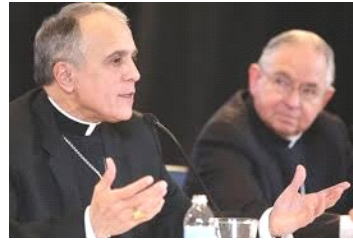


LIDERAZGO DE LOS OBISPOS DE LOS EE.UU DENUNCIAN LA TERMINACIÓN DEL PROGRAMA DE DACA DESPUÉS DE SEIS MESES.



"La cancelación del programa DACA es censurable. Esto causa un miedo innecesario para DACA jóvenes y sus familias. Estos

jóvenes entró a los EE.UU. como menores de edad y, a menudo sabe Latina como su único hogar. La Iglesia Católica siempre ha mirado con orgullo y admiración como DACA la juventud vivir sus vidas diarias con la esperanza y la determinación de prosperar y contribuir a la sociedad. continuar trabajando y mantener a sus familias, sin dejar de prestar el servicio militar, y continuando a recibir una educación Ahora, después de meses de ansiedad y temor sobre su futuros, estos valientes jóvenes se enfrentan a la deportación. Esta decisión es inaceptable y no refleja lo que somos como estadounidenses.

La Iglesia ha reconocido y proclamado la necesidad de acoger a los jóvenes: 'El que recibe a uno de estos niños en mi nombre me acoge; y el que me recibe a mí, no a mí sino al que me ha enviado' (Marcos 9:37) no es bienvenido. Hoy, nuestra nación ha hecho lo contrario de cómo la Escritura nos llama a responder. Es un paso atrás de los avances que tenemos que hacer como país. Las acciones de hoy representan un momento desgarrador en nuestra historia que muestra la ausencia de misericordia y buena voluntad, y una visión miope para el futuro. DACA jóvenes se tejen en la tela de nuestro país y de nuestra Iglesia, y son, por cada medida social y humano, la juventud americana.

Instamos enérgicamente al Congreso a actuar y reanudar el trabajo hacia una solución legislativa inmediatamente. Pedimos apoyo para trabajar en la búsqueda de un medio rápido de protección para DACA juventud.



El Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos



(RICA) es un proceso por el cual una persona que desea recibir los sacramentos en la Iglesia Católica es instruida en la fe Católica durante el

año y luego puede ser 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 están bienvenidos a este programa. Los cursos de RICA ya comenzaran; se reúnen la noche de viernes de las 7 a las 8:30 en el salón de la iglesia.



Reunión este miércoles con los padres que tienen hijos en nuestras clases religiosas.

Se los avisen los padres que tienen hijos en nuestras clases religiosas hay una reunión obligatoria en

la iglesia este miércoles, al menos uno de ellos debe asistir. Favor, este miércoles, inmediatamente después de dejar sus hijos en el salón Sherlock, o sea entre las 6 y las 6:15, caminen al templo donde tendremos la reunión bilingüe con el párroco Padre Paco y el coordinador ron Akerman.

CORRESPONSABILIDAD 10 de septiembre



¿Soy yo el guardián de mi hermano? Las tres lecturas de hoy sugieren

que para el administrador cristiano de los bienes de Dios la respuesta es "Sí!"



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 September 10, 2017, 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Again, amen, I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father. For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt:18)

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

Saturday Morning of Reflection: Join us

Saturday Morning Seminar Series

Our Parish Council of Catholic women (PCCW) is hosting a Morning of Reflection with Sr. Christine Wiltrakis and Sr. Therese Francis next Saturday,

September 16, 2017. The title of the program is "A Journey in Faith: with Mary from Annunciation to Assumption." The morning will start with a continental breakfast served from 8:30 to 9:15.

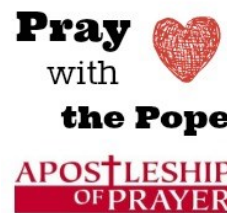
Following is Sister Christine's presentation from 9:15 AM to 12:15 PM, with questions entertained during it and with a snack break. All men and women interested in the topic are welcome, as are teens sixteen years of age and above. So we can properly plan the procuring of food items and arrange table space, those who will attend are asked to contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or by her email: carolynrdc@att.net.

