

# 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: \$1,646.00** 

Thank you for your support.

#### **ALL SOULS**

Envelopes for the All souls intentions for the month of November are available in the back of the Chapel.

# TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of OCTOBER 13—OCTOBER 19, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
SunSat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Oct. 13	10:00	Leonardo Deroca+ Frank Go+	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Naciansino Bontuyan+	Family
Mon. Oct. 14	9:30	Mr. Rayappan+	Martha Paladino
	11:45	Arturo Maglikian+	Luz Dimacali
Tue. Oct. 15	9:30	Steven Coppolino+	Angela & Roger Gussoni
	11:45	Elaine Ambulo (Liv.)	Rosanne Ambulo
Wed. Oct. 16	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Mr. Guy Giordano+	Martha Paladino
Thurs. Oct. 17	9:30	Bill Hickey+	Family
	11:45	Vitina Cimilluca+	Maria Morelli
Fri. Oct. 18	9:30	Tom Brunetto & Family+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Maureen Portmann+ Michael Peltier+	Michelle Supper
Sat. Oct. 19	9:30	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Pauline Schweitzer+	Paula

#### **Today's Readings**

**1st Reading** 2 Kings 5:14-17 - The foreigner Naaman acknowledges the Lord who has healed him.

**2nd Reading** 2 Timothy 2:8-13 - We are all called to the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it.

**Gospel** Luke 17:11-19 - It is the foreigner who comes back to give praise to God for healing him.

#### **LIVING ROSARY**

Saturday, October 26, 2019 at 3 pm SMA Chapel, 23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670

(Assembly 2:30 pm at the SMA Museum-Chapel Entrance)

"POTLUCK SNACKS TO FOLLOW IN THE SMA MUSEUM" Coordinator Carol Dumlao/SMA CHOIR

### A Powerful Missionary Work

The Church dedicates the month of October to the Holy Rosary. According to an account by fifteenth-century Dominican, Alan de la Roch, the Church received the Rosary in its present form and according to the method we use today when it was given to the Church by St. Dominic in the year 1206 from Our Lady. St. Dominic had been praying and doing severe penances because of his lack of success in combating the Albigensian heresy of the time.

Our Lady appeared to him, accompanied by three angels. She praised him for his valiant fight against the heretics and then said, "Dear Dominic, do you know which weapon the Blessed Trinity wants to use to reform the world?" "Oh my Lady" answered St. Dominic, "you know far better than I do, because next to your Son Jesus Christ you have always been the instrument of our salvation." Then Our Lady replied, "I want you to know that in this kind of warfare, the principal weapon has always been the Angelic Psalter, which is the foundation stone of the New Testament. Therefore, if you want to reach the most hardened souls and win them over to God, preach My Psalter." In other words, 'preach my Rosary.'

Interestingly, Mary did not originally call this prayer the Rosary. Rather she said, my Psalter. What does this mean? Well, at the time of her appearance to St. Dominic in the 13<sup>th</sup> century, the average person was illiterate. Only the wealthy, educated and the religious were able to pray the great Psalter (The Book of Psalms) in the form of the Divine Office or the Liturgy of the Hours. The Liturgy of the Hours which is prayed in private and in common at every hour around the world, sanctifies and purifies every hour of each day in the life of the Church. Even here at the Mission, the Liturgy of the Hours is prayed several times of the day contributing to the missionary activity of the Church through regulated prayer.

There are 150 psalms in Scripture. They constitute the joys, trials, and triumphs of the people of Israel spoken through King David. There are 150 Hail Mary's given to the Church in the rosary which constitute the joys, sorrows and glorious triumph of Our Lord Jesus seen in the eyes of the Mother. The Rosary is actually inspired by the Holy Spirit and instructed by the Blessed Mother. It is considered a perfect prayer because within it lies the splendid story of our salvation. Therefore, it has power! The New Testament mysteries proclaimed in the Rosary are accompanied by prayers which are also found in Scripture. The Rosary is not just the prayer of Mary, but the prayer of the Gospel!

It is a simple and humble prayer like Mary. When we pray it, She prays with us and joins our prayers with Hers. This prayer made together with Mary, will obtain the great gift of bringing about a change of heart and conversion. Isn't that the desire of the Holy Father for this month? Also in this month, we are invited to be missionary in helping our family, friends and foes to have an encounter with Jesus through this most powerful prayer – the Rosary.

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

**THANK YOU.-** I thank you all who attended the mass of thanksgiving for me last Sunday. Through these last 15 yeas all have shown a great deal of support for me and for the SMAs. The Bible group, the little way prayer group, the perpetual help prayer group, the Guild, the breakfast group and the choir and all who have over the years supported the various activities at the Mission. It is greatly appreciated. Continue your support by your presence, prayers and works. May God continue to bless you all. Fr Michael Moran

**ROSES FOR LIFE.-** The Knights of Columbus Council #1345 of Bergenfield/Dumont will be here on Sunday, October 27 distributing the small roses at all three Masses.