



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

November 18, 2018

18 de Noviembre de 2018

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

33er. Domingo del Tiempo Ordinario

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

Parish Council President: Lynn Ingle

Finance Committee 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: Craig Martindale

Parish Council of Catholic Woman (PCCW): Carolyn Campbell

Knights of Columbus #7113 Grand Knight: Ron Akerman



SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 PM (English)

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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Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

How to make the list of the book of life.

When I think of how the end of days described by Daniel in the first reading and Jesus in today's gospel might look like, my mind flashed back to our school vacation days in the Junior seminary. We lived in dormitory in Junior seminary and went home only during vacations and short breaks. The announcement of the date for long vacation was always charged with mixed feelings of joy and fear for many students. For students who performed well academically and in other areas of formation it was all about happiness that they were going home to see and celebrate their success with their family and friends. For those who did not do well it was all about fear that their parents and parish priests would not be happy with them for bringing home a bad report from School. The worst is the pain being felt by those expelled from the school because of their bad conducts or poor academic performance. As a student then I was always advised by my parents to behave well and study hard to avoid the fear and pain of expulsion or to bring home a bad report. Like my parents, our heavenly Father is admonishing us to conduct ourselves well here on earth to avoid his punishment and expulsion from our heavenly home on His judgement day.

As Christians, we believe that where we live now on earth is our temporal home and heaven is our permanent home. As we enjoy the riches and freedom of the children of God in this temporal abode, St. James advises us to live, "speak and act as those who are going to be judged by the Law that gives (us the) freedom (James 2: 12). Jesus said in today's Gospel that the judgement day or time is unknown to anyone except our Father in heaven (Mark 13: 32). However, he mentioned the following events as the signs that show the end is near. Thus, he said as the second coming of the Son of Man closes on us, there will be a great tribulation, and after that the Son of Man will descend from the clouds with great power and glory. Then God will send down his Angels as the agents of His judgement (Mark 13: 24-32). In his vision, Daniel in the first reading echoed that no one (living or dead) shall escape the examination/judgement and the reward therein.

The examination/judgement will be based on whether or not our names are in the book of life. Those found written in the book of life are the righteous ones. And according to the first reading and the Gospel, the dead and the living among the righteous are going to be raised into the glory of God; for others "it shall be an everlasting horror and disgrace" (Daniel 12: 2). The announcement of the end of time instills fear in so many of us especially when we are not sure if our names are in the book of life. To relieve ourselves of the fear of what to come we must focus on making sure our names are well written in the book of life now we have the opportunity. To achieve this goal we should be asking ourselves how do we obey the commandments of God. Consequently, it is our obedience to divine Laws that empowers us to make the lists in the book of life. There are ten commandments so engraving our names in the book of life involves keeping all ten commandments. A student who wants to get an A grade must strive to pass all the subjects during the exam; as well, for us to shine like stars at the judgement day we must try to keep all the commandments. It will be unwise to chose and pick which commandment to obey or ignore, for it is the same Lord who says thou shall not commit murder that says also thou shall not steal.

Father Samuel Aniekwe

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

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| 11/17/2018 | Sat | 5:30PM | St. Mary's Parishioners |
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LA ESQUINA DEL PADRE SAM

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Evangelio: Marcos 13:24-32

Como hacer la lista del libro de vida.

Cuando pienso en como Daniel describio el final de los dias, en la primera lectura y Jesus en el Evangelio de hoy, podria parecer, que en mi memoria se encienden recuerdos de nuestra escuela de Jovenes Seminaristas, cuando estabamos en vacaciones. Viviamos en dormitorios en el Seminario e ibamos a casa solo por unos pocos dias. Cuando nos anunciaban a los jovenes Seminariatas que ibamos a tener unas largas vacaciones se nos entremezclaban muchos sentimientos entre alegria y temor para muchos de nosotros. Para los estudiantes que academicamente obteniamos buenas calificaciones en areas de formacion era todo felicidad, ya que podiamos ir a casa a compartir nuestros exitos con familia y amigos. Por esto, aquellos que no tenian buenas calificaciones tenian temor de enfrentarse a sus padres al llevar a casa un reporte escolar con malas calificaciones. Lo peor era el dolor que sentian aquellos a quienes expulsaban del Seminario por su mala conducta o por su mal rendimiento academico.