PCCW's Next Meeting is this Monday,



September 11th. All ladies of the parish are invited. The PCCW will elect officers for the upcoming year and finalize the plans for the Morning of Reflection (see above). For more information, contact Carolyn Campbell @ 229-942-2801; email: carolynrdc@att.net.

Pope's Prayer Intentions for September



As part of our Church's world wide Apostleship of Prayer in union with Pope Francis, please remember the following intention in your prayers this month:

"That our parishes, animated by a missionary spirit, may be places where faith is communicated and charity is seen".

Leadership of US Bishops Denounce Administration's Decision to End DACA; Urge Congress to Find Solution (September 5, 2017)



"The cancellation of the DACA program is reprehensible. It causes unnecessary fear for DACA youth and their families.

These youth entered the U.S. as minors and often know America as their only home. The Catholic Church has long watched with pride and admiration as DACA youth live out their daily lives with hope and a determination...to contribute to society: to work and provide for their families, to serve in the military, to receive an education. Now, after months of anxiety and fear about their futures, these ...young people face deportation. This decision is unacceptable and does not reflect who we are as Americans.

The Church has recognized and proclaimed the need to welcome young people: 'Whoever welcomes one of these children in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me does not welcome me but the one who sent me' (Mark 9:37). Today, our nation has done the opposite of how Scripture calls us to respond. It is a step back from the progress that we need to make as a country. Today's actions represent a heartbreaking moment in our history that shows the absence of mercy and good will, and a short-sighted vision for the future. DACA youth are woven into the fabric of our country and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American youth.

We strongly urge Congress to act and immediately resume work toward a legislative solution. As people of faith, we say to DACA youth – regardless of your immigration status, you are children of God and welcome in the Catholic Church. The Catholic Church supports you and will advocate for you." (Source: <http://www.usccb.org/news/2017/17-159.cfm>)

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 DOES THE NEXT RCIA CYCLE BEGIN?

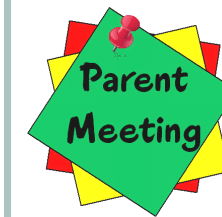


The next RCIA cycle begins Sunday, 24th of September, in Sherlock Hall following the 9:30 Mass and goes until 12 noon. All persons listed in the

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 now RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse at: 229-815-0189 or by his email at: bcbosse@mchsi.com.

Meeting This Wednesday For Parents Having Children in Faith Formation Classes



Our pastor, Fr. Gillespie, and our Faith Formation Coordinator, Ron Akerman, will hold a meeting for parents having children in our Wednesday evening Faith Formation Classes. This is the yearly required orientation meeting for parents wherein norms and expectations of students and parents will be presented.

The meeting will be bilingual, will be held in the church, and parents and guardians are asked to gather reverently in the church after signing-in their children in the hall as usual.



Birthday Of Mary: Some Background



Happy birthday Mary

The Feast of the Nativity of Mary began to be observed in the West in the 7th century brought there by Eastern monks. From the 13th century on, the celebration assumed notable importance, becoming a Solemnity. Her birth date through the centuries was celebrated on different dates from place to place. However,

when the Feast of the Immaculate Conception... was proclaimed, her birth date was assigned to September 8 since it is nine months after the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception.

The Gospels do not provide us anything about the birth of the Virgin Mary. Their attention is completely centered on the mystery of Christ and His salvific mission. In the case of all the other saints, the Church commemorates their birthday on the day of their return to the Lord. However, in the cases of St. John the Baptizer and the Blessed Virgin, the Church celebrates the day of their earthly birth. The reason for this has to do with their unique missions in the history of salvation. The birth of Mary is considered to be, like that of John the Baptizer, in direct relationship with the coming of the Savior of the world. Thus, the birth and existence of Mary takes on a significance that transcends her own person. It is explained solely in the context of the history of salvation, connected with the People of God of the Old Covenant and the New.

Mary's birth lies at the confluence of the two Testaments. It brings an end the stage of expectation in the Old and inaugurates the new times of grace and salvation in Jesus Christ in the New. The birth of Mary...is indissolubly connected with that of Christ. God's mysterious plan regarding the incarnation of the Word embraces also the Virgin who is His Mother. Source: *Dictionary of Mary* cited on: <http://www.ewtn.com>.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
September 3	\$3,217	\$3,026	+191	
September 10		3,026		Collection for Harvey Victims