

¿ LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO: CÓMO PO-



DEMOS AYU-
DARLA? Con-
sidere una pro-
mesa durante
esta campaña de
donación sema-
nalmente en la
segunda colec-

ta. Ya tomamos dos colectas; cada familia cal-
cula su Donación Total y se lo logra por diez
pagos durante la próxima dos meses como se ve
en el ejemplo abajo:

Donación Total: 10 Pagos por Segunda Colecta

\$400	\$40
\$300	\$30
\$200	\$20
\$100	\$10

Viacrucis los miércoles en cuaresma



Los miércoles
de la cuaresma,
hay el viacrucis
en la iglesia co-
menzando a las
6:25. Estaremos
guiado por un
laico nombrado
por el párroco y

usaremos libritos que contienen reflexiones y
respuestas. Además, justamente después del
viacrucis tendremos una breve adoración del
santísima con un himno, incensación y una
bendición. Terminaremos a las 7:25.

Método de la Lectura Divina: Hay
cuatro pasos al este método:



Las Encuestas sobre el cambio posible del

horario de las Misas del fin de la semana. Su
participación en el pro-
ceso es esencial para el
discernimiento sobre
un cambio posible del
horario de las misas al
fin de la semana. Así
pues, sin falta, después
de llenar la encuesta
que recibió en la misa,
favor traérsela la pró-

xima semana y ponerla en el cesto ubicado delan-
te del altar de la iglesia. O si prefería, dejala en la ofici-
na parroquial durante las horas de atender en la se-
mana. Que sepan que si haya interés suficiente de la
comunidad Hispana, posiblemente tendremos un
cambio del horario de las Misas al fin de semana; si
no haya interés suficiente, definitivamente no tondre-
mos un cambio del horario de las misas del fin de
semana.

Lectio Divina: Cuaresma 2nda Semana

1. Empecemos nuestra oración: En el nombre del Padre, y del Hijo, y del Espíritu Santo. Amén
2. Lectura: Lee Mateo 17: 1-9 de la Transfiguración dos o tres veces.
3. Meditación : Después de la lectura, toma unos momentos para reflexionar en silencio acerca de una o más de las siguientes preguntas:
¿Cuál palabra o palabras captaron mi atención?
¿Qué parte en este pasaje me consoló?
¿Qué parte en este pasaje me desafió?
4. Contemplación: ¿De qué manera se relaciona este pasaje con la experiencia de mi vida diaria?

*Señor, ¡qué bueno sería quedarnos aquí! ¿Dónde me siento más cerca del Señor? ¿En dónde quiere el Señor que yo esté?
Éste es mi Hijo muy amado, en quien tengo puestas mis complacencias; escúchenlo. ¿En qué formas/lugares/cosas escucho la voz del Señor? ¿Qué es lo que me impide escuchar y responder positivamente a la voz del Señor?
Levántense y no teman. ¿De qué manera mis temores me impiden responder con todo mi corazón al llamado del Señor?*

5. Oración: Lee el pasaje de la Escritura una vez más. Termine la oración con un Padre Nuestro.



St. Mary Catholic Church

332 S. Lee St., Americus, GA 31709

Tel: (229) 924-3495

PASTOR: Father Fran Gillespie SJ (“Padre Paco”)

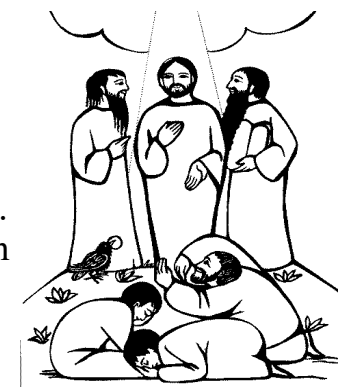
email: fgillespie@diosav.org

OFFICE EMAIL: stmaryamericus@gmail.com

PARISH WEB PAGE: www.stmaryamericus.com

OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday-Friday: 9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

March 12, 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent



“Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them... And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. ...then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."... Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 - Couples must contact Father at least 6 months before planned 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

“Our Return to the Lord” is the theme for the Bishop’s Annual Appeal this year.



Our pledges and gifts will again help make our Bishop’s appeal a success. Using the same formula that has proven successful the past

three years, let us (1) pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute then (2) pledge that amount and, by installments, contribute to assist our Bishop meet the many material and spiritual needs of our diocese.

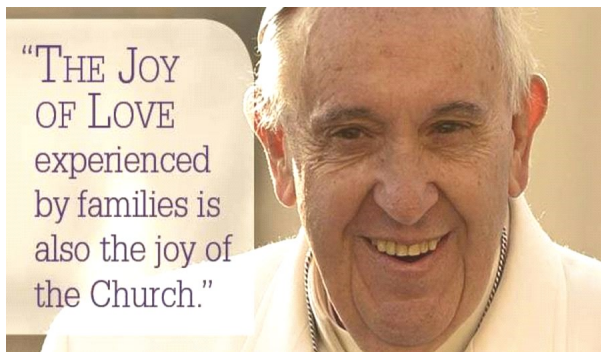
If Total Pledge is then 10 Periodic Installments

\$1,000	\$100
500	50
250	25
120	12

St. Mary’s 2017 BAA Goal: \$13,901

Come to Lenten Morning of Reflection

on Saturday, April 1st in Sherlock Hall, starting with breakfast at 8 am (to 8:45), followed by the talk and group dynamics led by Sr. Cristine Wiltrakis from 9 am to 12 noon.



