

Están planificando un retiro parroquial Hispano celebrando "Vive la eucaristía."



Igual como la comunidad Anglo de nuestra parroquia la cual va a tener su retiro de "Living The Eucharist" el próximo sábado el 14 de Abril en salón Sherlock, también la comunidad Hispano está planificando su retiro. El retiro no es solamente para adultos y jóvenes que participaron en aquella programa cuaresmal, sino también para aquellos interesados en rezar, cantar, y compartir con otros de su fe. El retiro incluye charlas de temas eucarísticos per medo de dos videos, una charla en la mañana y la otra en la tarde; grupos pequeños para platicar sobres algunas preguntas planteadas del videos; lecturas de escrituras bíblicas; almuerzo; adoración

breve del Santísimo Sacramento en el templo. Necesitamos ayudantes para el éxito de este día del retiro, Para más información, favor llame o Juan Alejo, Rocio Aparicio o Martin Lara.

Pláticas Bautismales Este Martes a las 7PM



Para el sacramento de bautismo de su niño/a, se requiere que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también (los padrinos pueden asistirle en otra parroquia se sea necesario). Las próximas platicas son este martes a las 7 PM en el salón Sherlock. Para

mas información favor llamar a los coordinadores de las platicas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846). Favor traer una copia del acto de nacimiento de su hijo (a) a este clase. Cuando todo está en orden, se habla con el párroco Padre Paco a poner una fecha por el bautismo que se tomará lugar en un sábado al mediodía en la iglesia.

Una Caja de Objetos Perdidos está ubicado



en el fondo de la iglesia. Ahí se pone y encuentra objetos encontrados alrededor del templo como guantes, gorros, celulares, anteojos, botellitas por bebes, libritos, aretes, etc.

LA CAMPAÑA 2018 DEL OBISPO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos cuatro colectas y de las cifras de 5 de abril ya logramos \$6,023 o 42 % de nuestro reto parroquial de \$14,376.

Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es seamos Discípulos Misioneros.

Requisitos Para La Primera Comunión.



Los chicos que estarán aprobados por su Primera Comunión son los que habían participados regularmente en las clases religiosas los miércoles; asistían regularmente en las Misas; proporcionaron a su maestra Sra. Bosse su acta de bautismo; hicieron su Sacramento de Reconciliación (Confesión), y muestran su entendimiento del Sacramento de la Eucarística y su deseo de recibirla. Para más información favor llame Sra. Louise Bosse,

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Gracias a todos que participaron durante la cuaresma en la colección Rice Bowl el cual ayuda los que sufren hambre en Africa y otros países. Por favor traigan las cajas de

Rice Bowl la próxima semana y las dejan en la mesa en el fondo de la iglesia.



Corresponsabilidad: 2da de Pascua La comunidad cristiana descrita en Actos (la 1ra lectura de hoy) entendió y practicó la administración total de los bienes de Dios. San Pablo informa que los creyentes no reclamaban nada como suyo, sino que todo lo poseían en común y lo distribuían a cada uno de los que lo necesitarán.

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April 8, 2018 2nd Sunday of Easter

"Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." (John 20)



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 la oficina parroquial para registrarse por las platicas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo.

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 pm o llame el párroco por una cita particular.

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

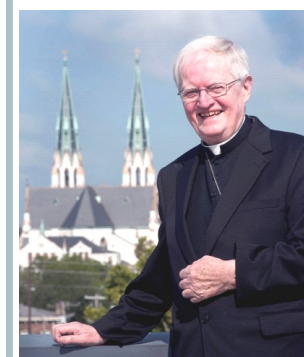
Pope Francis Easter homily: God Surprises



In his homily during the Easter Sunday liturgy in St Peter's Square, Pope Francis says that God surprises the women with a proclamation

which became a greeting in the early Church: "The Lord is risen!" The women had gone to anoint the Lord's body and instead found themselves standing before a surprise. When God announces something it is always a surprise because God is a God of surprises, Pope Francis said. He pointed out that it has been that way from the beginning of the story of salvation with Abraham: one surprise after another. God does not know how to make an announcement without surprising us. Surprise moves our hearts and touches us where we do not expect. Pope Francis mentioned the haste of the women and how God's surprises demand an immediate response. Peter and John ran to the tomb immediately at the surprising Easter tidings.

