



¿Miembro Registrado de la Parroquia? Es importante.

Registrarse es muy importante por varios motivos. Por ejemplo, para inscribir a sus hijos en nuestro programa de clases religiosas, para ser padrinos, para cartas de recomendación de la Iglesia que certifique a las agencias civiles que usted pertenece a nuestra congregación. La hoja de registro en español se encuentran al fondo de la iglesia. Después de llenarla favor ponerla en la caja designada en el mismo lugar al fondo de la iglesia o ponerla en el cesto ofertorio.

LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISPO está re-



alizando por una serie de segunda colectas; ya tuvimos seis. Desde del 18 de mayo, nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$8,003 o 58% de nuestro reto parroquial de \$13,901

Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es: "Nuestro Volver Al Señor".

Felicitaciones a los Recién Confirmados



Los siguientes jóvenes recibieron los dones del Espíritu Santo en el sacramento de Confirmación el sábado pasado: Mayra Soto, José Torres Aguilar D., Luis Díaz P., Juan Gonzalez. Ojala que muestren ellos los frutos del Espíritu Santo para el bien de sus familias, su comunidad y también de nuestra parroquia.

Sala disponible para niños intranquilos



La sala en el frente de la iglesia, la misma que se usa para confesiones, también sirva como una sala por niños que se porten a veces intranquilos durante la Misa. Hay un sistema

de sonido en esta sala así que los padres de estos niños intranquilos pueden ver y oír la Misa de allí. El uso de esta sala por los padres para tales niños ayuda con la celebración correcta de la Misa, especialmente durante la liturgia de la palabra cuando los lectores proclaman las escrituras y el padre da su homilía. Gracias por su colaboración.

Intenciones para la Santa Misa

Si quisiera pedir una intención por una Misa del fin de semana, favor de llamar la oficina parroquial (229-924-3495) antes del jueves y dejar un aviso por el párroco P. Paco en la maquina telefónica.

La Comunión a un enfermo(a)



Si alguien está enfermo y no puede ir a la Misa a comulgarse, favor llame el párroco Padre Paco y después, él o un ministro de Comunión, por ejemplo, Sra. "Licha", le traerá Comunión al enfermo(a).

Entrenamiento Para Monaguillos



Antes de poner una cita por un entrenamiento, el párroco quiere averiguar el nivel del interés. Por eso, pedimos a los padres de familia, si su hijo o hija ya hizo su Primera Comunión, y si él o ella desea servir como monaguillo, y si ustedes están comprometida a asistir regularmente a una misa el fin de semana, entonces favor llame el numero de la oficina parroquial, comunicar su interés, dejar su nombre y el numero de su teléfono. Cuando hay nivel suficiente pondremos una cita por un entrenamiento.



St. Mary Catholic Church

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OFFICE EMAIL: stmaryamericus@gmail.com

PARISH WEB PAGE: www.stmaryamericus.com

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.
6th Sunday of the Easter Season May 21, 2017



Jesus said to his disciples:

"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you." (John 14)

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

Salado en la tarde—5 PM Ingles

Domingo—Sunday: 8:30 am (Español)

Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 pm (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 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.

SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm - English

Sunday: 8:30 (Spanish) 10:30 am (English)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel, English

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children and Young People toll free reporting hotline is (888) 357-5530



SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOMINATION FORM FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite nominations from registered parishioners for the annual elections for our parish's Pastoral Council (PC). There are three vacancies to be filled this rotation. Once a list of candidates is nominated, parishioners will vote; the three candidates with the highest tallies become elected. The member of our parish's Pastoral Council coordinating this year's nomination process in conjunction with the pastor is Carolyn Campbell. As listed in our parish bulletins for the past two years and also recently, persons eligible for nomination, including self-nomination, need meet the requirements specified below. When submitting a person's name for nomination, be sure to first ask him/her if they would consent to serve. Once nominated, Carolyn will present the list of nominees to the pastor for review and after that she will contact qualified nominees. The nomination process began after Masses on May 14th, continues after Masses on May 21st and extends after Masses on the 28th of May (until 1 PM). Voting on the final list of candidates occurs on the two weekends after that, June 4th and 11th. To observe the usual voting proprieties, (e.g., a registered parishioner, voting but once, etc.) parishioner identification is needed to validate the ballot You may print (legibly) your name or write in your parish envelope number. You may nominate up to 3 candidates. Those currently serving on the Pastoral Council and thus ineligible for nomination are Lynn Ingle, Larry Banks, Miguel Yanez, Rocio Aparecio and Bernie Bosse.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED:

