

Nuestra Colecta ofertorio



Gracias a todos que regularmente y generosamente contribuyan al colecta ofertorio durante nuestras Misas al fin de la semana. El reto del presupuesto

parroquial por este nuevo año fiscal es \$2,925 semanalmente. Cada semana favor lea las cifras de las colectas ofertorios para fijar si salgamos baja o sobre este reto de \$2,925.

De vez en cuando, como este fin de semana, es importante que demos cuenta que hay tres pasos espirituales en cuanto de la manera de contribuir a su parroquia: sencillamente:

- 1) rezar en la presencia de Cristo Jesús pidiéndole luz de cuanto dinero donar
- 2) calcular la proporción de su ingreso a compartir con su iglesia cada mes y
- 3) planificar a ponerla en la colecta ofertorio semanalmente.

Con este método, se evita el capricho de echar unos pocos dólares al canasto los cuales no ayudan mucho a su iglesia de Santa María a pagar sus gastos, inclusive por los luces, aire acondicionado, mantenimiento del plantel, etc.

Finalmente, además de los padres de familia, es buena formación religiosa y disciplina personal que los jóvenes y aun niños acostumbrarse a donar algo a su parroquia semanalmente.

Gracias a todos por la practica generosa de la corresponsabilidad de tesoro a Santa María.

Clases De Guitarra Empezando



Personas interesadas en aprender a tocar la guitarra y deseen asistir a clases ponerse en contacto esta semana con Martin Lara al teléfono 229-591-4382. Él puede informarles cual día y cual hora habrán clases.

Aprenda sobre “Vive la Eucaristía”



Vive la Eucaristía es un dinámico programa de renovación parroquial. Ayuda a toda la parroquia –adultos, jóvenes y familias– a crecer en su fe católica y a vivir como discípulos misioneros de Jesús.

Vive la Eucaristía funciona en Cuaresma, el cual comienza el próximo mes y el programa dura tres años, o sea tres cuaresmas. Los fieles pueden tomar parte en grupos para compartir la fe con adultos o jóvenes, lecturas para devociones cuaresmales, y actividades devotas en la familia, y una campaña de oración.

¿Quién se beneficia de Vive la Eucaristía? Toda la parroquia se beneficia por medio de la renovación espiritual, un reforzado sentido de comunidad, participación más activa en la misa dominical, y un mayor acercamiento a otros, en base a un encuentro más significativo con Cristo en la Eucaristía. Además los católicos no practicantes y las personas interesadas en la fe se benefician con los esfuerzos intencionales de acercamiento por parte de la parroquia para invitarlos y darles la bienvenida.

Este jueves, hora santa delante de la



Santísima Este jueves es el primero del mes, y como siempre, todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia de las 6:55 hasta a las 8:00 para adorar, rezar, y cantar en una Hora



Corresponsabilidad, 28 de enero, domingo 4to.

Moisés le dijo a la gente “un profeta como yo lo hará el Señor. Tu Dios te resucitará entre tus propios parientes. Dios aún provee entre su pueblo los dones y talentos necesarios para continuar la obra de Él. ¿Que dones tienes para compartir?



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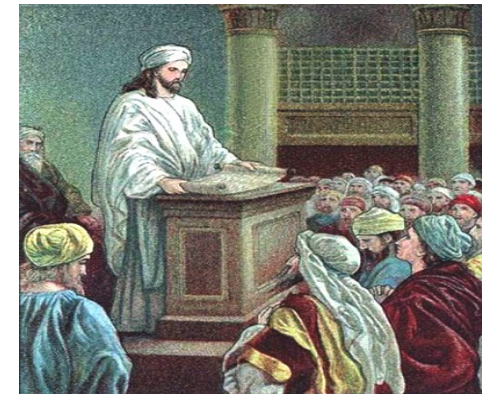
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

January 28, 2018 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Then they came to Capernaum, and on the Sabbath Jesus entered the synagogue and taught. The people were astonished at his teaching, ...All were amazed and asked one another, ‘What is this? A new teaching with authority. He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.’ His fame spread throughout the whole region of Galilee.” (Mark: 1)

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 sooner rather than later.

Confession/Reconciliation - Saturday 4:00 pm to 4:30 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

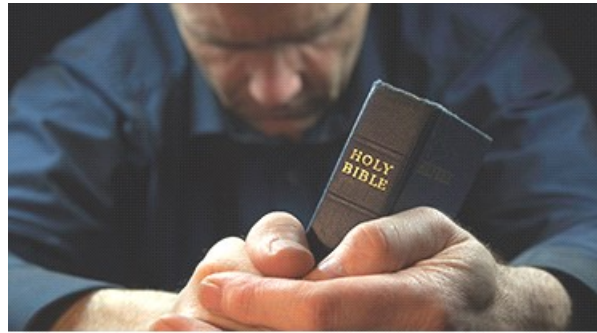
Saturday: 5:30 pm - English

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

Men's Retreat: Men Pursuing Christ, Spirituality From a Man's Perspective



MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Description: This retreat will take each man where he is and enable him to discover new habits that will enhance his personal life, his family/marriage and public life. Prayer, the Word, contemplation, reconciliation (confession), exploration of "male issues" and the Eucharist will be the main components of this retreat.

