



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

November 4, 2018

4 de Noviembre de 2018

31st. Sunday in Ordinary Time

31er. 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

November 4th, 2018

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

The spiritual osmosis of the love for God and Neighbor

There are many ways we talk about love. We hear people talk about love for money, and we often demonstrate our love for our family members through our caring. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on our love for God and neighbor, which Jesus describes in Mark's Gospel as the greatest of all other understandings of love and the commandments (Mark 12:28-34). Love for God involves a total giving and submission of self to God in prayer, worship and friendship. Thus, the Lord said: "The first (commandment) is: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength" (Mark 12:30). With these words God invites us to submit our troubled minds, broken hearts, sinful souls and weak strength to Him that we may have peace and strength. Therefore, in our loving relationship with God we receive more than we give. We submit our weakness to God and in return we receive His forgiveness, spiritual strength and other blessings. I call this kind of Holy exchange a spiritual osmosis which is some how similar to biological osmosis. Thus, in biological osmosis the water molecules diffuse from a higher concentrated solute to a lower concentrated solute. In the spiritual osmosis of the love between man and God, the love from higher being (God) diffuses to the lower being (Man) to enrich him. In other words when we submit our weak selves, sinful souls, weak strengths and low lives to the power of God, the high power and mercy of God will permeate our weak and low lives to empower and strengthen us up. This is the first part of today's Gospel message.

The second part of the message is that this cycle of loving relationship with God is incomplete if we fail to extend the same love to our neighbors. Thus, Christ said: "The second is this: You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:31). Loving our neighbor involves empowering our weak brothers and sisters with the spiritual, moral and material gifts we received from God. This second loving relationship also follows the pattern of spiritual osmosis—the diffusion of the higher concentrated power/gift to the lower concentrated power/gift. In other words in this second osmosis of loving relationship those who are gifted more than others are called to permeate the lives of the lesser privileged to empower and strengthen them up spiritually, morally or materially. This is to say, when God empowers us then we in return should strengthen others up to complete the cycle of divine love. Consequently this is another practical way to demonstrate our commitment to our love for God, for as the Lord said: "Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me, and whatever you do for the least of my brethren that you do onto me" (Matthew 25:45). Again when we empower others with our gifts from God we are not only proving our love for God in them, we are as well increasing and spreading the love of God in us in their lives. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, let us continue to live the spiritual osmosis of the love for God and neighbor. For as the Gospel says today, the more we love our neighbor as ourselves the closer we are to the Kingdom of the children of God.

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

11/3/2018	Sat	5:30PM	St. Mary's Parishioners
11/4/2018	Sun	9:30AM	+ Melanio & Emiliana Librea
11/5/2018	Sun	11:30AM	+ Olegario Alejo Torres
11/6/2018	Tue	12PM	+ Helen Dill
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LA ESQUINA DEL PADRE SAM

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Evangelio: Marcos 12:28-34

La osmosis del amor, entre Dios y nuestro projimo.

Hay muchas definiciones e interpretaciones del concepto del amor. Usted puede tener un mejor punto de vista personal sobre el amor, pero el Evangelio de hoy nos invita a reflexionar sobre nuestro amor a Dios, nosotros mismos y a nuestro projimo en el cual Jesus lo describe en el Evangelio de Marcos como el mas grande de todos los amores y mandamientos (Marcos 12:28-34). El amor de Dios involucra una total entrega y sumision de nosotros mismos a El en oraciones, adoracion y fraternidad. Asi, nos dice el Senor: "El primer (mandamiento) es: Tu puedes amar al Senor tu Dios con todo tu corazon, con toda tu alma, con toda tu mente y con toda tu Fortaleza" (Marcos 12:30). Al amor de Dios entregamos nuestros problemas, corazones rotos, almas pecadoras y debilidades al Dios Omnipotente quien nos da paz a nuestros atribuladas mentes, y asi mismo nos da Consuelo a nuestras almas pecadoras y fortalece nuestras debilidades con su Misericordia. Del mismo modo, en nuestro amorosa relacion con Dios recibimos mas de lo que damos. Le entregamos nuestras debilidades y el nos entrega fortaleza espiritual unida a otras bendiciones. A esto le llamo osmosis, es como cierta clase de cambio santo-espiritual la cual es inversamente diferente de la osmosis biologica. Asi, la osmosis biologica la cual disuelve las moleculas en el agua con un bajo concentrado de solucion a un alto grado de solucion. Pero, en la osmosis espiritual (la cual describe aqui lo que sucede con nuestra relacion con Dios) es el movimiento de alta concentracion a la mas baja concentracion. De alta a baja. En otras palabras cuando agregamos nuestras debilidades, almas pecadoras, debilidades y una vida de muy bajo perfil ante Dios, el alto poder y misericordia de Dios cubre nuestras debilidades y vidas concediendonos fortaleza. Este es el aspecto mas importante en el mensaje del Evangelio de hoy.

