the Lord God in return.

### Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

The mystery of Christ, hidden for generations, is now revealed to us all.

### Gospel Luke 10:38-42

Martha and Mary welcome Jesus into their home in their different ways.

## “You worry and fret about so many things”

### Illustration

*Is it better to give or to receive? Our traditional Christian response is to answer, “to give”, taking our lead from the second great commandment, to love our neighbour as ourselves. But the question is perhaps more complex than we first think. Do we give unconditionally without any thought of what we might get out of it? Or do we look on our generosity as a sort of investment, looking for a response of loyalty, compensation or gratitude on the part of the receiver of our bounty? There is an element of this in the way the rich nations of the world treat the poor nations. In effect they are saying: “We are looking after you but not in such a way that you can grow to be our equals. Rather we want to use you as suppliers of cheap primary produce, whether animal, vegetable or mineral, and then in return get you to buy our sophisticated and more expensive products.” As Archbishop Hélder Câmara famously said: “When I give food to the poor, they call me a saint; when I ask why the poor have no food, they call me a communist.”*

*We can ask questions about the act of receiving, too. At times people find it difficult to receive, either because it seems like taking, grabbing even, or they feel it creates a dependency they do not wish to have in their lives. They feel they are obliged to show deference and be grateful when that is not what they are feeling. It looks as though we could need help to give and receive in a way that uplifts both giver and receiver.*

### Gospel Teaching

*Martha and Mary are often used as images of the active and contemplative life. If Jesus seems to favour Mary, many people feel that Martha has been hard done by. In practice, we may wonder, would Jesus and his disciples have been happy if Martha had just sat there like Mary? A first thing to note is how when the two are mentioned in both Luke’s and John’s Gospels, it is Martha who takes the lead. Here she is up front in complaining to Jesus. In John’s Gospel she is the one who goes out to confront Jesus and ask him why he has not saved her brother. Jesus enjoys her challenges and uses them to reveal deeper elements of his message of salvation, even if he seems to tease her while doing so. Her role is similar to that of Peter, unafraid to say what is in her mind and engaging in a very real exchange. There is no sitting back and wallowing in anything Jesus says.*

*The Gospels use Mary to balance this vigour. If we are to give, we also have to receive. Jesus himself is extravagant in his healing of sick people, in his feeding of the crowds, in the time he gives to everyone, but, especially in Luke’s Gospel, he can only do this by communing with his Father in prayer. Before any important activity we find him turning aside to pray. He has to receive his power from the Father before he can be so lavish with it.*

### Application

*Perhaps we don’t have to choose to be either givers or receivers. We are called to be both. People who have not been loved and cherished in their childhood find it difficult as adults either to understand or practise good relationships. Usually it is at least one of our parents who has given us unconditional love, but there are also aunts and uncles and grandparents, even teachers and priests, who can fulfil the role. In our spiritual lives, just like Jesus himself, we turn to God the Father in prayer, aware that we need to be filled with his presence in our lives to carry out his will.*

*Another aspect of giving is that those who give generously often remark on how much more they receive back from the recipients of their kindness. It is common to hear people who help refugees remark on how the latter insist on finding opportunities to respond with a sharing of their food and culture. Eating and drinking together, as in the examples given by Abraham and Jesus, provide moments of sharing where the barriers disappear. No wonder that at the centre of our faith lives we find the Eucharist, the moment when we are fed by Jesus and enter into full communion with him and with each other.*

The Living Word

**CONDOLENCES.-** The SMA Community is saddened by the death of: **Mr Rayappan**, father of Fr Ranees Anbukumar, SMA. He died on Sunday, July 14, 2019 in India.

**Mr. Guy Giordano**, beloved husband of Marie Giordano and father of Lisa Murphy. He died peacefully on July 16, 2019.

Our prayers are with Fr Anbukumar, family and friends, also with Mrs. Giordano, Lisa, family and friends.

**MAY GOD GRANT THEM ETERNAL REST.**