Como Cristianos, nuestra creencia es que venimos a la tierra, como hogar, solo temporalmente y el cielo sera nuestro hogar permanente. Disfrutamos las riquezas y la libertad de los hijos de Dios en este mundo temporal, Santiago nos aconseja vivir "Habla y actua como aquellos que iran a ser juzgados por la Ley que nos da Libertad" (Santiago 2:12). Jesus, dice en el Evangelio de hoy que el juicio del fin de los dias es desconocido por nosotros, excepto para nuestro Padre en el cielo (Marcos 13:32). Sin embargo, El menciona los siguientes eventos como signo del fin de los dias: Habra grandes tribulaciones, y despues, el Hijo del Hombre descendera entre nubes con gran poder y Gloria. Entonces, Dios enviara a sus Angeles como los agentes de su juicio. En su vision, Daniel en la primera lectura, repitio lo que le fue revelado a el que ninguno (vivo o muerto) escaparia al examen del juicio y a su premiacion.

El examen del juicio, se basara en que nuestros nombres aparecieran en el libro de la vida. Esos escritos se encontraran en el libro de la vida y seran los escogidos. Y de acuerdo a la primera lectura y al Evangelio, los muertos y los vivos estaran entre los escogidos y se crecieran dentro de la Gloria de Dios; para otros, "estaran hundidos en el horror y la desgracia" (Daniel 12:2). Los anuncios del fin de los tiempos trasmite temor en muchos de nosotros, especialmente, cuando no estamos seguros de que nuestros nombres aparecieran en el libro de la vida. Para aliviarnos nosotros mismos y dejar atras el temor, debemos enfocarnos en estar seguros de que nuestros nombres aparezcan en el libro de la vida ahora y todavia tenemos la oportunidad. Este objetivo lo alcanzamos cuando cumplimos los mandamientos de Dios. Consecuentemente, como obediencia divina debemos empoderarnos de estar entre los elegidos, obedeciendo los diez mandamientos. Y para estar el libro de la vida, esta en nosotros cumplirlos o ignorar los mandamientos de la Ley de Dios.

Reverend Father Samuel Aniekwe

PETICION PARA INTENCION DE MISA

Por favor, comuniquese 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. Our parish Pastoral Council meeting date for November is Tuesday the 27th at 5:30 PM.
1. Nuestro Consejo Parroquial Pastoral se reunirá el Martes 27 de Noviembre , a las 5:30PM.
2. There will be Mass in the church on Thanksgiving morning, November 22 at 9:30 AM.
2. Habra Misa de Accion de Gracias, en la mañana a las 9:30AM, el Jueves 22 de Noviembre.
3. Congratulations to our Gartland Award winners this year, Salvador Rodriguez and Bonnie Mallard. They will receive their award at a Mass celebrated by Bishop Hartmayer at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Savannah on Sunday, November 25. Sal and Bonnie give selflessly of their time, treasure and talents to our parish in many visible and behind the scenes roles.
3. Felicitaciones, a nuestros ganadores del premio Garland, Salvador Rodriguez y Bonnie Mallard. Ellos recibirán su premio en una Misa celebrada por el Obispo Hartmayer en la Iglesia St. John the Baptist Cathedral, en Savannah el Domingo, 25 de Noviembre. Sal y Bonnie, nos ofrecen sus tesoros de su Tiempo y Talento a nuestra parroquia en muchas oportunidades.
4. Our parish Advent and Christmas penance/confession is on December 14, 2018 by 7PM. Please save this date and time.
4. Nuestro Adviento y Navidad en la Parroquia de penitencia y confesión sera el próximo 14 de Diciembre del ano en curso a las 7PM. Por favor, recuerde esta fecha y hora.
5. Today's second collection is for Catholic campaign for human development.
5. La segunda colección de hoy es para la campaña católica para el desarrollo humano.



Pope's Prayer Intention for November: As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month. **INTENTION: Universal – In Service of Peace That the language of love and dialogue may always prevail over the language of conflict.**

Oracion de Intencion, del Papa, para Noviembre: Como parte del Apostolado de Oracion en unión a nuestro Papa, recordar la oración del mes. **INTENCION: Universal - Para el servicio de la Paz. Que el lenguaje del amor y del dialogo, siempre prevalezca sobre el lenguaje del conflicto.**



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

| Weekend | Offertory | Budget/Presupuesto | +Surplus/Sobre | Deficit/Falta | 2nd Collection |
|---------|-----------|--------------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|
| Nov. 1 | \$346 | All Saints | | | |
| Nov. 4 | \$3,059 | \$3,121 | | \$62 | \$620 for SAMA |
| Nov. 11 | \$2,943 | \$3,121 | | \$178 | |
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