

Declaración de los obispos de los Estados Unidos (USCCB) sobre DACA



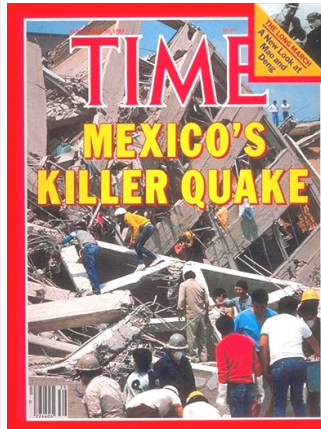
Un Comité de la USCCB expresó su decepción extrema con la decisión del gobierno de poner fin DACA con un período de reducción paulatina de seis meses, y comprometido USCCB a redoblar sus esfuerzos para ayudar a encontrar una solución legislativa definitiva en Congreso.

A la luz de muchos años de fracaso por parte del Congreso, ya sea controlado por los republicanos o demócratas, para hacer frente a la situación, el Comité insta a los fieles católicos ya todas las personas de buena voluntad para ponerse en contacto con sus representantes en el Congreso para instar a la aprobación de la Ley DREAM o legislación similar como una solución rápida, humana y duradera a este problema de mayor urgencia. el Comité Ejecutivo también toma nota de las enormes contribuciones de los jóvenes DACA hasta la fecha como extraordinaria, incluyendo el hecho de que muchos sirven en nuestras fuerzas armadas.

"A raíz de los huracanes Irma y Harvey y la devastación dejado atrás, el Comité Ejecutivo solicita que el Departamento de Seguridad Nacional se extienden los 5 de octubre de, 2018 fecha límite para las renovaciones DACA que caen dentro de la edición de octubre de marzo de 5-5, 2018 período de renovación de los que viven en zonas afectadas por el huracán. (Pedimos) que se asegure de que estas personas reciban un acceso justo a renovar y no se castiga indebidamente a causa de desastres naturales. tememos que no pueden adecuadamente hacerlo en este momento los daños físicos en el suelo.

"Imploramos la administración para mostrar misericordia y compasión por los que buscan refugio, y para avanzar en el valor de la libertad estadounidense a través de proporcionar refugio a los que huyen de la tiranía y la persecución religiosa.

Terremoto en México



Los estados afectados principalmente eran Morelos, Tlaxcala, Puebla, Guerrero, Oaxaca, Estado de México, y la ciudad de México. Los obispos mexicanos expresaron sus condolencias a todos los afectados, y destacaron el generoso afecto fraterno la nación está siendo testigo de los esfuerzos de respuesta y rescate: 'Una vez más, estamos asistiendo a la solidaridad del pueblo mexicano, que ve a un hermano y hermana en aquellos que están sufriendo'. "Nos unimos en la oración y la solidaridad, y juntos invocamos la materna protección de la Virgen de Guadalupe, Consuelo de los afligidos".

Hora Santa vuelve todos los miércoles.



Con la comienzo de nuevo de clases religiosas los miércoles, nos recordamos que hay la hora santa de adoración en silencio en el templo desde las 6:25 hasta las 7:25. Este es un horario muy conveniente por los padres de familia, es decir, después de dejar sus niños con sus maestros en el salón Sherlock, que se vayan a templo.

¿Qué se hace durante una hora santa? Una hora santa delante del Santísimo es un tiempo de silencio cuando algunos les gustan a meditar, hablando y escuchando en sus corazones al señor Jesús; otros leen de una biblia que se traen; otros rezan el rosario; otros leen un librito devocional, etc.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD 24 de septiembre



En el Evangelio de hoy, el dueño de la viña dice: "Soy libre de hacer con mi dinero lo que me plazca, no lo soy?" Nosotros somos igualmente libres. ¿Es regresar generosamente al

señor en acción de gracias por sus muchas bendiciones entre las elecciones que hemos hecho?



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"The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out at dawn to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with them for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard.

When it was evening the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, 'Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.' (Matt: 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.

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

Papal Initiative Called Share the Journey



On Wednesday of this week, Sept. 27, Pope Francis will launch a two-year worldwide campaign in support of migrants and refugees. In the U.S., the campaign is being

implemented by the US conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Refugee Service and Catholic Charities USA. Catholics around the world are invited to join Pope Francis initiative to “Share the Journey” of migrants and refugees. The following web page contains information, including a “tool kit” for these called to promote this papal initiative: www.sharejourney.org. On social media, use #ShareJourney.

