

**The Bells of St. Mary's
The Church of the Immaculate Conception**

**Twenty – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
October 6, 2019**

From Fr. George Okoro, MSP. Parochial Vicar

Dear Friends,

This year we are celebrating the 171st Anniversary of our Parish on Saturday November 16, 2019 at 8:00pm , we will have an Annual Dinner Dance in our Parish Hall. It will also be the first Dinner Dance that the new Pastor, Fr Anthony Ekanem, MSP. and the Parochial Vicar, Fr. George Okoro, MSP. will be attending. As we bid them welcome in our parish, we also express our gratitude to Msgr. Hugh Corrigan who served the parish for thirty one years, and Fr. Felino Reyes who now works in the Diocese of Brooklyn. May God reward them for their faithful and fruitful services in this Immaculate Conception / St Mary's Church.

This year, as a parish, we focus on deepening the faith and sustaining the love for God and for all God's people. Thus, we are beginning Bible Study Classes where we can discuss the faith we share and delve into a deeper understanding of the Scripture. Also, we are planning on starting a special ministry for the young people of the parish. This would enable the youths to have a sense of belonging in the parish and grant them the needed environment to fan into flame their God-given gifts and talents. It will also serve as a space where they can ask questions and make observations concerning their Church, their faith, their future, and any other issue they wish to talk about. This ministry has become very necessary considering that young people are the future of society and of the Church. A special ministry for the poor in our midst is also being established to carter to the spiritual and material wellbeing of the poor in the City of Yonkers. All these constitute a daunting task but we trust in God's Grace, and in your prayers and support.

You could be a part of this celebration and of our pastoral plan by taking an ad in our journal. Your contribution will enable us to carry out the pastoral plans enumerated above, like the ministry to the poor and the establishment of the Youth Ministry. You could return this letter with your ad or message. Make the check payable to Immaculate Conception /St Mary's Church. Thank you for your support and see you at the Dance.

Authorization is hereby granted to publish the advertisement size selected above, for which I/ We are enclosing the amount of \$_____.00 Autorizó que se publique el anuncio para lo cual envió la cantidad de \$_____00

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Stewardship

Tithing - God's Plan for Giving on Sunday, 09/29/19 our Offering was \$3,278.00

* Last week second collection for Church Property Insurance was \$1,241.00.

Food Collection: Today we have our monthly food collection for the needy in our community and as always thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate then ourselves.

Would you like to be an

Altar Server, or part of the Choir, or an Extra Ordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist, or a Lector, or Sacristan, or an Usher, etc.?

Call our Parish Office and find out how you can help serve in the Mass.

Requirements to be a Godparents or a Sponsor for Sacrament of Confirmation

- A Catholic over 18 years of age
- Possess a mature catholic faith and knows, understands and participates in the Catholic Church Community
- Not the parents or Step-parents
- Fully interested, Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic Church and celebrates the Eucharist at least weekly.
- He or She must be in good standing with the Church. If married, marriage is recognized by the Church.

Sundays Readings:

First Reading: Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2:2-4 p. 43

The prophet learned that his hopes would be fulfilled, even though it may take longer than he expected. He is told to wait in confidence, for just people will live.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95: 1-2, 6-7, 8-9 p. 44 If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14 p. 44 Paul reminded Timothy that God bestows a spirit that makes the people strong, loving, and wise. That Holy Spirit dwells in Christians and enables them to guard the rich deposit of faith.

Gospel: Luke 17: 5-10 p. 45 Jesus taught the apostles that faith gives power: a person with faith the size of a mustard seed can uproot a giant sycamore tree and transplant it in the sea with a single word.

