



Quitaron Alfombras, Re-Entarimados, Pintura de Salones y Pasillo

Estamos muy agradecidos al equipo de feligreses Hispánicos, liderados por Juan Alejo y Miguel Yanez, quienes han estado levantando las alfombras en el salón y salones de clases, removiendo el pegamento porfiado abajo las alfombras, pintando los 4 salones y pasillos, y comenzando a poner los pisos de vinyl en el salón y salones de clases. Estamos también agradecidos por la consulta experta de Britt Miller, diseñador del proyecto de pisos y salón, y también a John Vasbinder por transportar fuera el montón de alfombras gastadas. Una vez que la restauración este terminada, esperanzados para fin de mes, el salón estará una vez más, disponible para Eventos Parroquiales.

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

Rito de Iniciación



tos, lo que se llama en breva RICA es un proceso por el cual una persona que desea recibir los sacramentos en la Iglesia Católica es instruida en la fe Católica y luego recibida como miembro plenamente de la Iglesia.

Cristiana de Adultos

Adultos mayores de 16 años que no son bautizados o han sido bautizados y desean recibir la Sagrada Comunión y el sacramento de la Confirmación, participan en este programa.

El proceso de RICA involucra juntas mas o menos semanalmente en una de las salas de Sherlock hall empezando el fin del verano. Se reúnen la noche de viernes de las 7 a las 8:30. En cada reunión, el participante tiene la oportunidad de hacer preguntas sobre la fe católica y en oración discernir si él / ella quisiera pasar a la siguiente etapa.

Cada individuo sigue a la llamada, ya que son introducidos a los valores del Evangelio y los inicios de la fe. Para mas información, por favor póngase en contacto ahora con los coordinadores de la RICA, Sara o Raúl Yanez (938-8713).



Corresponsabilidad 11avo. del Tiempo Ordinario

Como el sembrador en el Evangelio de hoy, yo esparzo como semillas mis dones

de tiempo, talento y recursos; y confío en que, por la gracia de Dios y en el tiempo de Dios, estos pequeños dones míos crezcan, florezcan y ayuden a traer el reino de Dios.



Servir a otros en el amor de Dios

Semana de la Libertad Religiosa
22 al 29 de junio, 2018

Reza

Santo Tomás Moro y san John Fisher, ruega por nosotros y por la protección de la libertad religiosa en Estados Unidos y en todo el mundo.

Reflexiona

En esta fiesta de santo Tomás Moro y san John Fisher, recordamos estos santos que fueron martirizados en 1535 por defender la santidad del matrimonio y la libertad de la Iglesia en oposición al rey Enrique VIII de Inglaterra.

En nuestro país, Los EE. UU., la Iglesia enfrenta desafíos a su libertad para dar servicio en cuidados de la salud, bienestar infantil y educación. Mientras procuramos ser fieles a Cristo sirviendo a nuestro prójimo, ignorar la conciencia no puede ser la condición que se les imponga a las personas de fe para servir en el ámbito público.

Santo Tomás Moro y san John Fisher nos muestran en qué consiste el servicio fiel. Amaron y sirvieron a su país. Sin embargo, reconocieron con razón que fueron obligados a elegir entre la Iglesia y el rey. Fueron fieles a la Iglesia. Que su ejemplo continúe iluminando el camino para nosotros, al buscar servir con fidelidad a nuestra Iglesia y nuestro país.

Actúa

¿Qué significan la conciencia y la libertad religiosa para ti? Comparte con nosotros en Twitter utilizando el hashtag #ReligiousFreedomWeek.



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernie Bosse, M.A.

Bookkeeper: Randy Vanderwilt (stmaryamericus@gmail.com)

June 17, 2018 11th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and through it all the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear.”



Nuestra Misión: Nosotros, los feligreses de la Iglesia Católica Santa María en Americus, Georgia, compartimos nuestra diversidad mientras abarcando nuestro Bautismo común adorando a Dios, celebrando la Eucaristía, honrando María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

Mission: We, the parishioners of St. Mary Catholic Church in Americus, Georgia, share our diversity while embracing our common Baptism by worshiping God, celebrating the Eucharist, honoring Mary, spreading the Word, and serving others.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Clases de Preparación Bautismal - Por favor llame nuestros feligreses Juan y Angélica Alejo ((229-591-9846) para registrarse por platicas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo proyectado.

Clases de Preparación de Matrimonio - Las parejas necesitan comunicarse con el Padre por lo menos seis meses antes de la fecha de la boda.

Sacramento de la Unción de un Enfermo - Si alguien está enfermo, llame el párroco para recibir este sacramento (favor, no esperar al ultimo momento).

Confesión/Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptismal Preparation Class - Contact the pastor by phone /email to register for a pre-Baptism class at least a month ahead of a Baptismal date.

Marriage Preparation - Contact the pastor at least 6 months before expected wedding date.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick - Those quite ill, hospitalized, or facing surgery who wish the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact the pastor. This Sacrament can be received more than once, periodically during the year.

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm or call Fr. Fran for an appointment.

