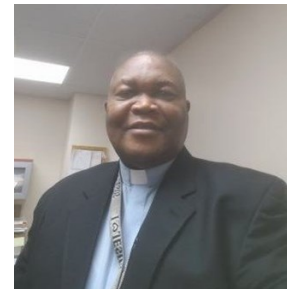
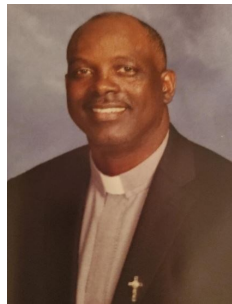


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Father Mike Moran, SMA Deacon Keith Somerville Father Austin Ochu,

Reflection on the 30th Sunday of the Year

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell the children of Israel this: You shall not wrong or oppress a resident alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt. You shall not abuse any widow or orphan.

If you do abuse them, when they cry out to me, I will surely heed their cry; my wrath will burn, and I will kill you with the sword, and your wives shall become widows and your children orphans (Ex. 22:20).

This week's readings remind us about the law of Love – the greatest commandment. Love of God and love of the neighbor. Remember sharing these readings and the topic of love with some young church group. One of the young participants spoke strongly "I love the world, but it is my neighbor that I hate." Happens that this young person's neighbor belongs to a different political party. Asked the group their understanding of Genesis 1:26 "In His image he created them, male and female..." The consensus was that all human beings are created in God's image and likeness, regardless of age, sex, gender, social/economic class, race, political affiliation, religion, or creed. The ramifications of this verse in the bible is huge. These readings remind us of our responsibilities as Christians, our duties to our neighbors and a powerful reminder of our call to be counter cultural.

For Jesus, commitment to neighbor has nothing to do with liking the neighbor. For you and I therefore, love of neighbor means imitating God, which means taking the neighbor's needs seriously. It means seeing the needs of the neighbor as though they were one's own. It may be the needs of justice, the issue of unemployment, hunger, homelessness, loneliness, discrimination, issues of gender identity or any other need. It becomes my need because that is how God sees it.



Many Christians try to separate love of God from love of the neighbor. Their commitment to faith does not include commitment to human rights, justice, and peace. The Lord tells us in these readings, that true love of God and true love of neighbor are two sides of the same coin. Any attempt to separate them is a falsification of the message of Christ.

"Those who say, I love God, and hate their brothers or sisters are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen." (1 John 4:20).

Love of God and love of neighbors – two sides of a coin. Like breathing - cannot inhale without exhale. One exercise. One without the other is impossible.

God bless you,
Fr. Austin, SMA



St. Margaret of Scotland Mission Statement

"We, the culturally diverse Catholic community of St. Margaret of Scotland in Seat Pleasant MD, are called to live out together our baptismal commitment to the Person and Mission of Jesus Christ. We love God and one another by:

- A life of worship centered on the Word and Eucharist
- A life of Evangelization: sharing, teaching, and the witness of our daily life

A life of service, reaching out to all God's people in their rich diversity, particularly those who are in most need

We accept the Gospel challenge to be in mission in the world around us- to build the Kingdom of God, a Kingdom of justice, light and peace among all God's people"

Our Motto: We are all in this together

NEWS & UPDATES



Greetings!

I do want to keep you informed of things going on and look for suggestions on how best to continue. As you know we have scaled the Early Learning Center (ELC) drastically. This past week we let a few more staff members go. We are still hoping to get more students enrolled into ELC in order to increase our current enrollment. One of the positions that was vacated is the cook running the lunch program. Without the cook, we are only able to serve small snacks. It has been suggested we look for volunteers who might be willing to give a few hours a week to prepare the meals and serve them. The hours would be from 10 to noon Monday through Friday. If any of you would like to volunteer or one of our ministry groups would like to take this on, please let me know.

I am still in need of people who might offer their special skills to the parish. I need someone who knows about servicing the air conditioning and heating. If you have suggestions of people who would do this at a reasonable rate, please let me know.

