



# Society of African Missions

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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. Dermot Roache

201-567-0450 Ext. 212

#### 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

Fr. Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

#### Sunday Collections: \$1,009.00

Thank you for your support.

## TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of SEPTEMBER 29–OCTOBER 5, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Sept. 29	10:00	Happy Birthday Robert J. Forgrave (Liv.)	
	12:00	Maria Valdes+	Friend
Mon. Sept. 30	9:30	Francis De Souza+	Robinah
	11:45	David Keith Woodall+	Marisa Pastore
Tue. Oct. 1	9:30	Bridget Walsh+	Cogen Family
	11:45	Margaret Cogen+	Cogen Family
Wed. Oct. 2	9:30	Theresa Corcoran+	Diane/Mike Bruno
	11:45	Rosario Ambulo+	Rosanne
Thurs. Oct. 3	9:30	Joseph Abitante+	
	11:45	Fathers Benedict Groeschel, CFR+ & Andrew Apostoli. CFR+	Pruzinsky Family
Fri. Oct. 4	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Helen Wilson+	Mary H Fischbach
Sat. Oct. 5	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** Amos 6:1. 4-7 Amos condemns the people of Samaria who lounge comfortably on their couches while the nation is facing moral disaster.

**Second Reading** 1 Timothy 6:11-16 Timothy is urged to live a Christian life of faith, love and patience, that he may be ready for the coming of Christ.

**Gospel** Luke 16:19-31 The ancient parable of the rich man who ignored his poverty-stricken neighbour speaks powerfully to the modern world.

## THE SOCIETY OF AFRICAN MISSIONS

*Cordially invites you to attend a Mass of Thanksgiving for Fr Michael Moran, SMA  
 Sunday, October 6th, 2019 -12 Noon - at the Mission, 23 Bliss Ave, Tenafly, NJ 07670  
 followed by a "Friendship Gathering"*

## **“Baptized and sent: the Church of Christ on mission in the world”.**

On November 30th, 2019, the Catholic Church will celebrate the hundredth anniversary of the promulgation of the Apostolic Letter *Maximum Illud*, with which Pope Benedict XV sought to give new motivation to the missionary task of proclaiming the Gospel. He begins the Letter of 1919 with Jesus' quote from the Gospel, "*Go into the whole world and preach the gospel to all creation.*"

The one-hundred-year letter identified the principles and priorities of the Catholic missions. It reminds us that mission is **not only** for missionaries: but **all** Catholics must participate, through their Apostolate of Prayer, by supporting vocations, and by helping financially. It also proposed an appreciation for cultural differences, a separation of the Church's work from political alliances, and the need to develop the resources of local churches to thrive independently once the missionaries withdraw. This helps local vocations to flourish. As a response to this momentous 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary, during the Angelus Prayer on World Mission Sunday, two years ago, October 22, 2017, Pope Francis publicly announced to the whole Church his intention to designate an **Extraordinary Missionary Month for October 2019**. His wish is to raise awareness among the particular Churches, the missionary Institutes of Consecrated Life and Societies of Apostolic Life, (like the SMA Fathers) among associations, movements, communities, and other church entities, in order to *reignite the baptismal awareness* of the People of God in relation to the mission of the Church. Pope Francis provided the following theme for the Extraordinary Missionary Month: “Baptized and sent: the Church of Christ on mission in the world”. In fact, it should reawaken an awareness of the *missio ad gentes*, and reinvigorate the responsibility of proclaiming the Gospel with new enthusiasm. The Pope is reminding us that the Church is missionary by its very nature and we are called to share the good news with the wider world both in our words and through our “faith in action”, he said.

It is about placing «*the mission of Jesus at the heart of the Church, making it the criterion for measuring the effectiveness of her structures, the results of her labors, the fruitfulness of her ministers, and the joy they awaken. For without joy, we attract no one*». The Pope says.

The SMA Fathers tirelessly remain joyful carriers of the Gospel. We are so grateful that you also join us in following the Church's mandate of being sent as missionaries – whether be it religious, married, family or single – we are bringing the love of Jesus to others in need. Let us celebrate this month with gratitude for Jesus' mercy, conviction to preach His truth (even in difficult times) and carriers of His joy that is contagious! God bless you!

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

### **Thank you!**

Our sincere thanks to everyone who made our Annual Gala such a great success!

Your support is greatly appreciated. God bless you all.

**Congratulations to all our raffle winners!** Numbers: 1101, 82 and 1381.