



Nigerian Igbo Catholic Community

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Mass Bulletin
Sunday, May 31, 2009

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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 8p.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Church Rectory.

Uka Ndakwasa nke Mmuo Nso.

A Reflection from Our Priests

TODAY IS A GREAT DAY IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH. WE CALL TO MIND THE OUTPOURING OF GOD'S SPIRIT ON THE APOSTLES. PENTECOST IS ONE OF THE MOST POWERFUL AND INCREDIBLE FEASTS OF OUR CHURCH. IN THEIR DARKEST DEPTHS OF FEAR, THE RISEN LORD JESUS NOW FULFILS HIS PROMISE THAT HE WILL BESTOW THE HOLY SPIRIT UPON THE APOSTLES WHO WILL TEACH THEM EVERYTHING AND REMIND THEM OF ALL HE TOLD THEM. Jn14:26. JESUS' ACTION OF BREATHING THE HOLY SPIRIT INTO THE DISCIPLES WAS THE VERY PURPOSE AND POWER OF THE RESURRECTION- BECAUSE IT IS THE WAY IN WHICH THE WORLD WOULD BE TRANSFORMED FOREVER.

SINCE THE DAY OF PENTECOST, WE ARE LIVING IN THE ERA OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. TODAY THE HOLY SPIRIT IS BREATHING OVER THE UNIVERSE IN A NEW WAY. WE ARE STILL CALLED LIKE THE DISCIPLES TO GET OUT OF OUR LOCKED ROOMS, TO LEAVE OUR FEARS OF THE FUTURE BEHIND AND TO LIVE WITH THE BOLDNESS OF THE SPIRIT IN THE PRESENT.

AS WE THANK GOD FOR THE GIFT OF OUR MOTHERS TODAY AND THE GREAT BLESSINGS HE HAS BESTOWED ON THEM, WE ASK THEM TO ALWAYS EMBRACE GOD'S LOVE, UNITY AND THE SWEET FELLOWSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT. DEAR MOTHERS, ALLOW THE BLESSED MOTHER OF GOD TO BE YOUR MODEL IN ALL THINGS AND CIRCUMSTANCES. ALWAYS ENDEAVOUR TO IMITATE THE GREAT VIRTUES OF OUR LADY NAMELY FAITH, LOVE, HUMILITY, RESILIENCE, CHARITY, CHASTITY AND PURITY. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS YOU STRUGGLE TO SHOW GOOD EXAMPLE TO YOUR CHILDREN AND THE ENTIRE IGBO CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN BALTIMORE.

Ukwe Tupu Mbata: Bianu Ndi Okwukwe...

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

Onyenweanyi Mee Ebere ...

Gloria: Otito Diri Chineke N'Elu Kacha Elu

1st Reading: **Ihe Ogugu E wetara n'Oru Ndi Ozi Ch. 2 vs 1 - 11**
Isi Okwu: Ha nile we juputa na Mmuo Nso, we malite ikwu okwu.

Aziza: Psalms (Abuoma) Ch. 103 vs 1, 24, 29-30,34 Az 30

Onyenweanyi, zidata Mmuo Nso Gi, Mee ka ihu uwa di ohuru.

Ukwe: Jigide m, Onyenwe m Jesus.

2nd Reading **Ihe Ogugu e wetara n'Akwukwo mbu nke Pol di aso degara ndi Korint Ch. 12 vs 3-7, 12-13**

Isi Okwu: E meela anyi nile mmirichukwu n'ime otu Mmuo Nso ahu.

Ukwe Oma

Ukwe Tupu Ozioma: Chukwu Muo Nso, Onye Okike

Ozioma (Gospel): **Ihe ogugu nke a si n'Ozioma di aso nke Jon dere - Ch. 20 vs 19 - 23**

Isi Okwu: Otu Nna m si zite m otu ahu ka m si eziga unu, Naranu Mmuo Nso.

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 Nigeria Igbo Catholic Community Coordinating Council – For the Mothers, Grandmothers, Mothers-to-be, that the almighty God will continue to bless them, make them instrument of peace, progress and unity in our families, community and the world as a whole.

