

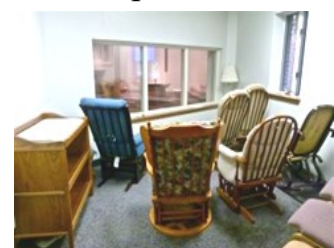
OYENTES SI, LECTORES NO



Nuestros obispos nos enseñan de la importancia de escuchar la palabra de Dios durante la misa. Dicen que cuando los miembros de una parroquia se reúnen para celebrar la Misa, han de participar en calidad de "Oyentes de la Palabra" en lugar de las personas que leen a lo largo de un texto mientras el lector proclama la Palabra de Dios. Por medio de la palabra de Dios proclamada del ambón por los lectores, el Espíritu Santo "hace lo que escuchamos en apariencia tienen si efecto hacia adentro". Es mejor, por tanto, que la palabra de Dios se escuche en vez de ser leída por los que participan en la Misa.

El Misaelito no es para acompañar al lector a lo largo de la lectura proclamada. Al mismo tiempo, lo invitamos a fomentar la lectura individual de la Biblia en su casa después las Misa. Como atentos oyentes de la Palabra de Dios, se espera que al salir de la Misa sintamos el deseo de leer más de los pasajes bíblicos proclamados en la Misa. Finalmente, es obvio que las personas con problemas auditivos o aquellos cuyo idioma nativo no el que se utiliza en la Misa, la lectura del Misaelito puede usar durante la proclamación de la Palabra de Dios.

Sala Disponible Por Niños Intranquilos



La sala en el frente de la iglesia, la misma que se usa para confesiones, sirva como una sala por niños que se porten a veces intranquilos durante la Misa. Los padres y sus niños pueden ver la Misa de allí. El uso de esta sala por los padres para tales niños ayuda con la celebración correcta de la Misa, especialmente cuando los lectores proclamen las escrituras y durante la homilía que de el padre. Gracias por su colaboración.



Domingo 15 avo del Tiempo Ordinario

Que nuestra administración de nuestro tiempo, talento y tesoro nos muestre que estamos entre aquellos que han escuchado el mensaje de Cristo y lo hemos aceptado, produciendo cien, sesenta o treinta veces!

¿Las próximas pláticas Bautismales?



Para el sacramento de bautismo de su niño/a, se requiere que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también. Para mas información favor llamar los coordinadores de las pláticas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846).

El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos

Rito de Iniciación



Cristiana de Adultos

(RICA) RICA es un proceso por el cual una persona que desea recibir los sacramentos en la Iglesia Católica es instruida en la fe Católica y luego recibida como fiel de la Iglesia.

Adultos mayores de 16 años que no son bautizados o han sido bautizados y desean recibir la Sagrada Comunión y el sacramento de la Confirmación, pueden participar de este programa.

Los cursos de RICA comienzan la segunda semana del mes de septiembre; se reúnen la noche de viernes de las 7 a las 8:30 en Sherlock Hall. En cada reunión, el participante tiene la oportunidad de hacer preguntas sobre la fe católica y en oración discernir si él / ella quiere pasar a la siguiente etapa.

No tiene que seguir el curso si se discierne que seria mejor postergarlo por un año. Cada individuo sigue a la llamada, ya que son introducidos a los valores del Evangelio y los inicios de la fe. Los candidatos y catecúmenos calificados estarán recibidos plenamente en la fe en la vigilia de Pascua, el 30 de marzo, 2018.

Para mas información, por favor póngase en contacto ahora con los coordinadores de la RICA, Sara o Raúl Yanez (938-8713).



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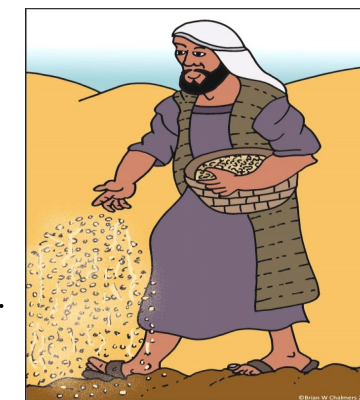
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

July 16th, 2017 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A sower went out to sow.

And as he sowed,

some seed fell on the path, and birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky ground, where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep, and when the sun rose it was scorched, and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it. But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold. " (Matt. 13)



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 pláticas 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 and Young People toll free reporting hotline is (888) 357-5530

Are you Safe Environment trained?



VIRTUS is a program encouraged by Bishops nation wide to train adults, clergy included on promoting safe environment for children and youth. Virtus training of adults is required for Safe Environment

Compliance particularly for any adult who will come into contact with children or youth as part of their ministry. It must be completed before they begin ministry (a listing of those ministries can be found at <http://bit.ly/1yU4Yk6>).

