



# 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. 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

## SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### Masses for the week of May 17 — MAY 23, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of the SMA</b>	
Sun. May 17	10:00	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Mariana Cho
	12:00	Herman List+	John Tietjen
Mon. May 18	9:30	Jonas Tolentino+	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family
Tue. May 19	9:30	In memory of Marie Nastro Schoffler+	Family
	11:45	Bernardita Gonzales+	Cely Rosal
Wed. May 20	9:30	Linda Palmares (Liv.)	Flor & Lito Bautista
	11:45	Special Intentions Victoria Costa (Liv.)	Victoria Costa
Thurs. May 21	9:30	Catherine M Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Julian Gomez+ Purification Guinto+	Fely Guinto
Fri. May 22	9:30	Edward T Mullins+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Sat. May 23	9:30	Leoncio Gonzalez+	Cely Rosal
	11:45	Josephine Sikora+	Paul & Meddy Hellman

**Please note** that the Mass Intentions are being honored in private by our Priests.

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

#### **First Reading** Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

After Philip had brought Christ's saving message to the people of a Samaritan town, Peter and John confirmed them with the gift of the Spirit.

#### **Second Reading** 1 Peter 3:15-18

Peter exhorts us to be faithful witnesses to our hope in Christ, albeit that it will probably mean that we will have to suffer with him.

#### **Gospel** John 14:15-21

At the Last Supper Jesus reassures the disciples that he will not leave them orphans, but will send them the Spirit, so that they may always remain united with him and the Father.

## ***“I will not leave you orphans.”***

### ***“Illustration***

*In spite of the advent of fast-food outlets and eating meals on the run, the human instinct to celebrate with a meal has not left us. We celebrate the big occasions by inviting others to dine with us. Sometimes we refer to ourselves as religiously hanging on to certain traditions and this is particularly apt when we are talking about celebratory meals. Virtually all the great religions of the world celebrate their festivals with food and drink. Therefore, it is highly significant that Jesus used the great Jewish festival of the Passover to institute the sacrificial meal of the Eucharist as the means whereby his faithful followers would keep his memory alive. And, of course, for men and women of faith it is not just a matter of nostalgically recalling what Jesus said and did, but believing, knowing, that he is fulfilling his promise not to leave us orphans.*

### ***Gospel Teaching***

*The event of the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday evening is well documented by the evangelists Matthew, Mark and Luke. They tell us about Jesus transforming the bread and wine into his body and blood, but it is John who goes to great lengths to recall the lengthy conversation Jesus had with his disciples during the meal. Indeed, John devotes five whole chapters to that conversation, which culminates in our being able to eavesdrop on Jesus praying to his Father, a prayer which centres on us all being “one”. Today’s Gospel passage is part of the earlier conversation where we hear Jesus encouraging the disciples to enter into this relationship which he has with the Father. The key to our understanding will be the gift of the Spirit, who enables us to see what is going on. When we reflect on what we are being invited to consider, it is truly astonishing. We are being invited to dine with God and thereby share the very life of God. Just as it was through the Spirit that Christ was conceived by Mary and came among us, so now the Spirit will continue to make him present so that he may live in us; through the Eucharist we become the body of Christ.*

*Down through the centuries much Christian spirituality has concentrated on our personal relationship with God, but today greater emphasis is being given to a more expansive vision, which embraces not just our relationship with God or even with one another, but also with the whole of creation. The New Testament is clear that Christ’s salvation is not limited: it is for all men and women of all time and indeed for the whole of creation. We hear today of Philip reaching out to the people of a Samaritan town and his efforts are followed up by Peter and John who make sure that they receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. Then they too will have the wisdom to understand what God is doing for them. Likewise, in his letter, Peter is at pains to ensure that the early Christian community gives no cause for scandal, but lives with a clear conscience.”*

The Living Word



### **SYMPATHY**

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Carmela “Millie” Sutter. Millie was a long time supporter and friend of the Mission. Most of you knew her at the 10 O'clock Mass— She loved to have coffee and a chat with her friends, especially Audrey and Evelyn. She just turned 106 years. Our sympathies extend to Millie’s son Carl, his wife Ellen and their family. Rest in Peace, Millie.

### **PRAYERS**

### **INTENTIONS**

Please pray for  
Olga Mosciaro

**Help St. John's Council, Knights of Columbus 1345**

**“Bridge to Recovery”**

St. John's Council, P.O. Box 211, Dumont, NJ 07628

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God bless the Knights of Columbus!