

ORACIÓN POR LAS MADRES



“Padre Celestial: Te damos gracias por nuestras madres. Tú has dado a la mujer la capacidad de participar

contigo en la creación de nueva vida. Haz que cada mujer puede llegar a comprender el pleno significado de esta bendición.

Bendice a las madres a quienes les has dado el gran privilegio y la responsabilidad de ser formadoras de un niño o una niña. Haz que todas ellas puedan fomentar la fe de sus hijos, siguiendo el ejemplo de la Madre de Tu Hijo.

Te pedimos que envíes el Espíritu Santo Consolador a las madres que han perdido hijos, que están enfermos o separados de sus familias, que se encuentran en peligro o problemas de cualquier tipo. Muéstrales Tu misericordia y dales fortaleza y serenidad. “

LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISBO está realizando



por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misa. Ya tomamos cinco colectas y según las cifras diocesana de 10 de mayo ya logramos \$9,458 o 66% de

nuestro reto parroquial de \$14,376. Gracias a los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es seamos Discípulos Misioneros.

Corresponsabilidad: Ascensión

Jesús es el perfecto administrador –mira cuidadosamente a todos los que han sido encomendados a El por el Padre y después los envía a todos para que sirvan por el mundo. ¡Que de igual forma yo proteja y use sabiamente los dones que se me han encomendado!



Papa Francisco y la Ascensión de Jesús



“Me ha venido el recuerdo al leer las palabras del ángel – los dos hombres vestidos de blanco– el relato de la Ascensión en la primera lectura de los Hechos de los apóstoles. Les echa en cara a los discípulos que “están plantados mirando al cielo”.

Dicho de otra manera que están perdiendo el tiempo, que no hay que mirar arriba sino abajo. Como aquellos jubilados de mi ciudad natal, los discípulos se habían quedado tan asombrados por aquella presencia de Jesús y por su desaparición que no sabían más que hacer que mirar al cielo. Como aquellos discípulos, también nosotros escuchamos a aquellos hombres que nos dicen: “¿Qué hacéis ahí plantados mirando al cielo?” Hay mucho que hacer. Hay que mirar a la tierra, poner los pies en el suelo, mancharnos de barro, estrechar la mano al hermano, construir el Reino aquí y ahora. No podemos ser como aquellos jubilados que miraban cómo pasaban los coches y camiones sin hacer nada, que no hacían más que dejar pasar el tiempo. Nosotros tenemos mucho que hacer, mucho que vivir, mucho que comunicar, mucho que disfrutar. Porque conocemos y vivimos ya la esperanza a la que Dios nos ha llamado en su inmenso amor manifestado en Cristo Jesús.” (Fuente: Ciudad Redonda, Fernando Torres Pérez cmf)

¿Miembro Registrado de la Parroquia?



Es importante. Registrarse es muy importante por varios motivos. Por ejemplo, para inscribir a sus hijos en nuestro programa de clases religiosas, para ser padrinos, para cartas de recomendación de la Iglesia que certifique a las agencias civiles que usted pertenece a nuestra congregación. La hoja de registro en español se encuentran al fondo de la iglesia. Después de llenarla favor ponerla en la caja designada en el mismo lugar al fondo de la iglesia o ponerla en el cesto ofertorio.



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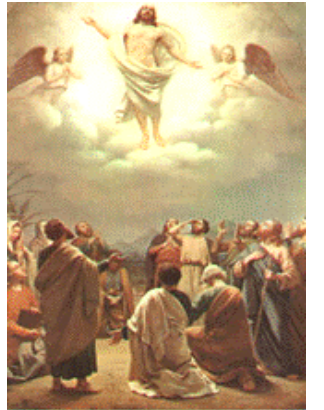
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Bulletin: May 13, 2018 Ascension Sunday

Jesus said to his disciples: “Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. ... So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs. (Mark 16)



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. 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



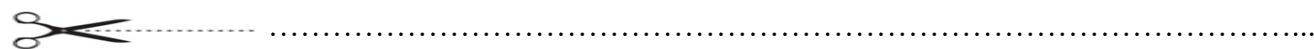
SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

NOMINATION FORM FOR PASTORAL COUNCIL

We invite nominations from registered parishioners for the annual elections for our parish's Pastoral Council (PC). There are three vacancies to be filled this rotation. The terms are for three years. Once a list of candidates is nominated, parishioners will vote; the three candidates with the highest tallies become elected. The member of our parish's Pastoral Council coordinating this year's nomination process in conjunction with the pastor is Carolyn Campbell. As listed in our parish bulletins for the past three years and again in recent weeks, persons eligible for nomination, including self-nomination, need meet the requirements specified below. When submitting a person's name for nomination be sure to first obtain their consent to serve. Once nominated, Carolyn will present the list of nominees to the pastor for review and after that she will contact qualified nominees. The nomination process ends after the last Mass on May 20th at 1:15 PM. Voting on the final list of candidates occurs on the two weekends after that, May 26th and June 3rd. To observe the usual voting proprieties, (e.g., a registered parishioner, voting but once, etc.) parishioner identification is needed to validate the ballot You may either write your name (it must be legible) or write your parish envelope number. You may nominate one, two or up to three candidates. Those currently serving on the Pastoral Council and thus ineligible for nomination are Rocio Aparicio, Patrick Calcutt, Carolyn Campbell, Lynn Ingle, Joan Miller, Bernie Bosse, Betsy Usry, Salvador Rodriguez.

