



# Society of African Missions

## “The Mission”

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### 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

Fr. Frank Wright

201-567-0450 Ext 225

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201-450-6586

### Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday  
 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

### S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA  
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201-256-0450 Ext. 253

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### S.M.A. Museum

Open Monday-Sunday from  
 9:00am –5:00pm

### Sunday Collection: \$1,144

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### Administration:

**Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,**  
 Provincial Superior

**Fr Frank Wright,**  
 House Superior

## NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Masses for the week of AUGUST 7, 2022 – AUGUST 13, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of the SMA</b>	
Sun. Aug. 7	10:00	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
	12:00	Fr. Ignatius Lissner, SMA+	
Mon. Aug. 8	9:30	Joseph Elliott+	
	11:45	Feliz Labay+	Ed & Sally Ariola
Tue. Aug. 9	9:30	Susan Mankad+ & Marissa Tomboc+	Linda Rubio
	11:45	Joan Cohen+	Victoria Ann Costa
Wed. Aug. 10	9:30	Maria Cruz	George Cerbasi, Jr.
	11:45	Samuel Fiel+	Josie Martinez
Thurs. Aug. 11	9:30	Deceased Members of the McCarthy Family	
	11:45	Felix Labay+	Ester Pada
Fri. Aug. 12	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	Supper Family+ Joseph Kurpiel Jr.+	Michelle Supper+
Sat. Aug. 13	9:30	Deceased Members of the Guiney Family	
	11:45	Daphney Lobo+	D’Souza Family

### **Today’s Readings: *First Reading Wisdom 18:6-9***

*The dark night of the Passover became light for God’s children through faith and hope. They had to rely on faith, but it was that faith that marked them as God’s chosen people. A people threatened and vulnerable became strong in hope through their trust in God.*

***Second Reading Hebrews 11:1-2. 8-19*** *Faith is the foundation of a life lived in hope, even for people who never live to see their ultimate hopes fulfilled. The scriptures give us many examples of hope-filled lives that built a future for God’s people. Our security lies in our faith and hope in God’s unshakeable love.*

### ***Gospel Luke 12:32-48***

*Jesus teaches us that what we cherish most is the sign of where our heart lies. God’s heart is set on us, for we are God’s priceless treasure. Setting our hearts on God’s kingdom and its justice will lead us to the deepest union with Jesus and to building a world after his own heart.*

## PROPAGANDA FIDE REFLECTION

There's a mystery about that man or woman Jesus talks about in today's Gospel. Who is this "faithful servant?" It's easy to say who he isn't. He is clearly NOT an automaton, or some kind of zombie, ... but how can we describe the servant really? How should we describe who he or she really wants to be? Where should we focus our attention? ... I think a major clue lies in Jesus' description: this servant is attentive; he keeps watch, even far into the hours of darkness, when the world is asleep. The servant is ever ready to bring water to soothe the feet and to provide food for the table. There's something very human and down-to-earth about what he or she does.

This is the season when most of the priests in the house are journeying hither and yon to make mission appeals, and so I'd like to relate this idea of the faithful servant to the task of evangelization, of mission. The missionary is one aspect of what it means to be a faithful servant. He or she must be possessed of an attentiveness to the signs of the times and to the reality of the human being.

I can tell you what mission looks like on the ground, because I've been there, everywhere from the slums of Nairobi, Kenya to the resort town of West Yellowstone, Montana, from refugee work in the Ivory Coast to the Deaf and Disabilities communities in Washington DC. The folks I've worked with are not targets for conversion; neither are they numbers to be crunched for somebody's annual report; rather they are men, women, and children whom I have accompanied on the journey, where we all seek to discover what it means in nuts and bolts terms to be a follower of Christ. This is what Pope Francis terms a mission of "encounter." When we become bearers of the Good News, we're talking to people in all the complexity of their life, be it social, political, economic, or spiritual. There's no separating one aspect from another. We evangelize the whole person.

I would be remiss if I did not point out that all of us are missionaries by virtue of our baptism. We want to communicate the joy of the Good News and how Jesus has stepped into our life and kept us on the right track. We've got something to tell people. The Gospel passage we heard today prompts us to ask questions of the text: how am I a missionary here in northern New Jersey? In what way do I live out my faithful servanthood? There is no single answer to living mission in the everyday; rather, the question itself is an invitation to reflect with scripture and think outside the box.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA