

### Presentando nuestro nuevo párroco, Padre Samuel Aniekwe

Me nací en Agulu, Nigeria en 1964. Desde mi Ordenación en 1996, he disfrutado sirviendo en las siguientes funciones: fui Vicario Parroquial de la Iglesia St. John's Baptist en Awka, Nigeria; Pastor de la Iglesia St. Peter's Catholic en Awka, Nigeria y Gerente Escolar en la escuela secundaria "Madonna" en Uga, Nigeria. Serví en las funciones arriba mencionadas desde 1996 a 2004 antes de mi migración a los Estados Unidos en Julio 24 del 2004.

Sobre mi inicio en los Estados Unidos, trabajé con la Diócesis de Pittsburgh, PA. como Vicario Parroquial de la Iglesia de St. Maurice Church en Forrest Hill y como Capellán de Guardia en el Hospital de la Universidad en Pittsburgh. Ayude a la Diócesis de Pittsburgh en las áreas arriba mencionadas, mientras completaba mi Post-Grado en "Éticas al Cuidado de la Salud" en la Universidad de Duquesne, en Pittsburgh, desde el 2004 al 2009. Después de completar mi Post-Grado, fui llamado por el Señor a servir al País, como Capellán de la Armada en USAR. Como Capellán Católico Romano de la Armada (USAR). Serví en Fort Gordon, como Capellán Responsable Activo Movilizado desde 2010 al 2012. Al final de mi gira como movilizado, obtuve un permiso de estudio para mi Doctorado en "Consejero de Comunidad en Educación Pastoral". Complete estos trabajos académicos mientras servía como Administrador Parroquial de St. Boniface's en Springfield, del 2012 al 2014 y como Administrador Parroquial de la Iglesia St. Michael en Montezuma, GA., de Junio 04 del 2014 a Junio 14 del 2017.

Fui asignado a IRR (USAR) incluso serví como Pastor Asociado a la Parroquia St. James en Savannah. Recientemente, re-asignado a la Iglesia de Saint Mary's Americus como Administrador Parroquial. Es un gran honor servir a las buenas personas de Saint Mary's Americus, como su Sacerdote Parroquial. Por favor, oren tanto como yo y siempre los mantendré en mis Oraciones.



### Corresponsabilidad 1 de julio, 13 avo. del tiempo ordinario

La Lectura de hoy de San Pablo explica "la economía divina" de la administración de los bienes de Dios - "La ayuda a los demás no debe empobrecerte; tiene que haber cierta igualdad. Tu abundancia en el presente debe satisfacer las necesidades de aquellos, para que algún día los excedentes de ellos puedan a su vez satisfacer tus necesidades."

### Sala Disponible Por Niñitos Intranquilos



La sala en el frente de la iglesia, la misma que se usa para confesiones, sirva como una sala por niñitos que se porten a veces intranquilos durante la Misa. Los padres y sus niñitos pueden ver la Misa de allí. El uso de esta sala por los padres para tales niñitos 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.

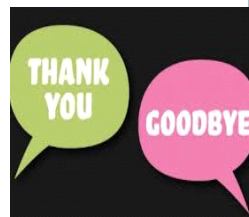


### Este jueves que viene es el primero del mes

Todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia este jueves, el primero del mes, a las 6:50 para adorar delante del Santísimo, a rezar, y cantar juntos. El diacono Bernie estará presente como es el costumbre.

### ¡Adiós Amigos!

Estoy muy agradecido a todos los feligreses de la comunidad Hispana, especialmente los que vinieron a la despedida el miércoles pasado, inclusive gracias por las comidas y placas y otros regalos que me presentaron. Con cariño, P. PADRE PACO.



## SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

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July 1, 2018 13th Sunday in O.T.

"Jesus said to the synagogue official, "Do not be afraid; just have faith. Jesus took along the child's father and mother and those who with him and entered the room where the child was. He took the child by the hand and said to her, Talitha kum, which means, "Little girl, I say to you, arise!" The girl, a child of twelve, arose immediately and walked around."



**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 nuestros feligreses Juan y Angélica Alejo ((229-591-9846) para registrarse por pláticas 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** - 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

### 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. This Sacrament can be received more than once, periodically during the year.

**Confession/Reconciliation** - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 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



**Father Samuel Aniekwe, Our New Priest**



Father Samuel was born in Agulu, Nigeria in 1964. He was ordained to the priesthood in 1996. "Since ordination, I have enjoyed serving in the following capacities: I was a parochial vicar of St. John's Baptist Church in Awka, Nigeria; a pastor of St. Peter's Catholic Church in Awka, Nigeria and a school manager at

Madonna Secondary School in Uga, Nigeria. I served in the above capacities from 1996 to 2004 prior to my migration to the United States on July 24, 2004.

Upon entering the United States, I worked with the diocese of Pittsburgh, PA as parochial vicar of St. Maurice Church in Foresthill and on-call hospital chaplain at University Teaching Hospital in Pittsburgh. I helped the diocese of Pittsburgh in the above areas while completing my Master's degree in Healthcare Ethics at Duquesne University, Pittsburgh from 2004 to 2009. After completing my Master's degree, I was summoned by the Lord to serve the country as an Army Chaplain in USA. As a Roman Catholic Army Chaplain (USA) I served at Fort Gordon as a mobilized active duty chaplain from 2010 to 2012. At the end of my mobilization tour I got a study leave for my doctorate in Pastoral Community Counseling Education. I completed this academic work while serving as a parochial administrator of St. Boniface's in Springfield, 2012-2014, and as parochial administrator of St. Michael Church in Montezuma GA, from June 4, 2014 to June 14, 2017.

I was assigned to IRR (USA) even as I serve as Associate Pastor at St. James The Less parish Savannah. It is a great honor to serve the good people of Saint Mary's Americus as your parish priest. Please pray for me as I will for you."



**Stewardship Thought for 13h Sunday**

Christian Stewardship provides a spirituality that you can take home from church,

exercise at work, and express through personal involvement in the community and church.

**Passing Parish's Pastoral Baton**



As previously announced, and per Bishop Hartmayer's letter of appointment, our outgoing pastor Fr. Fran Gillespie, SJ passed the pastoral baton this weekend to incoming Father Sam Aniekwe.

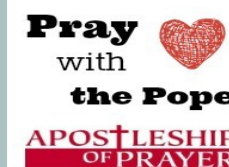
Father Sam, who wrote a brief biography for our bulletin last week, provides further self-introduction this week.

In moving on to his next assignment in the Diocese of Charleston, Father Gillespie expresses his heartfelt gratitude to so many parishioners of St. Mary, especially to those who were able to come to his send off last Wednesday in our wonderfully renovated parish hall. He thanks all for their warm good wishes and is grateful to those who gave him gifts (much to his surprise).

For those who inquired, Fr. Gillespie's mail will be forwarded this month by our office to a Jesuit Community in Pennsylvania with whom he will be vacationing with for the next few weeks. Later in August he will provide our parish office the name and address of his parish in South Carolina. He no longer will be using his Savannah Diocese email account but, if need be, can be reached at: padrepaco@aol.com. **A-Dios!**

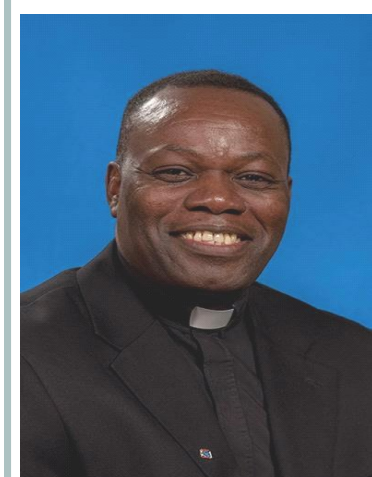


**Pope's Prayer Intention for July**



As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month.

**Intention:** Priests and their Pastoral Ministry. That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.



**Introducing Father Samuel Aniekwe,** assumes the role of Parochial Vicar of St. Mary parish July 1st. Father Sam writes the following about himself.

[My journey of life started when God in His infinity mercy brought me into this world on July 10, 1964, in a town called Agulu in Nigeria. If you are searching for a person raised in a refugee camp, you have one with you here.

I was just three years old when the Nigeria civil war broke out from 1967 to 1970. Because I was a child then I can't personally recall the entire experience of the war, but I have a little memory of the sounds of bomb, bullets and cries for food and water. More than two thousand babies died by starvation on the side of Biafra (where I come from) according to the story. We came home from the refugee camp after the war to find our homes

destroyed and food and livestock looted. Therefore, hunger and starvation persisted many years after the war. This was the puzzle I found myself in growing up among my four older brothers in our parents' home. I was enrolled in kindergarten immediately after the war. There was no school bus then, so I remember walking more than two miles to my elementary school every morning.

As a teenager and young boy, my parents bought a little lamb for me to raise, as it was the custom then for parents to train their male child to become a responsible man in the future by encouraging them to raise a home animal. My mind goes back to those days I used to take my lamb out for grazing at the field as I walked to school. My older brothers had theirs, too, and sometimes I took care of all the lambs. I loved my little lamb for its meekness and the companionship it offered me when I was alone in the field feeding it.

It was a tough and challenging task for me as young boy to take care of my beautiful lamb and do my school work at the same time. Many times, I found out my lamb was missing, and I would walk inside woods searching for it. I had to feed it more than three times in a day because lambs eat a lot, you know. By enduring the little pain and discomfort from raising the lamb I learned to endure big painful conditions of my life. Additionally, seeing my lamb growing everyday then reassured me that if I work hard I can succeed in any good work I embark on.

The sense of humility, responsibility and care I acquired from my home training as a young Christian boy were some of the motivating factors in my vocation to the priesthood. My priesthood discernment started as an altar server, when in 1981 I was admitted into junior seminary. I graduated from junior seminary in 1986. I spent a year outside seminary for pastoral experience as a teacher in one of our diocesan junior seminaries. In 1987, I was sent to major seminary for philosophy and religious studies.

I graduated in 1991, and I took a year probational leave to discern finally if the priesthood is my vocation. I worked as one the secretaries in a paper producing company. I received fifty thousand Naira monthly salary: the equivalent of (\$150) hundred and fifty dollars. With this amount I paid my house rent, fed myself and took care of my other bills. After a year of civilian life/work experience, I was sent back to major seminary for another bachelor degree study in theology. I graduated in 1996 and was ordained a priest the same year.

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
June 3	\$3,553	\$2,925	\$ 628	
June 10	\$3,991	\$2,925	\$1,066	SAMA \$ 901
June 17	\$2,580	\$2,925	\$ 345	
June 24	\$2,557	\$2,925	\$ 368	