On Saturday, August 26, our parish VIRTUS coordinator, Ron Akerman, will offer a training session for adult parishioners (18 years of age and older). Adult parishioners who are not currently volunteers are encouraged to attend this training to inform themselves of dangers in our society to children and youth and to provide themselves with tools they can use to help keep safe children and youth. Feel free to contact Ron for further information at: ronakerman@mediacombb.net

Teachers Going To Be Needed In Fall



Are you called to teach our Catholic Faith? Why Become a Parish Catechist? Here below are some of the many good reasons:

You will grow in your faith, learn the Church's teachings, and deepen your relationship with Jesus;
Your Baptism calls you to share in Jesus' ministry;
Our children and our teens more than ever need to encounter Jesus and his gospel;
You'll help others deepen their relationship with Jesus. (You'll be evangelizing!)
Our children and teens also need to encounter good role models of our Catholic faith;
You will have opportunities to share your faith with not just your students but with other catechists;
Catechetical textbooks & resources provide helpful clear directions and ample support;
You'll be constructively challenged, you'll often find it enjoyable and you'll make new friends.

To follow up please contact Religious Ed Coordinator, Ron Akerman (229-942-1653 or by emailing him at: ronakerman@mediacombb.net).

Mark Your Calendars

A Morning of Reflection will be held in Sherlock Hall Saturday, September 16th on the theme: "A Journey in Faith with Mary: From the Annunciation to the Assumption". Presenters will be Trinitarian Sisters Christine Wiltrakis and Therese Francis. All are invited— women, men (including high school students). For more info, contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email: carolynrdc@att.net



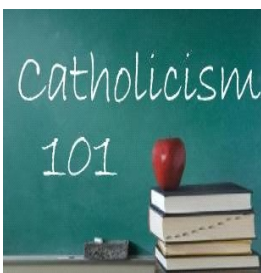
Notice The New Weekly Budget Figure?



Our new fiscal year weekly budget figure for our parish's week-end offertory collections averages \$3,026 as compared to \$2,588 for the FY just ended 6/30/17. The weekly increase of \$438 over

last year FY is due in great part to the needed hiring of a reliable person with expertise for book-keeping and the long overdue painting of the exterior of the church and hall (\$8,700). The relatively small \$438 figure would have been higher were it not for successful measures taken last year and before to decrease the cost of utilities (\$7,000), household expenses (\$7,000), and office expenses (\$2,800). For further info please contact the Chair of our parish Finance Committee Bernie Bosse (229-815-0189 or by email: bcbosse@mchsi.com)

Questions about your Catholic faith?



Two useful websites for exploring more about one's Catholic faith are the U.S. Bishops' website, www.usccb.org and Bishop Barron's website, www.wordonfire.org.

HEARERS OF GOD'S PROCLAIMED WORD



Periodically during the liturgical year we remind ourselves what our Bishops have said about using misalettes at Mass.

They instruct that when members of the parish come to church for Mass, it is important they participate as an assembly who are "Hearers of the Word". In other words, they are to participate not as isolated individuals who read along from a misalette while the lector at the ambo is proclaiming God's Word. They teach that by means of the word of God proclaimed at Mass, the Holy Spirit "makes what we hear outwardly have its effect inwardly". They teach also it is clearly preferable that the Word of God be heard rather than read by all who participate at Mass. Otherwise one could ask why not have all present read in silence the readings from their misalette and not have lectors?

Through the hearing of God's word the parish church is built up and grows. Our misalettes are to serve mainly as hymnals to aid our singing during the Mass and for our meditation on the readings before Mass. As attentive hearers of God's Word, it is hoped that more of us will depart from Mass desiring to read at home from the Biblical passages proclaimed at Mass. Finally it goes without saying that for the hearing impaired, or for those whose native language is not the one being used at Mass, misalettes can be used during the proclamation of the inspired Word of God.

Stewardship Thought 15th Sunday, July 16



It is only the hand that is open to give that is open to receive. God cannot give us what we refuse to take and God cannot give to us when our hands and hearts cling to things not of God's disposition.

Clarifying Notes About An Annulment



"There is always some confusion and misunderstandings regarding the annulment process of the Roman Catholic Church.

It is sometimes incorrectly assumed that the marriages of baptized non-Catholics are not recognized by the Catholic Church as valid unions. These marriages are in fact recognized by the Catholic Church, and declaration of nullity ("Annulment") is necessary before a divorced non-Catholic may be free to marry in the Catholic Church.

Another source of confusion regarding the work of the (Church) tribunal is the fact that there are several different types of processes for the investigation of marriages. A valid Catholic marriage results from different elements:

- (1) the spouses are free to marry;
- (2) they freely exchange their consent;
- (3) in consenting to marry, they have the intention to marry for life, to be faithful to one another and be open to children; they intend the good of each other; and
- (4) their consent is given in the presence of two witnesses and before a properly authorized Priest or Deacon. Exceptions to the last requirement must be approved by church authority.

The defectiveness of any of these elements could be related to a different type of process of marriage annulment." (Source: Tribunal Newsletter, Diocese of Savannah, August 2015)

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/Sobre; Deficit/Falta</u>	<u>2nd Collections</u>
July 2	\$3,300	\$3,026	\$ 274	Peter's Pence \$534
July 9	\$3,350	\$3,026	\$ 324	