Religious Education

October

10/12/19 Religious Education Classes

10/19/19 Religious Education Classes

10/19/19 Holy Communion 1st meeting in the school cafeteria 11:30am

10/26/19 Religious Education Classes

November:

11/02/19 Religious Education Classes * Confirmation 1st meeting in the school cafeteria 11:30am

11/09/19 Religious Education Classes

11/16/19 Religious Education ~ Family Catechesis Day Families and Children 9:30am to 1:00pm

11/23/19 Religious Education Classes

11/30/19 No Religious Education Classes Happy Thanksgiving

ARCHDIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATES

A. Cardinal's Annual Stewardship Appeal so far pledged \$39,553.00 So far paid \$36,171.00

B. Re - new and Re - build so far pledged \$420,984.30 So far paid \$202,836.50

Thank you very much for your generous contributions toward those appeals. May God continue to bless you!

Fr Tony

God invites us into a relationship with Him that is both personal and communal. He speaks to us through His Son, Jesus Christ, the Word-made-flesh. Prayer is our response to God who is already speaking or, better yet, revealing Himself to us. Therefore, prayer is not merely an exchange of words, but it engages the whole person in a relationship with God the Father, through the Son, and in the Holy Spirit.

This is the month of the Holy Rosary; we will be praying the Rosary thirty minutes before every Mass.

Saturday 4:30pm Sunday 7:00am & 10:30am

Our warmest to our visitors! We are glad you came to celebrate the Eucharist with us today. We thank God for you! Do not hesitate to let us know how we may serve you.

Every family and single adult to be considered an active parishioner of Immaculate Conception, St. Mary's must be properly registered in the Parish, receiving and regularly using the Parish Weekly Collection Envelopes. Only in this way can the Pastor issue documents attesting to Catholic practice of the faith and Parish membership, e.g. a letter to be a Godparent or Sponsor. For further information call the Parish Office at (914) 963-0156.

If you have not registered or need to correct some of the information in our file, please fill out this form and check [X] the appropriate box below, and drop the completed form into the collection basket or drop off in the rectory or mail it to the Parish Office. Thank you!

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

à I am interested in parish membership.

à I am a visitor.

à Change of Address/Telephone Number.

à I am moving out of the Parish .

à I am going to the hospital.

à I would like to be visited by a priest/minister.

à I would like to learn more about the Catholic Faith.

HELP KEEP OUR CHURCH CLEAN

We are still working on the Guidelines for the use and rental of our Parish Hall.

Please, call our Parish Office for more information.

October 5 - October 13, 2019

Saturday, October 5, 2019:

12:00 pm - Available/Disponibile

5:00pm - Anna Prato + * John Prato & Family 7:30pm - Legion of Mary

Sunday, October 6, 2019:

7:30 am - For the Parishioners

9:00 am - Accion de Gracia * Francisca Garcia

11:00 am - Christine Rovelo Birthday Blessing * Mr & Mrs Rovelo

Monday, October 7, 2019:

8:15am - Bonny Mathew * Bency Mathew

12:05 pm - Mathew Joseph * Bency Mathew

Tuesday October 8, 2019

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05pm - Phyllis Di Palermo + * Tony Felicissimo

Wednesday, October 9, 2019

8:15am - Available/Disponibile

12:05 pm - Bonny Mathew * Mathew Joseph

Thursday, October 10, 2019:

8:15 am - Jaisy Jorge (Health) * Family

12:05 pm - Available/Disponibile

7:00 pm - Manorah Reyes

Friday, October 11, 2019:

8:15 am - Bonny Mathew * Mathew Joseph

12:05 pm - Assunta Susan + *Tony Felicissimo

Saturday, October 12, 2019:

12:00 pm - Bonny Mathew * Mathew Joseph

5:00pm - Fr. James Lloyd. CSP * Tony Felicissimo 7:30pm - Alain Sanoner +*Miguel Balandra

Sunday, October 13, 2019:

7:30 am - For the Parishioners

9:00 am - Johnny Rios + * Melissa Carrion

11:00 am - Fr. James Hoerter & The Lakota People *Tony Fellicissimo

+Indicates deceased * Indicates the person (s) who requested the Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

“Ignorance of the Scripture is Ignorance of Christ!”

- St Jerome, 5th Century

Please join us in our new Bible studies every Monday night at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.

Studies will begin on October 7th in both Spanish and English language.