



Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community

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Mass Bulletin
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Mission Statement: The NICC shall provide an environment for all Igbos in the Baltimore Metropolitan area to worship in their native language, Igbo, and to cultivate a lasting fraternal community whereby moral and Christian values are cherished. The organization shall also provide spiritual guidance to Igbo children and facilitate the assimilation of newly arrived Igbos into local parishes.

Community Worship: Last Sunday of every Month

Place: St. Matthew's Church, 5401 Loch Raven Blvd., Maryland 21239, Time: 1:30 P.M.

NICC Coordinating Committee Meeting: The committee meets on the Sunday preceding the Igbo mass from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church Rectory.

Uka nke Iri na asaa N'oge na-adanyeghi n'emume.

A Reflection from Our Resident Priests

If we lived on earth for 200 years, If we never had an ache or pain in that time, If we had all the riches of this world and all the comforts imaginable which those riches could buy for us, and a life of perpetual peace and plenty, but If we failed to reach heaven, what a sad and irreparable conclusion our life story would have!

Wisdom is the gift we all need – wisdom greater than that of Solomon – the wisdom to govern and direct our own lives according to God's laws. God will not refuse this gift if we ask for it. And having got it, we must use it. We are surrounded on all sides by worldly wisdom – the antithesis of what we need.

In all of this discernment, we must keep the kingdom as the most important of our values. It is what we are willing to live for and even die for. Everything else is to be measured in the light of its worth.

Ukwe Tupu Mbata: Nwanyi muru nwa ga enwe anuri...

Ukochuwku: Umunna m Ka Anyi Kwado Onwe Anyi Nke Oma Maka Emume Nke Yukaristia.

Gloria: Onyenweanyi Mee Ebere ...
Otito Diri Chineke N'Elu Kacha Elu

1st Reading: **Ihe Ogugu E wetara n' Akwukwo abuo nke ndi Eze Ch. 4 vs 42-44**
Isi Okwu: Ha ga-eri ya, rijukwaa afo

Aziza: Psalms (Abuoma) Ch. 144 vs 10-11, 15-18. Az 16

Aka Onyenweanyi na-azu anyi, o na-egboro anyi mkpa anyi nile.

Ukwe: Jigide m, Onyenwe m Jesus.

2nd Reading **Ihe Ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo ozi Pol di aso degara ndi Efesos**
Ch. 8 vs 7, 9, 13-15

Isi Okwu: Otu ahu, otu Onyenweanyi, otu okwukwe otu mmirichukwu

Aleluya Aleluya, Aleluya! Ka nna Onyenweanyi Jesu Kristi tinye ihe n'anya nke obi anyi. Ka anyi we hu olile anya di n'oku akporo anyi si buo ibu , Aleluya!

Ukwe Tupu Ozioma: Chukwu Muo Nso, Onye Okike

Ozioma (Gospel): **Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere - Ch. 6 vs 1-15**
Isi Okwu: Jesu nyere ndi noduru ala ihe ha choro.

OKWU CHUKWU (HOMILY)

Ekwem N'Otu Chineke

Ekpere Maka Ndi Kwere Nu (Prayer for the Faithful):

Chorus: Chukwu afo Oma, Oseburuwa, Umu gi n'ayo enyem aka gi

Ukwe Offertory: (see Onyinye choruses)
Ihe imere di nma

Aja Di Nso, Aja Di Oke Onu...

Consecration: Jesu Kristi, Bia Ka-Iburu Achicha Na Mmaya

Nso, Nso, Nso

Nwaturu Chukwu

Communion (Oriri Nso): (a) Jesu, Onye Okike Nke Uwa...

Announcement

Ukwe Mmechi (Closing): Chorus:

MASS REQUESTS AND INTENTIONS

The family of Mr Chinedu and Mrs Chidinma Adiegwu – Is thanking God on the occasion of the christening of their son Melvyn Chinedu Morris Adiegwu Jnr.

The family of Mr. Cyprian and Mrs Chidinma Ekwunazu – Thanksgiving for God’s guidance and protection of the family and for other special intension.

The family of Mr. Aloy and Mrs Ijeoma Ibe – Is thanking God for granting journey mercy for their family members who travelled to and from Nigeria.