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:30 PM (Ingles)

Domingo: 9:30 (Ingles); 11:30 (Español)

Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 (ingles) en la capilla

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 pm - English

Sunday: 9:30 (English); 11:30 (Spanish)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel (English)

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912-201-4074); toll free hotline is (888) 357-5330

“Religious Freedom Week Catholics across



the United States are encouraged to pray and act in support of religious liberty at home and abroad during Serving Others in God's Love: Religious Freedom Week begins on June 22, the Feast of Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, and ends on June 29, the Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul. The chairman of the Bishops' Committee for Religious Liberty, Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz, states: "Religious freedom allows the space for people of faith to serve others in God's love in ministries like education, adoption and foster care, health care, and migration and refugee services. We encourage people of faith to reflect on the importance of religious freedom so that we might...carry out our mission of service and mercy, and we invite everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters who face intense persecution in other parts of the world."

Knights of Columbus meet this Tuesday, June 19th at Hibachi Buffet. The meal begins at 6:15 PM, and the business meeting begins at 7 PM. District Deputy Joe Hiner will install officers for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. All Catholic men 18 and older are invited.



Cross Catholic Outreach
We are grateful to Father Robert Sherry of Cross Catholic Outreach who spoke this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. He drew on his experiences among the poor in countries he visited such as Mexico, Honduras, Guatemala, Bolivia and Haiti.

Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priest and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

Take Action for Religious Freedom



Pray: Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher, for the protection of religious freedom in America and around the world.

Reflect On this feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, we remember these saints who were martyred in 1535 for standing up for the sanctity of marriage and the freedom of the Church in opposition to England's King Henry VIII. In our country today, the Church faces challenges to her freedom to serve in healthcare, child welfare services, and education. While we seek to be faithful to Christ by serving our neighbors, ignoring conscience cannot be the condition placed on people of faith for service in the public square. Sts. Thomas More and John Fisher show us what faithful service looks like. They loved and served their country. Yet they rightly recognized that they were being forced to choose between the Church and the king. They were faithful to the Church. May their example continue to illuminate the path for us, as we seek to faithfully serve our Church and country.

Act What do conscience and religious freedom mean to you? Share with us on Twitter using the hashtag #ReligiousFreedomWeek.

Mass Intention Requests/Pedida para Misa



Please contact the pastor by phoning the parish office to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

Si quisiera pedir una intención por una Misa, favor de llamar al párroco en la oficina parroquial: 229-924-3495.

June 16-22	MASS INTENTION	REQUESTOR
Saturday	+Joe E. Consolmagno	His Son, Guy
Sunday 9:30	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 11:30		
Thursday	+Dorothy Akerman	Her son, Ron

Baptism Of Infants or Children are ar-



anged by contacting the pastor or the deacon by phone or email to begin the process. One or more Baptism preparation classes are required. These are given by Deacon Bernie Bosse, who, among other topics, presents the Church's teachings about the commitment to raise

the child Catholic and the respective roles of parents and godparents, the rite of Baptism, and answers related questions that might arise. A copy of the birth certificate of the infant/child along with a requested date of the Baptism is presented to Bernie at the class. Baptisms are usually held in the church on Saturday mornings.

Removal of Rugs, Re-floorings, Painting of Rooms and Hallway



We are grateful to the crews of our Hispanic parishioners, led by Juan Alejo and Miguel Yanez, who have been taking up rugs in hall and classrooms, tediously removing the stubborn rug adhesive, painting the four rooms

and hallway, and beginning to lay down the vinyl floors in hall and rooms. We are also grateful for the expert consult of Britt Miller, the designer of the Sherlock hall flooring, and also John Vasbinder for hauling away the mounds of removed rugs. Once the refurbishing is done, hopefully by month's end, the hall will be available again for parish events.



Your parish bulletin on our Web Page Your parish bulletin is edited weekly by our pastor and contains items of pastoral relevance. It is posted on our parish website

thanks to Louise Bosse usually by Sunday. To keep informed go to: www.stmaryamericus.com



Who is a Deacon?

A deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three "orders," of ordained ministers in the Church: bishops, presbyters and deacons.

Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

What are these "various ministries" of the Deacon?

All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, and Charity, but bishops, presbyters and deacons exercise these functions in various ways. As ministers of Word, deacons proclaim the Gospel, preach, and teach in the name of the Church. As ministers of Sacrament, deacons baptize, lead the faithful in prayer, witness marriages, and conduct wake and funeral services

As ministers of Charity, deacons are leaders in identifying the needs of others, then marshaling the Church's resources to meet those needs. Deacons are also dedicated to eliminating the injustices or inequities that cause such needs.

Is a Deacon ordained for the Parish or for the Diocese?

A deacon is ordained to serve the diocesan Church. Most often, he is assigned to a specific parish and as such he serves under the immediate supervision of the pastor. Deacon Bernie is assigned to our St. Mary parish. But no matter what specific functions a deacon performs, they flow from his sacramental identity. In other words, it is not only WHAT a deacon does, but WHO a deacon is, that is important. (Source: USCCB)

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
June 3	\$3,553	\$2,925	\$ 628	
June 10	\$3,991	\$2,925	\$1,066	SAMA \$ 901