I would like to have a memorial mass sometime during the month of November to celebrate the passing of members of our families and parish. I am thinking towards the end of the month. If you have someone you want remembered, please submit the name(s) and any information you would like to the Parish office.

Early voting has started in many jurisdictions. I encourage you all to get out and vote if you have not done so already!

Fr. Gustavo returned to Tenaflly last week. He did a wonderful job redesigning the parish website. I am still looking to establish a live stream for one of the masses. The communion drive service was well received, with about 15 cars coming. We look forward to the next service being offered on the Sunday, November 15th at 10:00 am. Thanks to those that helped put this together.

Stay well and safe.

*God Bless,
Fr. Mike Moran, SMA*

*Congratulations to **Archbishop Wilton Daniel Gregory** who will be one of the 13 men elevated to the cardinal rank! The announcement was made on Sunday morning by Pope Francis. This monumental ceremony of Bishop Gregory being the first African American Cardinal is scheduled to take place on Saturday, November 28th.*



All Saints' Sunday



All Souls' Day



We recognize All Saints' on Sunday, November 1 and All Souls' on Monday, November 2

NOVEMBER IS

National Black Catholic History Month



Pierre Toussaint

Mother
Henriette Delille

Mother
Mary Lange

Father
Augustus Tolton

Julia Greeley

Mass of Christian Burial for Deacon John W. Somerville, Sr.

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 at 11:00 am

St. Joseph of Morganza

29119 Point Lookout Road

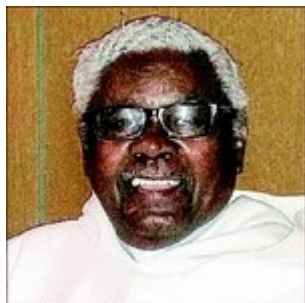
Morganza, MD 29119



Burial: Internment with Military Funeral Honors
St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Mechanicsville, MD.

Funeral service will be live streamed. All are encouraged to view the live stream. Link to view the live stream click below.

In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the St. Joseph Sodality, 29119 Point Lookout Rd., Morganza, MD. **JOHN WALTER SOMERVILLE, SR. Deacon**



OBITUARY

Surrounded by his family, Deacon John W. Somerville, Sr. transitioned to be with His Lord and Savior on Sunday, October 18, 2020. Beloved husband of the late Audrey Somerville, he is the devoted father of daughters, Velveetta, Glenda, Jacinta, the late Felicia; and sons, Francis, Andre, John, Jr., Anthony, Marcus, Keith, Kevin, Darryl, Martin and the late Dwayne. He is also survived by 44 grandchildren; 43 great-grandchildren, sister, Susie Loretta Collins, brother, Deacon James Somerville, five daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, and a host of other relatives and friends. Deacon Somerville will have two public viewings at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, 29119 Point Lookout Rd., Morganza, MD on Tuesday, October 27, 2020, from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Wednesday, October 28, 2020, from 9 a.m. until 10:45 a.m. Due to COVID, Catholic Clergy will conduct a private Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. for the immediate family followed by a public Interment with Military Funeral Honors at the St. Mary's Queen of Peace Cemetery, Mechanicsville, MD. Masks and adherence to social distance protocols are required for all services. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the John and Audrey Scholarship Fund payable to St. Joseph Sodality, 29119 Point Lookout Rd., Morganza, MD. Online condolences may be made at: www.stewartfuneralhome.com

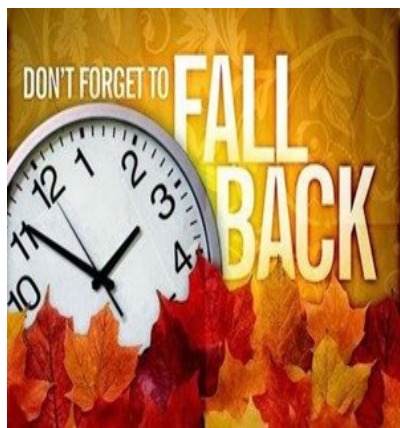


Eucharistic Service From Your Vehicle

Date: November 15th (Every 3rd Sunday)

Time: 10:00 am

Missing the Eucharist, but are still nervous about coming into the church building? St. Margaret's of Scotland will be offering an outdoor communion service. You will not have to get out of your vehicle. Father will bring Communion to you. We will continue to offer this service on the 3rd Sunday of every month.