Her theme is from the apostolic exhortation by Pope Francis “The Joy of Love”. All parishioners and their friends are invited (admission gratis). To get the most out of this spiritually enriching morning, we are encouraged to procure and read beforehand “The Joy of Love”.

Stations of the Cross with Exposition and Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament



The Stations of the Cross are held on Friday mornings in the church starting at 11 AM led by Bernie Bosse. As before, Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will follow with the pastor presiding. Immediately following these two devotions is the Mass at noon. During Lent, the Wednesday morning Exposition will be transferred to Friday and abbreviated as indicated above.

Moreover Stations of the Cross are being held on Wednesday evenings in Spanish starting at 6:25. They are followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Consequently, the Wednesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament we’ve been having since September will be abbreviated in Lent so we can pray the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome no matter their native language.

Moreover Stations of the Cross are being held on Wednesday evenings in Spanish starting at 6:25. They are followed by Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Consequently, the Wednesday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament we’ve been having since September will be abbreviated in Lent so we can pray the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome no matter their native language.



Mass Intention Requests:

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

Pedida Para Una Misa: Si quisiera pedir una intención por una Misa, favor de llamar la oficina parroquial. Si el párroco no está favor déjele un aviso.

March 11-17	Mass Intention	Requestor
Saturday	+Virginia Martindale Parishioners	The Bosses Pastor
Sunday 8:30	+ Jocelyne Dede	The Bosses Betty Shank
Sunday 10:30	+ T. G. Barker	Betty Shank-
Wednesday	+Thomas Barker	Vince Curtin
Thursday	+ Frances Curtin	
Friday		

Surveys of Possible Mass Time Change



Once you complete the survey you received, either drop it off in the Survey Basket located in front of the church’s main altar or, if you prefer, drop it off in the pouch on the parish office door. All surveys received by one PM Friday, March 17, St. Patrick’s Day, will be processed; after that none will.



THE LENTEN RICE BOWLS

which have been distributed to the children in our Faith Formation Classes to be brought home to their families, are also available for the rest of us in the back of the church. We are invited to use them as another way of Lenten almsgiving, to drop at least our loose change in them as a way to be mindful of the famished in foreign countries and help feed them. The money one saves from Lenten fasting and abstaining and deposited in the bowls is sent to Catholic Charities in their world wide effort to feed the hungry.

which have been distributed to the children in our Faith Formation Classes to be brought home to their families, are also available for the rest of us in the back of the church. We are invited to use them as another way of Lenten almsgiving, to drop at least our loose change in them as a way to be mindful of the famished in foreign countries and help feed them. The money one saves from Lenten fasting and abstaining and deposited in the bowls is sent to Catholic Charities in their world wide effort to feed the hungry.



“Go To A Place of Silence To Listen To Jesus”

Keeping a prayerful silence even in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament

appears impossible for many adults. For some, any excuse will do to break the silence to talk and in the process distract others trying to pray. At the Transfiguration the Father told us to listen to Jesus. In a Lenten homily, Pope Francis instructs us that the first duty of a Christian is to listen to the Word of God, to listen to Jesus! “We need to go...to a place of silence, to find ourselves, to better perceive the voice of the Lord.” One of those silent places is Church before the Blessed Sacrament. As Psalm 46 has it: “Be still and know I am your God.” Let us use Lent reclaim the gift of silence for our praying.

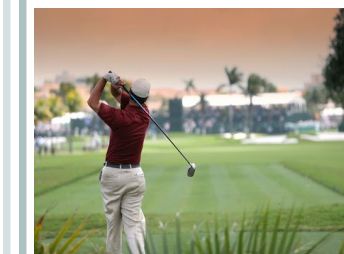
Lenten Penance Services in Oher Churches



The season of Lent prompts in us desires to better know Jesus, to better love Him, to more closely follow Him. These desires are integral to our process of conversion during Lent. To realize these desires we avail ourselves of the Sacrament of Confession, and all parishioners are urged to celebrate this Sacrament (“Reconciliation”) in a communal setting here or at a nearby parish listed below. These services involve adults, youth and eligible children, and have on hand an ample number of confessors, bilingual priests included. Consult an Examination of Conscience guide ahead of time to prepare yourself well for your confession. Persons who cannot make any of these services due to illness or work schedule can phone the pastor during Lent but before Holy Thursday to arrange a mutually convenient time.

March 22	Wednesday	St. Mary, Americus	7PM
April 4	Tuesday	St. Theresa, Cordele	7PM
April 5	Wednesday	St. Teresa, Albany	7PM

The 20th Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament



will be Saturday, March 25 at 8 AM at Griffin Bell Golf Course. If you would like to play, volunteer, be a hole sponsor or prize donor, please call Ron Akerman at 942-1653.

Bulletin Submissions: If you have an item to be considered for publication in our parish bulletin with possible announcement at Mass, please email it to the pastor, including your name and contact information, no later than Wednesday noon.



with possible announcement at Mass, please email it to the pastor, including your name and contact information, no later than Wednesday noon.

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre;Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
Ash Wednes.	\$ 705	For Church in Eastern Europe	XX	XX
March 5	\$3,455	\$2,588	\$867	BAA 8:30 Mass \$355
March 12				