

Bendición tradicional de los animales



La bendición toma lugar el próximo sábado en el parqueo de nuestro iglesia. Los dos párrocos, Padre Paco y Padre Jeff, pusieron de acuerdo a tener una bendición ecuménico que empiecen a las 10 en la mañana (así que llegan a las 9:45). Todos nuestros feligreses y sus amigos están invitados a traer sus mascotas a ser bendecidos. Como muchos saben este evento está celebrado por muchas iglesias cada año en honor del santo Francisco, el patrono de los animales. Desde que su feriado, el cuatro de octubre, cae en el medio de la semana, el cual no es conveniente, lo celebramos el sábado.

UN AVISO A LOS PADRES DE FAMILIA:



Que no estén demasiado ocupados para la misa cada fin de semana. El mejor modo de que los padres se aseguren de que sus hijos seguirán siendo católicos fieles de

mayores es llevarlos a misa cada fin de semana. Dar a los niños unos cimientos sólidos para su fe es muy importante, pero si no se los lleva a misa cada domingo es como servirles un guiso de carne con papas en el que falta la carne. Jesús está presente con su palabra en el evangelio y con su cuerpo cada domingo en su templo. Se entiende que los fines de semana de una familia están siempre ocupados. Por eso, hay que colocar la misa en el calendario lo mismo que pondría un partido de fútbol importante. Hay misas a horas distintas en dos idiomas, incluyendo la vigilia del sábado. No se pierda la oportunidad de llevar allí a sus hijos. (Fuente: Success Publishing & Media, LLC)

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 Santa.



Taller Para Parejas (Pre-Cana)

Preparación al sacramento del matrimonio.

Donde? Parroquia de Holy Family Catholic Church, 1110 South Lewis Street, Metter, Georgia

Fecha? Proximo sábado, 7 de octubre

Hora? 8:00 a 5:00

Costo? \$55 por pareja (cuidado de niños, \$5 por niño)

Información y registro: Marcos y Dora Delfin, 912-481-5385 duscangaholyfamily@gmail.com,

Aquellos que tienen actualmente DACA, cuyo beneficio expirará antes del 5 de marzo de 2018, deben solicitar su renovación antes del 5 de octubre de 2017. Por favor comuníquese con un abogado de inmigración inmediatamente para determinar su elegibilidad.

Corresponsabilidad 10 de Octubre



En el Evangelio de hoy, el primer hijo dijo que seguiría órdenes de su padre, pero no lo hizo. El segundo hijo se opuso al principio, pero cumplió lo que se le había pedido. ¿Cuál es el servicio que Dios me pide hacer? ¿A cuál de los hijo me parezco yo?



St. Mary Catholic Church

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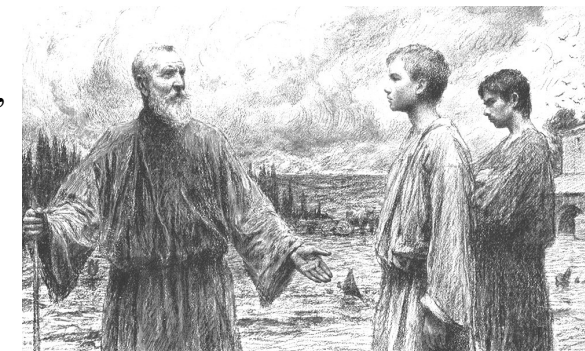
email: fgillespie@diosav.org

Bookkeeper: stmaryamericus@gmail.com

Parish Web Page: www.stmaryamericus.com

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

October 1, 2017; 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



"A man had two sons. He came to the first and said, 'Son, go out and work in the vineyard today.' He said in reply, 'I will not,' but afterwards changed his mind and went. The man came to the other son and gave the same order. He said in reply, 'Yes, sir,' but did not go. Which of the two did his father's will?" (Matt:21)

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

Catholic & Episcopalian Animals will be



St. Francis blessed next Saturday, October 7th, at 10 AM in our parish parking lot. All pets of parishioners of Calvary Episcopal and St. Mary's are invited. The respective pastors, Father Jeff Wallace and Father Fran Gillespie, have cordially agreed

to hold our 2nd joint blessing of animals in honor of St. Francis of Assisi. Since the feast day of St. Francis, who famously loved animals, falls midweek on October 4th, our blessing of animals is deferred to the more convenient day of Saturday.

As last year all participating animals are urged to observe the same punctuality as when they marched onto Noah's Ark (which is said to also have been at 10 AM on a very rainy day). They also are asked to inform their owners that two leggers who are tardy will be banished, as surely Noah had done, to the back row with the gnats.