Presenter: Rev. Alex Steinmiller, C.P. is a priest of the Congregation of the Passionists who is currently pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Birmingham, AL. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and conducts retreats, revivals and missions with an emphasis on male spirituality.

When? February 9 – 11
Where? Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856
Fee: \$180.00 (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit). For more information and/or registration please go to www.msbt.org/btsr



BLESSING OF THROATS NEXT SATURDAY
 Next Saturday February 3rd is the feast of St. Blaise when the traditional blessing of throats is administered for those having this devotion. Accordingly, after the evening Mass next Saturday, the pastor with the assistance of deacon candidate Bernie Bosse, will be blessing throats.

Living The Eucharist: Pre-Sign Up Brochures



As with parishes throughout our Savannah Diocese, our parish is gearing up for the start of the program *Living the Eucharist*. (LTE). This Lenten spiritual renewal program provides us with opportunities to grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and *Living the Eucharist* each day as disciples of Jesus.

The brochures distributed at the Masses this weekend are to provide you with a easy to read overview of the program in preparation for the next step which is next weekend. Next weekend we will begin Sign-Ups for the small groups which are central to the dynamic of the LTE program. The small groups and families meet six times during Lent (once a week). Participating in the faith sharing dimension of these groups is a great way to make Lent an enriching spiritual experience.

Please prayerfully consider now joining the small group that meets at a day and an hour in which you can participate, whether as an adult, teen, or as a family group. The Lenten devotional books have been ordered; they are called *From Exodus to Easter: My Daily Journey Through Lent*. More information to follow. If you have not already done so, be sure to view the LTE videos at:

www.livingtheeucharist.org
 The Coordinator of LTE for our parish's English speaking segment is Lynn Ingles, who is also the Chair of our Pastoral Council. She is available to answer your questions about LTE. Her email is: lynn.ingle@mga.edu

Please be sure to read your brochures in preparation for LTE Sign-Up Sundays



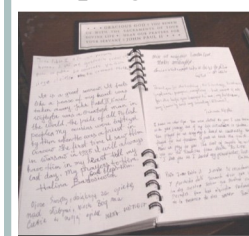
Stewardship Thought For Sunday 1/28, 4th Sunday
 In this Sunday's 1st reading, Moses spoke to all the people, saying: "A prophet like me will the Lord, your God, raise up for you from among your own kin". God still is bestowing among people gifts and talents to do His will. We ask ourselves, what gifts and talents have I to share for God's purposes?



Pope Francis on the peace of Jerusalem

"The Holy See will not cease to recall with urgency the necessity of the resumption of the dialogue between Israelis and Palestinians for a negotiated solution, geared to the peaceful coexistence of two States, within the borders agreed between them and internationally recognized, in full respect of the peculiar nature of Jerusalem, whose significance goes beyond any consideration of territorial questions. Only a special statute, also internationally guaranteed, will be able to preserve its identity, its unique vocation as a place of peace, to which the Sacred Places call, and its universal value, making possible a future of reconciliation and of hope for the entire region." (Vatican, 1/10/18)

Keeping Others In Your Prayers?



Perhaps a friend or relative has asked you to pray for their intention. Of if you have a prayer intention of your own, remember to write them in our Prayer Intention Binder. The intentions you write in it might pertain to an illness, employment situation, military deployment, death, anniversary, end to terrorism, etc.. The Prayer Intention Binder is located in our church by the statue of Saint Anthony. The intentions you write will be included in a general way at the week-end Masses.



Mass Intentions Request

Please contact the pastor by phone or email to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.


1/27-2/4	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday	+J. Ailbe O'Brien	Bernie Bosse
Wednesday	+J. Ailbe O'Brien	Bernie Bosse
Thursday	+ Phil Sheridan	Betty Shenk
Friday	+Joseph Linnane	Sherri Weil

Quiet Space For Children During Mass



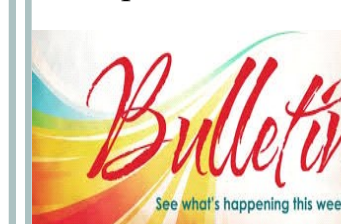
It is to be expected our littlest parishioners will at times act their age during Mass by becoming restless or vocal. When this occurs, especially during the Liturgy of the Word when parishioners are to listen attentively to the three Scripture readings, psalm verses and homily, parents have the option of the Quiet Room (which also serves as our Confessional Room). It has a sound system where Mass can be heard and a window where Mass can be viewed and thus followed. In the Quiet Room and under proper parental guidance restless children can enjoy space for crawling, for coloring books parents might bring, even for praying as they attend Mass (but please no noisy toys). Please note also the Quiet Room always remains a reserved space for Mass and is not to become a play room. Thank you.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for February

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

Intention: Say "No" to Corruption. That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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 yourself informed go to: www.stmaryamericus.com

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
January 7	\$3,303	\$2,925	\$378	
January 14	\$2,668	\$2,925	(\$257)	Black & Indian Missions \$863
January 21	\$2,868	\$2,925	(\$ 57)	