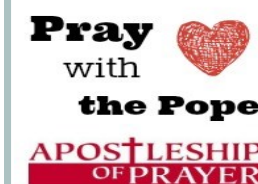
World Meeting of Families Pilgrimage to Ireland



Pope Francis will be visiting Ireland in August for the world meeting of families. Our Bishop emeritus J. Kevin Boland is leading a pilgrimage to Ireland for it. Spaces still available to join him. August 18-27, 10 days, 8 nights; Registration Deadline: May

15th; Airfare from Atlanta, \$3,895. Contact Jayne in Diocesan Office of Family Life: 912-201-4068

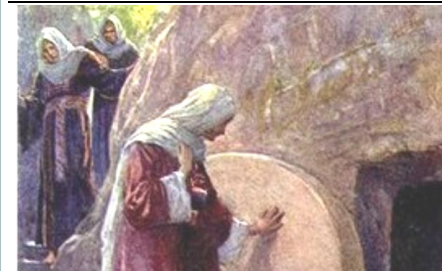
Pope's Prayer Intentions for April



As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month.

Intention: For Those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters. That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

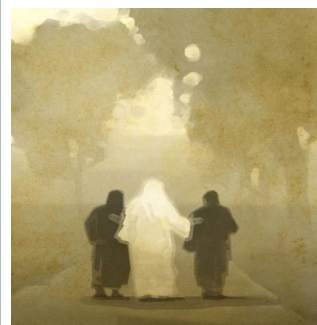
PROFITING FROM THIS EASTER SEASON:



There are different Resurrection accounts, whether of the "empty tomb" or of the "appearances",

which throughout this season of Easter we do well to invest our time to read over slowly then meditate upon so as to draw profit for our spiritual growth.

For instance, the resurrection accounts of the women meeting the angel at the tomb; Mary Magdalene meeting Jesus in the garden; John and Peter rushing to the tomb; Jesus appearing to the Apostles in the Upper Room, both without and with St. Thomas; Jesus on the shore; and of course, the disciples accompanying Jesus on the road to Emmaus then recognizing him in the breaking of the bread.



At the Masses during the entire Easter season the first reading is always taken from the Acts of the Apostles. The Acts is so action-packed and interesting that it lends itself to reading aloud.



of Rejoicing ", CatholicCulture.org)

The Apostles and disciples of Jesus radiate pure Easter joy... something we should emulate: Christ is risen, the gates of heaven are opened and we now may share eternal life with Him!"

(Source: Jennifer Gregory Miller "Easter: Fifty Days

Parish Post LTE Retreat Next Saturday



Several dozen parishioners will be gathering for a day of retreat to cap off their beneficial experience participating in the Lenten program, "Living the Eucharist" (LTE). All adults and teens are invited no matter the degree to which they entered in LTE during Lent. The

program begins at 9 the morning next Saturday, April 14th in the parish hall and ends in the church with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 PM. The retreat includes two talks on DVDs that round out the first year of LTE; prayerful sharing in small groups; hymns; lunch; adoration and benediction in the church. The retreat is ably organized by Parish Council chair, Lynn Ingle (229-938-5262) assisted by a number of lay leaders of our parish. This retreat is in English— a corresponding Retreat in Spanish will be held later.



Our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) meets this Monday, April 9th, at 6:00 PM in classroom B. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend. The meeting

needs to focus on the planning for the luncheon that will be served for our "Living the Eucharist" Retreat that will take place the following Saturday, April 14th (see above). For questions, please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801; or by her email: carolynrdc@att.net.



Thanks to all parishioners, especially our Faith Formation students and parents, who participated in Rice Bowl this Lent. For those who still have yet to do so, returned Rice Bowls

can be placed on the table in the back of the Church where they will be processed and a check remitted to the Catholic Charities Office of the diocese.

Lost & Found Box In Church Vestibule



A hearing aid found after Mass last Sunday occasions this reminder to all that our parish has a Lost & Found Box in the back of the church. Don't forget to check it if you feel you lost an item in or around our church; likewise if

you found an item please place it there. Typically the box contains glasses, gloves, caps, children's books and bottles, cell phones, etc. Please be aware that to prevent clutter, after several weeks items in the box are subject to be discarded.

April BAA Contributions Will Be Matched



The Diocese happily informs parishes that thanks again to an anonymous donor, donations made for this month of April will be matched. The matching requirements will be similar to last year's.

For example:

Gifts made this month of April will be matched dollar for dollar provided the donation is an increase from the previous year. Thus, if a donor made a gift of \$400 in 2017 and increased the gift to \$500 in 2018, the \$100 increase is matched;

2) The donation is a new gift in 2018. Thus, if a donor did not make a gift in 2017 and gives in 2018, the 2018 gift will be matched in full.

Given the blessed largess of the anonymous diocesan benefactor, all of us do well to prayerfully consider increasing our gift in any way we can. If it's just \$25, that \$25 will be matched. Similarly, those who could not give last year are urged to consider giving this year so their gift can be doubled by the miracle of matching.

Latest figures: as of Thursday April 5th, our parish is 42% of its BAA goal of \$14,376.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
Holy Thurs.	\$ 766			
Good Friday				
April	\$4,536	\$2,925	\$ 1,611	Holy Land Collect. \$887 Priests Retirm't \$1,449