Parish Council of Catholic Women



The next PCCW meeting will be held Monday October 9, 2017 at 6:00 PM in classroom #1. All ladies of the parish are

invited, especially women who have not yet attended a meeting. We draw inspiration from St. Luke (8:3) who tells us Jesus was accompanied in his day-to-day preaching and teaching by his own PCCW (so to speak). Our PCCW continues his work to help build the Kingdom of God. The PCCW will elect officers for the upcoming year and review and plan activities in this 2017-2018 year. Please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or by email: carolynrdc@att.net for questions

The annual Diocesan Encuentro will take place

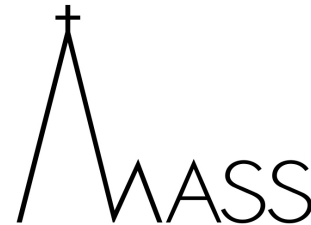


on October 14th from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm at Sacred Heart Parish in Warner Robins. Bishop Hartmayer will be

present as in previous years. This "encounter" is bilingual, open to laity as well as priests and deacons. Those aware of the growing percentage of Hispanics in the Church of the United States, over a third of which is now Hispanic, are invited to come to grow in their understanding of the Hispanic presence in our diocese. In the words of Bishop Hartmayer: "I look forward to discussing, celebrating and praying with you at the Diocesan Encuentro... Likewise, I look forward to this opportunity to discern together the Spirit's message to us at this moment on our journey. Let us strive to share the joy of the Gospel and be missionary disciples of Jesus in service to all."

Registration closes on October 9th. To register either email the Hispanic Ministry office of the diocese at: hm@diosav.org or call 912-201-4067.

Mass recognizing Health Care Personnel



On Tuesday evening, October 17th, 2017 at 6:00pm at the Chapel of the Catholic Pas-

toral Center in Savannah, Bishop Hartmayer will celebrate Mass for those serving as healthcare personnel. All so serving are invited to attend the Mass, as well as the reception following, with Bishop Hartmayer. RSVP's are not required but appreciated by October 11: call 912.201.4049 or by email krcarter@diosav.org



Stewardship Thought for Sunday, October 1st

The spirituality of stewardship educates us to be aware

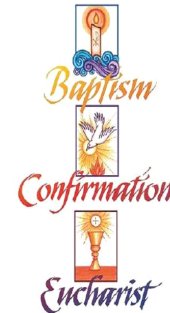
God is the ultimate giver of our gifts. To give to God should be "off the top", which is why the above logo for stewardship symbolizes the biblical return of the first fruits of the harvest to God.

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 DO RCIA CLASSES MEET?



RCIA Rite of Catholic Initiation of Adults

The new RCIA cycle began 9/17/17. RCIA meets 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

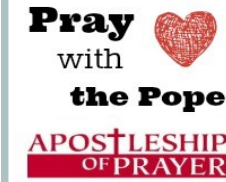
years, parishioners seeking to refresh their understanding of the teachings of our Catholic faith are welcome to attend. For further information please contact RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse at: 229-815-0189 or by his email at: bcbosse@mchsi.com.

October is Respect Life Month



Starting this Sunday, October 1st, the church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Sunday. During this month, 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 October of this year Jesus reassuring words: "Be Not Afraid - Behold I am with you always, until the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20)

Pope's Prayer Intentions for October



As part of our Church's world wide Apostleship of Prayer in union with our Pope, please remember the papal intention in your prayer this month.

Workers and the Unemployed That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.



The Southern Cross Newspaper Our 2nd collection next week will go to the diocese for the payment of our parishioners' subscriptions to this paper. As our diocesan newspaper, the Southern Cross provides a quiet voice of Catholic insight amid the flurry of information received in a world of instant communication.

POST ABORTION RETREAT

For any person, mother, father, family member, or friend, who is struggling with the emotional, spiritual and psychological pain after an abortion there is a special ministerial retreat just for you. It's the



Rachel's Vineyard Retreat and it offers an opportunity to find healing, hope and forgiveness. It takes place the weekend of November 3rd-5th in a locale near Augusta, Ga. Come and experience the mercy and compassion of God through this healing ministry. For additional information contact Stephanie May at 912-306-0406/stephmay@bellsouth.net, or visit the website at www.rachelsvineyard.org. All calls and inquiries are strictly confidential.

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	
September 24	\$1,949	\$2,925	-\$976	\$1,395 For "Irma" victims