REQUIREMENTS FOR A CANDIDATE TO BE NOMINATED:

- *Be in full communion with the Catholic Church;
- * Be a registered parishioner of St. Mary for at least a year before election process starts (i.e. by 5/1/17);
- *Attend the Saturday Vigil or Sunday Mass most weekends of the month throughout the year (excluding vacations, holiday visiting, and such like). Not to so regularly attend, for whatever reason, renders one out of touch with an essential dimension of the parish thus severely limiting an advisory role to pastor;
- *Subscribe to the "Spirituality of Stewardship" involving the sharing of their time, talent, and treasure to our parish and to our Savannah Diocesan Church;
- * Able to attend 10 or 11 monthly meetings on Tuesday eve at 5:30 and willing to share in tasks and committees to meet council goals for parish;
- *Be interested in the overall spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish and be without an inordinate attachment to a group or personal agenda;
- *Endorse the mission statement of our parish;
- *Be 18 years of age and conversant in English;



Cut or fold along the dotted line and drop your nomination in the **Ballot Box** in the vestibule of the church or drop it in the pouch on the door of the parish office. You may nominate 1, 2 or up to 3 persons.

My Name (please print it) or Envelope # is: _____ and I nominate
 1. _____
 2. _____
 3. _____

(If one prefers, one can cast their ballot by sending an email directly to carolynrdc@att.net)

POPE FRANCIS ON ASCENSION OF JESUS



"The Ascension does not point to Jesus' absence, but tells us that he is alive in our midst in a new way. He is no longer in a specific place in the world as he was before the Ascension. He is now in the lordship of God, present in every space and time, close to each one of us. In our life we are never alone: We have this Advocate who ... defends us.

The Crucified and Risen Lord guides us. We have with us a multitude of brothers and sisters who...in their family life and at work, in their problems and hardships, in their joys and hopes, live faith daily and together with us bring the world...God's love, in the Risen Jesus Christ, ascended...

St Luke says that having seen Jesus ascending into heaven, the Apostles returned to Jerusalem "with great joy." This seems to us a little odd. When we are separated from our relatives, from our friends, because of a definitive departure and, especially, death, there is usually a natural sadness in us since we will no longer see their face, no longer hear their voice, or enjoy their love, their presence. The Evangelist instead emphasizes the profound joy of the Apostles. But how could this be? Precisely because, with the gaze of faith they understand that although he has been removed from their sight, Jesus stays with them for ever, he does not abandon them and in the glory of the Father supports them, guides them and intercedes for them."
 (Source: N C Register, May 2015)



Stewardship Thought

We are to give not because we might have an abundance of resources and can afford it; we are to give because of a desire to share what we have with others out of love and gratitude to God.

Knights Of Columbus Of Our Parish



The next Knights of Columbus meeting will be this Tuesday, May 15 at Hibachi Buffet. The meal will begin at 6:15 PM, and the business meeting

will begin at 7 PM. All Catholic men 18 years old and older are invited to attend.

The Knights of Columbus will make a \$500 donation to each of the following charities from the 2018 Charity Golf Tournament:

- Harvest of Hope Food Pantry
- Youth of St. Mary Catholic Church
- Hands of Hope Pregnancy and Resources Center
- Wounded Warrior Fund
- Special Olympics

- Diocese of Savannah Summer Vocation Camp
- Sumter Area Ministerial Association
- Sumter County Fire & Rescue Life Safety Division
- Mattie Marshall Center at Magnolia Manor



Bishop's Annual Appeal (BAA):

We are called to be Missionary Disciples is this year's theme. The BAA helps support such pastoral needs as: our 19 seminarians with the per man cost per year of c. \$40,000; spiritual formation of our children and youth; campus ministry, etc. Our parish's BAA data as of last Thursday, May 10 is:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$14,376
Contributed as of 4/12	\$ 9,458
Percent of Goal now:	66 %
Amount yet to contribute	\$ 4,918
Outstanding Balance on Pledges	(\$1,960)

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
May 6	\$2,979	\$2,925	\$ 54	BAA 11:30 Mass \$281