



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

1921 2021



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www.smafathers.org

Mass Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

11:45 am

Christmas & New Year's Day

10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact

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Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

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Sunday Collection: \$617

Thank you for your support.

Please remember to support
your local parishes.

NOTE.- Mass intentions still available. The 9:30am Mass intentions are being honored in private by our Priests.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of April 25, 2021 - May 1, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 25	10:00	Tommy Murphy+	Michael Murphy
	12:00	Antonio & Angelica Fernandez+	Daughters
Mon. April 26	9:30	Vea & Michael Hanley	Michael Murphy
	11:45	William Colon+	Diana Colon/John Tietjen
Tue. April 27	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Mary Cestaro+	Rich & Marilyn Kane
Wed. April 28	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Virginia Monroy+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. April 29	9:30	Billy Hickory+	Family
	11:45	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
Fri. April 30	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Wilson Padaloy+ Rudy Duenas+	Linda Rubio
Sat. May 1	9:30	Spec. Intent. Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Maureen Hamill+	Sister

Today's Readings:

First Reading Acts 4:8-12

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Peter discovers his gift of healing. Only by the name of Jesus, he declares, can any of us be saved.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-2

Whatever the future may hold, we have the assurance of being God's beloved children. Our vocation is to grow in the Father's likeness.

Gospel John 10:11-18

Like a good shepherd, Jesus is dedicated to our care and protection. He willingly laid down his life for the flock, as well as for others not yet in his fold.

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“I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me.”

Illustration

You might be surprised that a UK television programme about sheepdog trials should be so popular, but One Man and His Dog has been broadcast since 1976 and continues to attract millions of viewers. Most may be townspeople who love the views of open countryside, yet this is no pastoral idyll. It is an intense competition between rival shepherds. Their aim is to herd a flock of sheep into a small pen in as short a time as possible. The sheep want nothing better than to roam free, so shepherds must exercise cunning. Standing at a distance, they communicate to their dog with calls and whistles. The dog then circles the sheep, trying to keep the flock together, gradually manoeuvring them towards the pen. At last the gate swings shut. How clever that dog is, we may think, and how silly those sheep – they always seem to scatter at the last minute, or veer off in the wrong direction.

Maybe the sheep are not so silly after all. They are just trying to avoid getting fenced in. And who could blame them for running from what may look uncomfortably like a wolf? Exploiting the hunting instinct of dogs, and the instinct of sheep to flee predators, is what this kind of shepherding is about, for at the appearance of a dog, sheep naturally run. Some people’s lives may feel like this – as though they are being driven by fear in a direction they do not want to go.

Gospel Teaching

Shepherding was very different in Jesus’ day. Shepherds did not “drive” their sheep: they walked with them, or went ahead if the path was narrow. Shepherds knew each sheep by name and understood their needs. If a wolf appeared, they would see it off. The sheep knew their shepherd and trusted that the shepherd was not trying to take away their freedom. On the contrary, the shepherd was expanding their horizons, for the springtime grass which carpeted the Judaeian hillsides soon turned brown, so shepherds would need to keep leading them to fresh pasture. They might even cut down leafy branches to feed their sheep. When the time came to move on, they would call to them and, hearing their names, the sheep came willingly. Waiting for the stragglers, the shepherd set off and, wherever the shepherd went, the sheep would be sure to follow.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus describes himself as that kind of shepherd, leading us, his flock, to where he knows we will find personal nourishment and fulfilment. We are known to him as individuals. We can trust him, for Jesus gave his life for us. No one made him do it; he did it because he loves us. That is the difference between a job and a vocation: the feeling of being called to something; doing it because you care; not looking for reward or recognition, just wanting to give.

The Living Word

NOTE.- Dear friends,

In this Easter Season when we are steeped in the joy of Christ’s Resurrection and Mercy, we thank God for the continued blessings that He bestows on us. In a particular way, here at the Mission in Tenaflly, we are also thanking the Lord for a very special milestone. This year **SMA celebrates 100 years of service at 23 Bliss Avenue!**

As an effort to mark this great event, we are giving the property a “face lift” by planting a variety of 100 trees that will help enhance the beauty of the grounds of the Mission. It is a big task, but with your help, it will be a memorable one. Each tree we plant will be in memory of a special loved one in our lives.

If you would like to help sponsor us with a **\$250** donation for a tree in memory of a loved one, we will remember their name(s) in a memorial plaque that will be unveiled on the property later on this fall.

Due to the nature of the shrubbery, planting will commence at the middle of April and will be completed by September. We are requesting the donations be received by **May 31st 2021.**

Your friendship has always been a gift to us. Thank you for your support. Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA