



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

January 5, 2020
The Epiphany Sunday
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

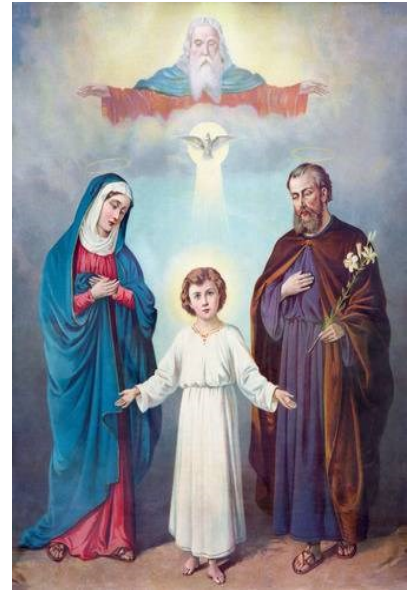
5 de Enero del 2020
Domingo de Epifanía
Evangelio: Mateo 2:1-12

General Parish Information / Información General de la Parroquia

Parish office phone: 229-924-3495
Parish e-mail: stmaryamericus@gmail.com
Parish website: www.stmaryamericus.com
Parish office hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Parish Staff and Contacts

Parochial Administrator: Father Samuel Aniekwe
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernie Bosse
Bookkeeper: Randy Vanderwilt
Bi-lingual Secretary: Mireya López
Pastoral Council President: Lynn Ingle
Finance Council Chair: Deacon Bernie Bosse
Security/Alarm System Caretaker: Chet Crowley
Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE): Ron Akerman
RCIA (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse
RCIA (Spanish): Raul Yanez & Sara Rueda
Infants/Children Baptism Preparation (English): Deacon Bernie Bosse
Infants/Children Baptism Preparation (Spanish): Juan Alejo and Angélica Sanchez
Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse
Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (Spanish): Sara Rueda and Karina Rueda
Music Coordinator (English): Kathy Calcutt
Music Coordinator (Spanish): Martin Lara
Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocío Aparicio
Altar Linens: Maureen Turner
Facilities Coordinator: Britt Miller
Parish Council of Catholic Woman (PCCW): Carolyn Campbell
Knights of Columbus #7113 Grand Knight: Andrew Doble



SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 PM (English); Rosary before Mass 5 PM
Sunday: 9:30 AM (English); 11:30 AM (Spanish)
Tuesday thru Friday: 12 PM in chapel (English)

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:30 PM (ingles)
Domingo: 9:30 AM (ingles); 11:30 AM (español)
Martes a Viernes a la 12:00 (ingles) en la capilla

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 the expected wedding date.
Anointing of the Sick - For Anointing or for emergency, please call 412-606-7701.
Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm or call Fr. Samuel for an appointment.

INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

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 - Para Unción o Emergencia, llamar 412-606-7701.
Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame el padre Samuel por una cita particular.

Our 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.

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 a María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

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

FATHER SAM'S CORNER

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The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

The word Epiphany comes from the Greek word Epiphaneia, which means appearance or manifestation in English. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of Jesus invites us to center our minds on Christ's manifestation to the world, how God manifests to us through Jesus and how we show Christ to others through our deeds and words. Last week we welcomed him into the world in our numerous Christmas activities. As the Magi rejoiced in today's Gospel, the news of the birth of the new king did not go down well in the hearts of king Herod and some elders of the Jews. Matthew narrates how the birth of Christ was both a source of peace to many and a heart breaking to Herod and his cohorts.

The visitation of the Magi or the three kings from the east showed the birth of the new king — Jesus — was a worldwide news. The Bible did not tell us the names of those wise men, but to differentiate them from other wise men, the scripture called them the Magi. The wise men's three gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh portrayed Christ as the anointed king of the universe. While the three wise kings from the east accepted Christ as the king of all kings, Herod saw Jesus as his rival. Hence, as the three kings were praising God for the birth of Christ, Herod was planning to eliminate him.

Like the above biblical story, today there are some who are persecuting Christ like Herod and many who are identifying with him in many ways like the Magi. As Christians, the solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord reminds us that Christ manifests himself to us daily in the Blessed Sacrament, and in his other gifts and blessings. Although we may not have gold, frankincense and myrrh like the wise men, we can give Christ our hearts. Like the star of the Bethlehem, let us resolve to fully commit ourselves to Christ, and let us show him to others in any little way we can. As we thank God for His manifestation to us, Jesus wants us to be his Epiphany to our neighbors by our corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Please contact our office to request for a weekday or weekend Mass to be celebrated for your intention. You can as well mail your intention with the stipend (\$10) to our church or hand them to Father Sam after Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS

1/4/2019	Sat	5:30PM	Thanksgiving (Peter Vinh Quang Mai)
1/5/2019	Sun	9:30AM	+ Poor Souls (Peter Vinh Quang Mai)
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LA ESQUINA DEL PADRE SAM

05 de Enero del 2020

Domingo de Epifanía

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La solemnidad de la epifanía del Señor

La palabra Epifanía proviene de la palabra griega Epiphaneia, que significa aparición o manifestación en inglés. La solemnidad de la Epifanía de Jesús nos invita a centrar nuestras mentes en la manifestación de Cristo al mundo, cómo Dios se nos manifiesta a través de Jesús y cómo mostramos a Cristo a los demás a través de nuestros hechos y palabras. La semana pasada lo recibimos en el mundo en nuestras numerosas actividades navideñas. Mientras los Reyes Magos se regocijaban hoy en el Evangelio, la noticia del nacimiento del nuevo rey no cayó bien en los corazones del rey Herodes y de algunos ancianos de los judíos. Mateo narra cómo el nacimiento de Cristo fue una fuente de paz para muchos y un corazón desgarrador para Herodes y sus cohortes.