Dr. Sir & Lady Bert Ekeocha – Is thanking the almighty father for the extra ordinary favor extended to the family and for continuous protection and guidance of their daughter Dr. Ijeoma Onyinyechi Ekeocha who received her Doctor of Pharmacy Degree on May 20, 2009.

The Family of Dr. and Mrs. Patrick Nwakama - Is expressing gratitude to God for the safe arrival of their parents, Ezinne & Lolo Catherine Nwakama and Ezinne Maria Ebirim, to the US. May the Almighty Lord continue to guide and protect the entire Nwakama and Ebirim families here and in Nigeria.

The family of Mazi Sam & Ezinne Ngozi Okere – Is thanking God for all his goodness, mercy, favor on the entire family and pray that God will help Ezinne Ngozi in all her endeavors in serving God.

The family of Mr. Chris & Mrs Eucharua Chinekezi – Is requesting mass for the repose of the soul of their Mother-inlaw and Mother Ezinne/Diamond Mother Mrs Paulina Nwaogwugwu who slept in the lord on May 23, 2009.

The family of Mr. Achike & Mrs. Juliana Oranye – Is requesting mass for the repose of the soul of their Mother and Mother-Inlaw Late Mrs. Patricia Nwanyanwu Oranye and Late Mrs. Veronica Omigie.

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.nicccchurch.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, April 26, 2009 - \$422.00, Mass Requests \$80

NICC Men & NICC Youths Catechism Sunday June 14, 2009 (3:00 – 6 p.m. @ St Anthony's).

NICC CWO Meeting – Sunday, June 21, 2009 (3:00 to 6:00 p.m. @ St Anthony's)

Other Announcements

The family of Mr. Chris and Mrs. Eucharia Chinekezi is inviting NICC members to support them during their mother's wake-keeping on Friday, June 5, 2009 at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 6515 Loch Raven Blvd, Baltimore at 9p.m.

Dr. & Mrs Bert Ekeocha is inviting all NICC members to the graduation party in honor of their daughter Dr. Ijeoma Onyinyechi Ekeocha on Friday, June 12, 2009 at Tall Cedars Banquet Hall, 2501 Putty Hill Avenue at 9:00p.m.

“SOROM CHIA”

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

Dr. Ogechi Ekeocha, Mr. Aloysius Ibe, Mrs. Ijeoma Iwumune, Kelenna Nwakama, Ojiugo Anyadike, Mrs. Theresa Nwankwo, Peace Nneka Aguzie, Dr. Judith Nwachukwu, Izunna Nnadozie, Tochi Korie, Mrs Chika Nwakuba, Mrs Francisca Nwaigwe, Mr. Cyril Iweh, Chidera Chinaka, Chiemeka Ekwunazu, Emmanuel Anokwute, Chinedum Adindu, Ugochi Okere, Mr. Iyke Okwesili, Mrs Rose Egwom, Mrs Mercy Ejikeme, Arinze Ebekonye, Chika Frank Chika, Chudi Sean Chika, Dr. Yvonne Okuzu, Wendy Okuzu, SamRalph Oguariri, Mrs. Monique Mba, Mr. Ignatius Egbujonuma, Mrs. Caroline Iwu. Nwanayobi Iwu, Chris Egbunine Jnr. Mrs Nwabunike Gladys, Mrs. Nkechinyere Onyeama, William Okolo 1, Mrs. Rosemary Aginam, Uchenna Aginam, Njideka Aginam, Chelsea Ralph, Ugochi Uradu, Mr. Valentine Okoye, Mrs Evelyn Okoye, Jeffrey Chinedum Azike, Tobechi Mlemchukwu and others that we may have missed.

Please mark your calendar for the following NICC 2009 ministry dates

NICC Father's Day Mass (Visit of Bishop V.I. Chikwe) – Sunday, June 28, 2009

Tentative Visit of Rev.Fr. Emmanuel Ede of CPM – Sunday, July 26, 2009

NICC Family Picnic – Saturday, July 25, 2009 (Honeygo Blvd Park, in Whitemarsh, MD)

NICC Annual Pilgrimage – Sunday, August 9, 2009

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

Please note that this calendar will be updated as dates for other activities, venue and time becomes available.