La segunda parte del mensaje es que este ciclo de nuestra relacion con Dios esta incompleta si fallamos al extender nuestro amor al projimo. Del mismo modo, Cristo dice: "Lo Segundo es esto: Amaras a tu projimo como a ti mismo". Amar a nuestro projimo, requiere de empoderamiento ante las debilidades de nuestros hermanos y hermanas y les damos nuestros dones tanto en lo espiritual, moral y material, que recibimos de Dios. Esta segunda relacion es analoga a la osmosis biologica la difusion de un solvent de alta concentracion a un solvent de baja concentracion. En otras palabras en esta segunda osmosis de amor de aquellos que tenemos mas dones que otros, somos los llamados a cubrir las vidas de los menos privilegiados y fortalecerlos en lo spiritual, moral o material. Consecuentemente esta otra forma practica demuestra nuestro compromiso con el amor a Dios porque el Senor nos dice: "Verdaderamente te digo, cualquier cosa que hagas por tu projimo lo haces tambien por mi" (Mateo 25:45) Cuando empoderamos a otros con nuestros dones, los que nos dio Dios, proveemos tambien a Dios, asi de esta forma aumentamos y expandimos el amor a traves de nuestra vida.

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. Bible study will begin this upcoming Tuesday evening November 6 from 7-8 PM in the parish hall. If you have not picked up your study guide or would like to register, please see Bernie in classroom 1 in the hall after Mass. All are welcome. The subject for our 8 week study will be “Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible”. The study will uncover the big picture of the Bible and the remarkable connections between the Old and New Testaments. We’ll see how the sacraments, the Church and our entire Catholic Faith is rooted in scripture. We’ll examine the major sections of the Bible as well.
1. Los estudios Biblicos comenzaran este Martes Noviembre 6 de 7-8PM en el Gran Salon. Si a usted no ha recogido sus guias de estudio o le gustaria registrarse, por favor vea al Diacono Bernie en el salon de clases No. 1, despues de Misa. Todos son bienvenidos. El tema a estudiar durante 8 semanas sera “Los Misterios de la Biblia”. El estudio descubrirá en la Biblia importantisimas conexiones entre el Viejo y el Nuevo Testamento. Estudiaremos tambien Los Sacramentos, La Iglesia y a nuestra gran Fe Catolica y sus raices en las escrituras. Asi como tambien, examinaremos grandes secciones de la Biblia.
2. St. Mary Catholic Church will host Sumter Area Community Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7 PM. The Sumter Area Ministerial Association (SAMA) is where we send our contributions for charity.
2. Nuestra Iglesia Catolica St. Mary sera anfitriona en el Area de Sumter para la Comunidad, en el Servicio de Accion de Gracias. El Martes Noviembre 13 de 7PM. El Area de Sumter es donde enviamos nuestras contribuciones de caridad, para ayudas al prójimo.
3. Please Join Us In Preparing for the Seasons of Advent and Christmas! On Saturday, November 17, 2018, St. Mary PCCW, will sponsor a pre-Advent Morning of Reflection in Sherlock Hall presented by Sister Nancy Walsh, MSBT. Sister Nancy is one of three Missionary Servants of the Most Blessed Trinity who are serving in ministry to the diocese of Savannah. This is a summary of Sister Nancy’s program: The Advent Conspiracy: Come join the conspiracy to take Advent back into our lives and to resist the societal pressures to celebrate Christmas before its time and to get trapped into the materialism of our culture. In this retreat morning, we will journey with various Advent Biblical companions to rediscover the beauty of Advent anticipation as we prayerfully prepare to celebrate the Incarnation of Christ. The morning will begin with a continental breakfast from 8:30 to 9:00 AM followed by the program from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM. Please contact Carolyn Campbell, PCCW President, or Louise Bosse, PCCW Devotions Chairwoman, for more information. Their contact information is on the front of the bulletin.
4. The next PCCW meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 5, 2018 at 6:00 PM in classroom 3. The agenda will include planning for the November 17th Pre-Advent Morning of Reflection, update on kitchen donation basket, plans for the Odds & Ends sale in January 2019, follow-up on decorations done for the Seminarian dinner, and other topics. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or by email carolynrdc@att.net.



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
Oct. 7	\$3,327	\$3,121	\$206		
Oct. 14	\$2,894	\$3,121		\$227	\$680 Southern Cross
Oct. 21	\$3,512	\$3,121	\$391		\$830 World Mission Sunday \$135 Southern Cross
Oct. 28	\$2,341	\$3,121		\$780	