

February 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

From the Desk of Rev. Fr. Anthony C. Ekanem, MSP:

REV. GEORGE OKORO, MSP

Fr. George Okoro is a priest of the Missionary Society of St Paul of Nigeria. He is the first of five children of the family of Polycarp Okoro and Gloria Okoro (nee Osuji), civil servants and staunch Catholics. He was born on April 15 1981 in Owerri, a city in the Southeastern part of Nigeria.

Like every other MSP priest, he received his priestly formation at the Missionary Society of St Paul House of Formation, Iperu-Remo (2000 - 2002) and The National Missionary Seminary of St Paul, Gwagwalada Abuja (2002 - 2009), both in Nigeria. Ordained a Catholic priest on June 27 2009, he worked in Lafia Diocese in the North Central of Nigeria for one year before being sent to work in the Archdiocese of Monrovia in Liberia, West Africa. He worked in Liberia between October 2010 and March 2017. He was Mission Superior of the Missionary Society of St Paul, Liberia Mission from 2012 to 2017. He did notable pastoral and social work with the child-soldiers of that country about whom he has written many stories and articles.

Fr. George was posted to work in the North America Region of the Missionary Society of St Paul, and arrived the United States in May 2018. Until being posted to the Church of Immaculate Conception of Saint Mary, Yonkers, he has been helping at St Nicholas Catholic Parish, Houston Texas.

His hobbies include reading, writing, and storytelling, travelling, listening to music, and playing soccer. Fr. George speaks English, Spanish, a spattering of French, and Igbo.

Please join me in welcoming Fr. George Okoro, MSP to St. Mary's

Marriages: *In order to provide sufficient time for the Marriage Preparation Course, please call the parish office and ask to speak with the pastor at least six months in advance of the wedding.*

Collection : *Last Sunday, February 3, 2019 our weekly collection was \$3,634.00*

2nd Collection: *The 2nd collection last Sunday February 3rd for the Heat was \$1,574.00 this Sunday's 2nd collection will be our yearly Peter's Pence Collection which helps Pope Francis works of charity around the world.*

Food Collection: *Last Sunday February 3rd we had our monthly food collection of which we were able to fill 10 bags of groceries for the needy in our community—and as always thank you for your generosity in helping those less fortunate than ourselves .*

Our Friends at St. Bartholomew's are hosting a Winter Festival Dance, on Saturday, February 16th at 6:00 pm. Tickets: Adult \$20.00 per adult, Child \$10.00 per child (18 and under) Family \$40.00 (2 adults and children) ALL CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT. To buy tickets please contact Staci Pihota 914-980-5866 or the Parish Office at 914-965-0566 [Escape the winter Blues and come join the Parishioners of St. Bartholomew for Great food, music and dancing!!!!!!!!](#)

February 2019:

16th Religious Education Classes

23rd **No** Religious Education Classes

March 2019:

2nd Religious Education Classes ~2nd Meeting for First Holy Communion 11:30 am School Cafeteria
~ **ALL PARENTS MUST ATTEND!**

9th Religious Education Classes~ **Reconciliation for 2nd Grade 10:00 am in the Church**

16th Religious Education Classes~ **Communion Rehearsal 10:00 am**

23rd Religious Education Classes ~**Confirmation Rehearsal 10:00 am**

30th Religious Education Classes

April 2019:

6th **No** Religious Education Classes-**Reconciliation Family Day for Communion Parents& Candidates**

13th Religious Education Classes

18th **HOLY THURSDAY-MASS STARTS AT 6:00 PM**

ALL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS MUST BE PRESENT

20th **No** Religious Education Classes ~ **Holy Saturday / April 21 Happy Easter**

27th Religious Education Classes— **Communion Rehearsal 10:00am**

Mass Schedule for the week of

February 10, 2019 to February 17, 2019

Mass are daily at 8:15 and 12:05 in English and in Spanish on Thursdays at 7:00pm

Below are the Special Intentions for this week

Sunday, February 10, 2019:

7:30 am— Sacred Heart of Jesus

Abby Figueroa

9:00 am— Action of the Holy Spirit

Ana Delia Linares

11:00 am— Domingos M. Manuel Rodrigues

Eduardo & Esther Rodrigues

Monday, February 11, 2019:

8:15 am— Lila De Claro

The Arcadia Family

12:05 pm— Patricia Zambrosky

William Zambrosky

Tuesday, February 12, 2019:

12:05 pm— Lilla Perez (L)

Lilla Perez

Thursday, February 14, 2019:

7:00 pm— Odilon Vasquez

Elvin Vasquez

Saturday, February 16, 2019:

12:00 pm— Miguel Sepulveda

Magalia Pichardo

5:00 pm— Joanne Kunny

St. Mary's Parish Council

7:00 pm— Anthony Cabrales

George Cabrales

Sunday, February 17, 2019:

7:30 am— For the Parishioners

9:00 am— Joaquim Neto

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11:00 am— Clotilde Dos Anjos Alves

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