The family of Mr. Clement and Mrs Grace Anyadike is asking God to grant journey mercy on behalf of their family member.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- NICC welcomes all the individuals who are attending the NICC mass for the first time. Please see one of our contact persons for registration information and on how you can contribute to the NICC mission.
- The NICC 12th Year Anniversary T-shirts (embroidered) and Jerseys continues to be on sale at a discount price of \$20 and \$15 respectively. In addition the anniversary video continues to be on sale for \$15 for a pack of 3 CD’s. Please see Dr. Patrick Nwakama to purchase yours.
- NICC is also reminding those with outstanding balance from the Thanksgiving and Bazaar, as well as, the past fundraising effort, to please endeavor to make payments or redeem their pledges. Installment payments are also accepted.
- Please visit our website (www.niccchurch.org) for daily news on our faith community. Pictures from our events including NICC 12th year Anniversary, 2008 Mothers’ Day Celebration, picnic, pilgrimage and thanksgiving/bazaar can now be viewed and printed from the website.

Offertory Collection for Sunday, June 28, 2009 - \$990, Mass Requests \$80

Due to the scheduled NICC pilgrimage to Emmittsburg on Sunday, August 9, 2009, the NICC Men & NICC Youths Catechism will not hold on that day.

NICC CWO Meeting – Sunday, August 16, 2009 (3:00 to 6:00 p.m. @ St Anthony’s)

“SOROM CHIA”

We say Happy Birthday to all NICC members born in July including

Mrs. Peacemaker Mgboji, Ekene Anele, Mrs. Chidinma Ekwunazu, Chinonso Nnadozie, Chigaamezu Obioha, Lisa Chioma Nwanna, Dilichi Onuigbo, Gregory Osefo, Ugomma Korie, Jason Francis Tasie, Mrs. Celestina Ikpamezie, Chinonyerem Okere, Kelechi Okere, Chinedu Chika Okechukwu, Innocent Azubuike Okechukwu, Jnr, Mrs. Happiness Aguzie, Daniella Oguariri, Ofurum Okere, Stacy Egundu Anyadike, Sandra Nwankwo, Prince Egbunine, Mr. Gilbert Mba, Emmanuel Mgboji Jnr, Princess Adaure Peace Aguguo, Mrs. Maria Nwaehiri, Crystal Chioma Olemgbe, Mr. Francis Madueke, Chinasa Onuigbo, Mr. Kyrian Elekwachi, Michael Njoku Jnr, Mrs. Juliet Nwoga, Henry Nnoruom, Tochukwu Samtin Okereke, Victor Chizuru Nwachukwu, Consolata Olemgbe, Mr. Achike Oranye, Chiamaka Ekwunazu, Elizabeth Ijeoma Elendu, Charles Chijoke Elendu Jnr, Ifeanyi Oranye, Nora Osefo, Mrs. Chioma Eke-Agwu, Mrs. Maureen Madueke, Mr. Moses Ikejiofor, Erica Chukwu, Mr. Cajetan Onuoha, Mr. John Aginam, Mrs Nwanneka Aginam, Nkechi Mezu, Chimusom Obioha, Mrs Nkechi Uradu, Olachi Uradu, Ogechi Uradu, Chioma Iheoma, Mrs Catherin Onyekwere, Princess

Adaure Peace Aguguo and others that we may have omitted.
NICC wishes you all many more years of healthy life

Please mark your calendar for the following NICC 2009 ministry dates

2009 NICC Annual Pilgrimage
Sunday, August 9, 2009 (Bus leaves at 8:30 a.m.)
National Shrine Grotto of Lourdes in Emmittsburg, Maryland
Mass at 12 noon in the main sanctuary.
Please contact Dr. Patrick Nwakama to sign up your family for this special event.

NICC Thanksgiving and Bazaar Celebration – Sunday, October 25, 2009

NICC Family Picnic on July 25, 2009 - One of its kind!

First, we say big thanks to all the men, women and youths who attended the NICC family picnic yesterday. As all will attest, the event was one of its kind. Honeygo Recreational Park was beaming with NICC men, women and youths. There were plenty to eat (compliments of our professional cooks) and lots of activities for everyone to participate. Everyone present met and even exceeded U.S. Surgeon General's recommendation for daily activity. Our youths entertained themselves with football, basketball, soccer and other games. Several champions emerged from both the men and women's "Draft" tournaments. The NICC men and Women's soccer competition was one of fun. Fr. Tony played dual role of both the referee and corner backman for the women's team while Seminarian Don Emeruem played defensive for the men's team. Our own Brazilian Pele (Music Director) showed the stuff she is made of by sending several of the players "crashing." During this period, Fr. Nelson was busy shuttling wounded players back and forth with his "Ina Aga" scotter. In the end, we say congratulations to the women's team for their 1-0 defeat against the men's team (evidence of too much farina).