Some Here Affected by the Hurricane in Puerto Rico and Earthquake In Mexico

The catastrophic hurricane that bombarded Puerto Rico this week, and the murderous earthquake that struck Mexico also this week, directly affect some of our parishioners who have family members in these places. Thus, all of us here at St. Mary’s parish do well to pray for our fellow parishioners who are deeply affected by these disastrous events as we did for those here whose relatives were affected by hurricanes where Harvey and Irma struck with vengeance. We pray: *“Mary, our parish patron, and Mother of the Afflicted, intercede with your Son to bring comfort to those affected and help them to receive the material and spiritual support they need to begin their lives anew.”*

Stewardship Thought for September 24th,



Christian Stewardship takes a positive view on money. It sees money not only as a medium of exchange but as a symbol of the person who

has it. We are revealed in the way we acquire it, use it, and share it.

American Bishops Call on Catholic Faithful to Urge Congress to Pass DREAM Act



“The Executive Committee of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) expresses extreme disappointment with the administration’s decision to end DACA with a six month wind-down period, and committed the USCCB to redouble its efforts to help find a permanent legislative solution in Congress.

In light of many years of failure by Congress, whether controlled by Republicans or Democrats, to address the situation, the Committee urges the Catholic faithful and all people of good will to contact their representatives in Congress to urge the passage of the DREAM Act or similar legislation as a prompt, humane, and durable solution to this problem of greatest urgency. The Executive Committee also notes the tremendous contributions of the DACA youth to date as extraordinary, including the fact that many serve in our military.

The Committee is further troubled and deeply concerned, as the President nears a final decision to reduce the number of refugees welcomed in the United States by 50%, that the administration will unduly restrict our reception of those in search of safety for their families.

The USCCB proposes that 75,000 refugees, already a reduction of over 25% from the previous determination, be the goal for welcoming refugee admissions for 2018. Going further down to 50,000 or below, as proposed in previous Executive Orders by the President, is simply inhumane, particularly when our great nation has the resources and ability to do more.

We implore the administration to show mercy and compassion for those seeking refuge, and to advance the American value of freedom through providing safe harbor to those fleeing tyranny and religious persecution.” (USCCB, September 12, 2017)

For Whom Is The RCIA?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, called RCIA for short, is for:

- +unbaptized persons who seek baptism;
- + Catholics or others validly baptized who seek to receive the Sacraments of Communion and/or Confirmation
- +Catholics returning to the practice their faith
- + Catholics who desire to deepen their knowledge of our faith and sit in on some or all RICA sessions.

WHEN DOES THE NEXT RCIA CYCLE BEGIN?



RCIA
Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults
The next RCIA cycle begins this Sunday, the 24th of September, in Sherlock Hall following the 9:30 Mass and goes until 12 noon. All persons listed in the above four categories are urged to come and see and hear and ask.

Also, as in past years, parishioners seeking to refresh their understanding of the teachings of our Catholic faith are welcome to attend. For further information please contact now RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse at: 229-815-0189 or by his email at: bcbosse@mchsi.com.

October is Respect Life Month



Next Sunday, October 1st, the church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Sunday. Moreover, during the month of October itself,

we are to place special emphasis on understanding, valuing and becoming engaged with supporting the God-given dignity of every person. We are called to promote life and defend life - from the moment of conception to natural death. The Bishops of the United States have chosen the theme for this year as “Be Not Afraid – Behold I am with you always, until the end of the ge.” (Matthew 28:20)

Wednesday Eve Holy Hour Has Resumed



Silent devotion before the Blessed Sacrament is on Wednesday evenings from 6:25 until 7:25 in the church. Some parents have found that after signing-in

their children in Sherlock hall, they look forward to going on to the church for prayerful solitude before the Blessed Sacrament. Those who can not come for the full hour are encouraged to come for whatever segment of an hour their work and/or family schedule permits.

But what do I do at a holy hour? Briefly, pray in silent adoration. That is, from your heart speak then listen to Christ Eucharistically present in the monstrance before you on the altar. Some “adorers” make an examen of their day in the manner of St. Ignatius; some read from the Bible they brought; others read from a devotional booklet; some say the rosary. Finally, all are expected to observe a quiet reverence during the holy hour out of respect for others praying in silent adoration.

FINANCE COUNCIL Finance Council Membership



We are grateful to the members, listed below, of our parish's Finance Council for their time and talent in assisting the pastor in the care of St. Mary’s Finances. By their attendance

and input at our quasi-monthly meetings, they demonstrate the fiduciary trust mandated of them by the policies and procedures of our Diocesan Finance Office. The members are: Bernie Bosse (Chairman), Charles Crisp, Joyce Owsley, Bob Schuster, Renee Uzcategui, and until recently, Mary Ann Crowley who has retired after many years of exemplary service.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
September 3	\$3,217	\$2,925	+\$292	
September 10	\$2,764	\$2,925	-\$161	\$4,629 For “Harvey” victims
September 17	\$2,637	\$2,925	-\$288	