



Oración por las madres:

“Padre Celestial: Te damos gracias por nuestras madres. Tú has dado a la

mujer la capacidad de participar contigo en la creación de nueva vida. Haz que cada mujer puede llegar a comprender el pleno significado de esta bendición.

Bendice a las madres a quienes les has dado el gran privilegio y la responsabilidad de ser formadoras de un niño o una niña. Haz que todas ellas puedan fomentar la fe de sus hijos, siguiendo el ejemplo de la Madre de Tu Hijo.

Te pedimos que envíes el Espíritu Santo Consolador a las madres que han perdido hijos, que están enfermos o separados de sus familias, que se encuentran en peligro o problemas de cualquier tipo. Muéstrales Tu misericordia y dales fortaleza y serenidad. “

LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISPO está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la seis.



Desde del 9 de mayo, nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$7,343 o 53% de nuestro reto parroquial de \$13,901.

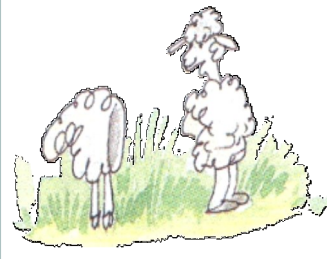
Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es: “Nuestro Volver Al Señor”

CORESPONSIBILIDAD: 5to. de Pascua



“Quien tiene fe en mí hará las obras que yo hago, y mucho más grandes que éstas,” Jesús les dice a sus discípulos.

¡Esa es una gran tarea para nosotros como administradores de los bienes de Dios!



OVEJAS A MEDIAS

* En aquel tiempo, Jesús dijo a los Judíos: “Mis ovejas escuchan mi voz y me siguen”, lo que significa: me oyen y me hacen caso.

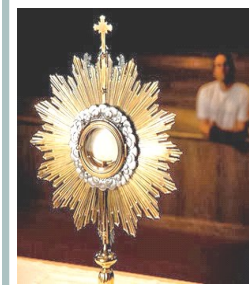
* En estos tiempos, es decir en los nuestros, muchas de las ovejas de Cristo lo escuchamos, pero no le hacemos el menor caso.

* Cristo nos dice que nos amemos los unos a los otros como él nos ama, pero, en la práctica, hay que ver los gritos que nos pegamos los esposos, los pleitos que armamos los hermanos, las guerritas que organizamos con los del piso de arriba o con vecinos de al lado.

•Somos sus ovejas, pero nada más a medias.

+ ¿Por qué no le pedimos hoy su ayuda para dar el estirón? (© Obra Nacional de la Buena Prensa)

Pausa en la Adoración los miércoles hasta el fin de agosto cuando las clases religiosas empiezan de nuevo. Mientras tanto, hay adoración todos los viernes en nuestra capilla, de las once hasta unos minutos antes de las doce cuando empieza la Misa.



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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 comprometidos a asistir regularmente a una misa el fin de semana, entonces favor llame el numero de la oficina parroquial, comunicarle su interés, dejar su nombre y el numero de su teléfono. Cuando hay nivel suficiente pondremos una cita para un entrenamiento.



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5th Sunday of the Easter Season May 14, 2017

“Jesus said: Where I am going you know the way.

Thomas said to him, ‘...we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?’

Jesus said to him, I am the way and the truth and the life.

... Philip said to him, ‘Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.’

Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip?

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.” (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 worshipping 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

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

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 recently as in last week's bulletin, 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 begins after Masses next weekend, May 21st, and extends until after Masses the following weekend 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 so the ballot can be validated. 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 excluded from nomination are Lynn Ingle, Larry Banks, Miguel Yanez, Rocio Aparicio and Bernie Bosse.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED:

- *Be in full communion with the Catholic Church and a 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)

Our Parish Pastoral Council Nominations



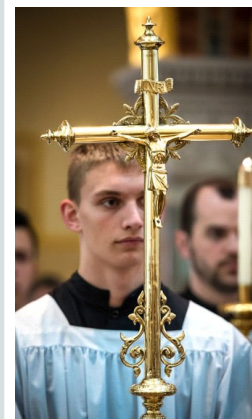
With the customary rotation of some members going off of our parish's Pastoral Council (PC) and in preparation for the nomination and election of new members to come on, it is time to review some aspects of the PC as well as requirements for membership on it. The idea is to encourage qualified and eligible parishioners to prayerfully consider serving on our PC.

What is the Pastoral Council? Briefly, per Church Law, the Parish Pastoral Council is a structure of consultation to the pastor. It is a planning council, not a coordinating council; a consultative group pursuing the mission of the parish church with the pastor. The consultation of the Pastoral Council is essential in the decision-making process, but the Pastoral Council is not the decision maker. (Canon 536).

Who sits on the PC? When does it meet?

Our parish's Pastoral Council meets almost monthly and consists of elected and appointed members. Persons deemed eligible to serve on our parish's Pastoral Council need meet specific requirements. Please see the next page of this bulletin for those requirements, as well as to fill out the nomination ballot for the election of new members to our Pastoral Council. For more information, contact pastoral council member Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email her at: carolynrdc@att.net.

The Beautiful Processional Crucifix



has been gracing our liturgies and sanctuary the past month is in memory of a deceased parishioner, Dolores Capitan. It was chosen in consultation with her husband, Dr. William Capitan and the result of many benefactions made in her name. We are grateful to Dr. Capitan for his gracious commitment to arrange this beautiful memorial to our church in his late wife's honor.

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



Our 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 9th are:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed as of 5/9	7,343
Percent of Goal now:	53%
Amount yet to contribute	\$6,558
Pledge Balance	(\$3,629)

Mass Intention Requests:

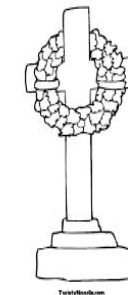


Please contact the pastor by phoning the parish office to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

<u>May 6-13</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requestor</u>
Saturday	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 8:30	+Ernila Rodriguez	Beatriz
Sunday 10:30	+Suzie McKenna	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 Collection</u>
May 7	\$2,996	\$2,588	\$ 408	BAA 8:30 Mass \$176