La visita de los Reyes Magos o de los tres reyes del este mostró el nacimiento del nuevo rey — Jesús — era una noticia mundial. La Biblia no nos dijo los nombres de esos sabios, pero para diferenciarlos de otros sabios, la Escritura los llamó los Magos. Los tres dones de oro, incienso y mirra de los reyes magos retrataron a Cristo como el rey ungido del universo. Mientras que los tres reyes sabios del este aceptaron a Cristo como el rey de todos los reyes, Herodes vio a Jesús como su rival. Por lo tanto, mientras los tres reyes alababan a Dios por el nacimiento de Cristo, Herodes planeaba eliminarlo.

Como la historia bíblica anterior, hay algunos que persiguen a Cristo como Herodes y muchos que se identifican con él de muchas maneras, como los Magos de hoy. Como cristianos, la solemnidad de la Epifanía del Señor nos recuerda que Cristo se manifiesta a nosotros diariamente en el Santísimo Sacramento, y en sus otros dones y bendiciones. Aunque no tengamos oro, el incienso y la mirra como los sabios, pero podemos darle a Cristo nuestros corazones. Al igual que la estrella de Belén, resolvamos comprometernos plenamente con Cristo y mostrárselo a los demás de cualquier manera que podamos. Al agradecerle a Dios por su manifestación hacia nosotros, Jesús quiere que seamos su Epifanía a nuestros vecinos por nuestras obras de misericordia corporales y espirituales.

PETICION PARA INTENCION DE MISA

Por favor, comuníquese con nuestra Oficina, cualquier día de la semana para Petición de Intención de Misa. Usted, también puede enviarla vía mail con el costo, a nuestra Iglesia o entregarle el mismo al Padre Samuel en sus manos, después de la Misa.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS / ANUNCIOS

1. There are still a few rooms open for the **women's retreat** entitled *Blessed Beyond Belief* which is scheduled for next weekend, **January 10-12, 2020** at Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat in Fort Mitchell, Alabama. The presenter is Anne Trufant who will be bringing faith to life through music, humor, and sharing of common life experiences. The fee for the retreat is \$180 with a \$40 deposit due when you register. The retreat starts at 7 PM EST on Friday and ends after lunch on Sunday. It would be great to have a large group of women from St. Mary's attend! If you plan to attend and would like to carpool or caravan, please contact Louise Bosse at 229-938-9487 or labosse@mchsi.com. Below is the URL for a YouTube video (1 minute long) introducing Anne Trufant as well as the URL to Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat where more information about the retreat and a registration form are available. There are also registration forms available in the vestibule of the church.

Who is Anne Trufant?

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KhSEtfAbnY>

BTSR Annual Women's Retreat: Blessed Beyond Belief

<http://www.msbt.org/events/event/btsr-annual-womens-retreat-blessed-beyond-belief/>

2. The choir for the 5:30 PM Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 9:30 AM Mass on Sunday is in need of singers. If you are interested please contact a member of the choir.

2. El coro para la Misa de Vigilia de las 5:30 PM el sábado y la Misa de las 9:30 AM del domingo necesita cantantes. Si está interesado, póngase en contacto con un miembro del coro.

3. Deacon Bernie will be holding communion services Tuesday to Friday from January 7, 2020. For any emergency please contact Deacon Bernie at 229-815-0189.

3. El diacono Bernie celebrará el servicio de comunión de Martes a Viernes a partir del 7 de enero del 2020. Para cualquier caso de emergencia, comuníquese con el Diácono Bernie al 229-815-0189.

4. Faith Formation classes resume this Wednesday, January 8, 2020. Please be in Sherlock Hall at 6:30 PM for the Family Lesson.

4. Las clases de Formación de la Fe comenzarán el Miércoles 8 de Enero del 2020. Por favor, esté en Sherlock Hall a las 6:30 PM para la Lección Familiar.

5. Next Sunday after the 11:30AM Mass we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. Your help is appreciated.

5. El próximo Domingo después de la Misa de las 11:30AM, necesitaremos de su ayuda para bajar la decoración navideña. Su ayuda sera apreciada.

6. Next weekend is the special collection for Black and Indian Missions. Information about their work is available at <https://blackandindianmission.org/>



As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month. **INTENTION: Promotion of World Peace.** We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

En unión a nuestro Papa, recordar la Oración de este mes. **INTENCION: Promover la Paz Mundial:** Oremos por todos los Cristianos seguidores de otras religiones y todas las personas de buena voluntad que promueven la paz y la justicia en el mundo.



**OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**



Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	+	—	2nd Collection
Dec 1	\$3,207	\$3,091	\$116		
Dec 8	\$3,032	\$3,091		\$59	\$1,058 Retirement Fund for Religious
Dec 12 & 15	\$4,115	\$3,091	\$1,024		
Dec 22, 24 & 25	\$4,233	\$3,091	\$1,142		\$629 S A M A \$733 Diocesan Catholic Schools
Dec 29 & 31	\$3,182	\$3,091	\$91		