Reminder: Daylight Saving Time ends this **Sunday, November 1, 2020, at 2 a.m.** At that time, we fall back one hour returning to Standard Time. Be sure to adjust manual clocks accordingly.

The November 2020 issue of the Word
Among Us is available for \$1.00 at the church.

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The Knights of Columbus councils help meet the need to clothe children with warm coats each year. The Coats for Kids program is part of the Knights initiative **"Neighbors Helping Neighbors"**.

Coats will be available for distribution on the weekend of November 7 after 4:00 pm Mass and again on November 8 after 11:00 am Mass.

The available sizes are:

- Small - size 8
- Medium - sizes 10-12
- Large - sizes 14-16
- Extra Large - size 18

Lectors Schedule

Saturday, 10/31

4:00 PM Ophelia Lee

Sunday, 11/01

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Al Pearson

Saturday, 11/07

4:00 PM Dorothy Carter

Sunday, 11/08

8:00 AM Volunteer

11:00 AM Velma Marshall

Saturday, 11/14

4:00 PM Patty Pflieger

Sunday, 11/15

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Vanessa Holley

Saturday, 11/21

4:00 PM Beverly Glover-Adegbaye

Sunday, 11/22

8:00 AM Volunteer

11:00 AM Al Pearson

Thursday, 11/26 Thanksgiving Mass

TBD Volunteer

Saturday, 11/28 4:00 PM Ophelia Lee

Sunday, 11/29

8:00 AM Whitney Hubbard

11:00 AM Velma Marshall

ANNOUNCEMENT: Previous Lectors wishing to re-
turn to the roster should contact Lynn Young at
LLSweeney@att.net or 301-919-5966.

ELECTION PRAYER

Prayer for Our Nation

Let us pray together each day until Election Day, November 3, 2020, for peace and unity, justice and equality in our nation. Let us be mindful that the right to vote is a sacred trust won by the relentless struggles of those who ran the relay race before us.

Let us honor their legacy by voting our consciences and urging others to do the same.



Good and Gracious God:
We thank you for Your constant
presence and love.
You are the Source of all being.
You are the wellspring of justice and
peace, the foundation of mercy and
compassion.

We praise you for Your Glory!

We come to You this day in need and in
hope. Guide us toward the Beloved
Community that Jesus called
the Kingdom of God on earth.

Give us the courage, the conviction, the compassion, the determination to bring it forth in our
country now. O God, hear our cry and
let our prayer rise like incense before You!

Rescue us from the ugly onslaught of white nationalism, systemic racism, and hate crimes. Protect us
from the threat of the deadly Coronavirus, police violence and de- humanizing social policies.

Save us from the daily devastation caused by those in power and high offices who appeal to people's
basest instincts; who try to divide us, hurt us and threaten our democracy. In every way, they deny
the sanctity of all human life - the lives that You created in Your Own image and likeness.

We cannot breathe!

O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!
Intercede for us, O God, in this our time of desperate need!

Grant us wisdom and courage to confront these evils with the power of love, truth and our vote.
Make us strong in our resolve and fearless in the face of adversity.
Give us hope in the midst of discouragement.
Heal our minds. Heal our bodies. Heal our hearts. Heal our nation.

O God, hear our cry and let our prayer rise like incense before You!
We ask this and all things in the Holy Name of Jesus, Amen