- *Be in full communion with the Catholic Church and registered parishioner of St. Mary since May 14, 2016;
- *Regularly attend either the Saturday Vigil Mass or a Sunday Mass at St. Mary's most weekends of the month throughout the year (save vacations, holiday visiting, and such like). Not to attend so regularly, for whatever reason, renders one out of touch with an essential part of the parish and thus severely limited to serve in an advisory role to the pastor as a PC member;
- *Endorse our parish's mission statement and desire to serve all its ethnic groups especially its two main ones;
- *Subscribe to a "Spirituality of Stewardship" involving the sharing of their time, talent, and treasure with their parish and with our Savannah Diocese;
- *Able to attend PC's monthly meetings (Tuesday evenings) and willing to accept some committee tasks;
- *Be 18 years of age or older and conversant in English;
- *Be interested in the overall spiritual and temporal welfare of the entire parish and be without an inordinate attachment to an agenda whether one's own or that of a parish group.



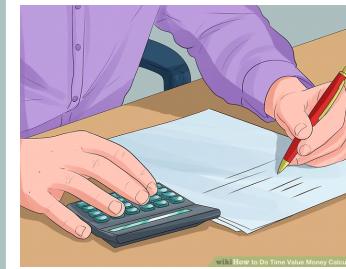
Cut or fold along the dotted line and drop your nomination in the **Ballot Box** in the vestibule of the church or drop it in the pouch on the door of the parish office.

My Name (please print it) or Envelope # is: _____ and I nominate

(1,2, or 3 persons): 1. _____
 2. _____ 3. _____

(If one prefers, one can cast their ballot by sending an email to carolynrdc@att.net)

Surveys of Proposed New Mass Times



Thanks to all who submitted their surveys. As before, these multilingual surveys will be carefully hand-processed within the next week or two and their results

will be communicated in our bulletin. Also as before, especially as we near Pentecost Sunday, please continue to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide the last stage of our multi-month, methodical discernment process.

Time & Talent For Food Collections



Chet Crowley, who for so long has ably managed our parish's food donations to Harvest for Hope, now needs to pass this baton to another parishioner. Our food

collection bin is located in the church vestibule. When it is filling the foods need to be transported to Harvest of Hope Food Pantry at 606 Mc Garrah Street here in Americus. It is open Monday & Tuesday from 8 AM til noon. For additional details please contact our parishioner Maureen Turner at 229-815-1473 or email at: mtmidwife104@gmail.com. This Corporal Work of Mercy of feeding the hungry is a wonderful stewarding of one's time and talent.

Nominations To Parish Pastoral Council



Qualified and eligible parishioners may be nominated to our Pastoral Council until one PM next Sunday. Nominees need meet specific requirements and these are listed on the facing page of this bulletin. For more information, please contact council member Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email her at: carolynrdc@att.net.

2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal: "Our Return to The Lord"



is this year's theme. The BAA goes to help support such pastoral needs as our 19 seminarians with the per man cost per year of c. \$40,000; spiritual formation of our children

and youth; campus ministry, etc. Our BAA data as of May 18th are:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed as of 5/16	8,003
Percent of Goal now:	58%
Amount yet to contribute	\$5, 898
Pledge Balance	(\$3,579)

Mass Intention Requests: Please contact the

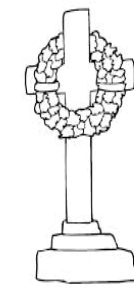


pastor by phoning the parish office to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

<u>May 20-27</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requestor</u>
Saturday	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 8:30	Amelia Cannon	Sherri Weil
Sunday 10:30	+ Coleen Duffy	Betty Shenk

Andersonville Cemetery Memorial Mass

Memorial Day



All parishioners are invited to celebrate Memorial Day by attending the annual outdoor Mass at Andersonville National Cemetery sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Fr. Ray Levreault will be the main celebrant, with other priests concelebrating, and Fr. Stephen Pontzer the homilist.

Date & Time: Monday May 29, 11:00AM
Location: Outdoor Rostrum at Andersonville Picnic
Following on site: Casual clothes; hamburger/hot dog picnic free for all attending following the Mass; consider bringing a dish (such as a salad, side dish, or desert) to share. In case of rain location, the Mass will be held in our parish but the picnic would be cancelled.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta</u>	<u>2nd Collections</u>
May 7	\$2,996	\$2,588	\$ 408	BAA 8:30 Mass \$176
May 14	\$2,819	\$2,588	\$ 231	Marian Shrine, DC \$356