

Nuestra Colecta ofertorio



Gracias a todos que regularmente y generosamente contribuyan al colecta ofertorio durante nuestras Misas al fin de la semana. El reto del presupuesto

parroquial por este nuevo año fiscal es \$2,925 semanalmente. Cada semana favor lea las cifras de las colectas ofertorios para fijar si salgamos baja o sobre este reto de \$2,925.

De vez en cuando, como este fin de semana, es importante que demos cuenta que hay tres pasos espirituales en cuanto de la manera de contribuir a su parroquia: sencillamente:

- 1) rezar en la presencia de Cristo Jesús pidiéndole luz de cuanto dinero donar
- 2) calcular la proporción de su ingreso a compartir con su iglesia cada mes y
- 3) planificar a ponerla en la colecta ofertorio semanalmente.

Con este método, se evita el capricho de echar unos pocos dólares al canasto los cuales no ayudan mucho a su iglesia de Santa María a pagar sus gastos, inclusive por los luces, aire acondicionado, mantenimiento del plantel, etc.

Finalmente, además de los padres de familia, es buena formación religiosa y disciplina personal que los jóvenes y aun niños acostumbrarse a donar algo a su parroquia semanalmente.

Gracias a todos por la practica generosa de la corresponsabilidad de tesoro a Santa María.

Clases De Guitarra Empezando



Personas interesadas en aprender a tocar la guitarra y deseen asistir a clases ponerse en contacto esta semana con Martin Lara al teléfono 229-591-4382. Él puede informarles cual día y cual hora habrán clases.

Aprenda sobre "Vive la Eucaristía"



como discípulos misioneros de Jesús.

Vive la Eucaristía funciona en Cuaresma, el cual comienza en unas semanas y el programa dura tres años, o sea tres cuaresmas. Los fieles pueden tomar parte en grupos para compartir la fe con adultos o jóvenes, lecturas para devociones cuaresmales, y actividades devotas en la familia.

¿Quién se beneficia de Vive la Eucaristía? Toda la parroquia se beneficia por medio de la renovación espiritual, un reforzado sentido de comunidad, participación más activa en la misa dominical, y un mayor acercamiento a otros, en base a un encuentro más significativo con Cristo en la Eucaristía. Además los católicos no practicantes y las personas interesadas en la fe se benefician con los esfuerzos intencionales de acercamiento para invitarlos y darles la bienvenida.

Corresponsabilidad: 5to. del Tiempo Ordinario



Como San Pablo en la segunda lectura, el buen Administrador de Nuestro Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro como Bienes de Dios puede decir que yo hago lo que hago por amor al Evangelio, con la esperanza de tener una parte de sus bendiciones.



Este lunes 5 de febrero a las 6:00 PM hasta las 7:30 en Sherlock Hall hay la junta seminal para jóvenes. Jóvenes de 14-18 años se les hace una invitación para que vengan; no importa que no vinieron antes. Padres de familia están invitados como siempre. Por mas información llame La Coordinadora, Sra. Rocio 229-938-5826 o por correo electrónico: chio0531@hotmail.com



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February 4, 2018 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Job spoke, saying:

'Is not man's life on earth a drudgery?

...I have been assigned months of misery,

and troubled nights have been allotted to me.

If in bed I say, "When shall I arise?" then the night drags on; I am filled with restlessness until the dawn

...I shall not see happiness again.'" (Job: 7)



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

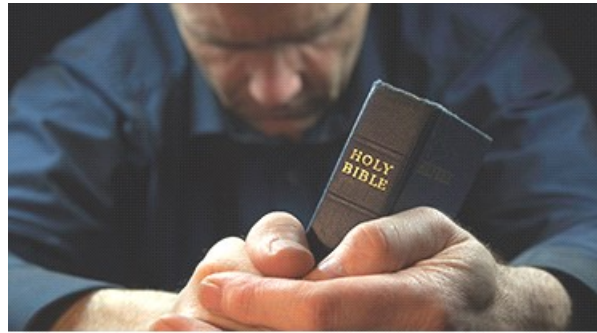
Saturday: 5:30 pm - English

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

Men's Retreat: Men Pursuing Christ, Spirituality From a Man's Perspective



MEN'S WEEKEND RETREAT

Description: This retreat will take each man where he is and enable him to discover new habits that will enhance his personal life, his family/marriage and public life. Prayer, the Word, contemplation, reconciliation (confession), exploration of "male issues" and the Eucharist will be the main components of this retreat.

Presenter: Rev. Alex Steinmiller, C.P. is a priest of the Congregation of the Passionists who is currently pastor at Our Lady of Lourdes in Birmingham, AL. He holds a Masters of Divinity degree from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago and conducts retreats, revivals and missions with an emphasis on male spirituality.

When? February 9 – 11
 Where? Blessed Trinity Shrine Retreat, 107 Holy Trinity Road, Fort Mitchell, Alabama 36856
 Fee: \$180.00 (includes a \$40.00 non-refundable deposit). For more information and/or registration please go to www.msbt.org/btsr

Our Parish Council of Catholic Women



(PCCW) meets this Monday, February 5th at 6:00 PM in classroom B. We will review the success of last Saturday's International Dinner and the conjoined book

sale. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend this meeting. Please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or by email: carolynrdc@att.net.

Cardinal Dolan calls US Senate's Failure to Pass Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act "Appalling". (January 28, 2018)



"The U.S. Senate's failure to adopt the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act, prohibiting abortions at 20 weeks post-fertilization, is appalling.

Abortions performed in the second half of pregnancy usually involve brutally dismembering a defenseless unborn child, while also posing serious dangers to his or her mother. The Senate's rejection of this common-sense legislation is radically out of step with most Americans. Opinion polls consistently show that a strong majority of the public opposes late-term abortions—including those who self-identify as 'pro-choice'. Furthermore, the United States is currently one of only seven countries that allows abortions beyond 20-weeks. The other six are North Korea, China, Vietnam, Singapore, Canada and the Netherlands. The Senate must rethink its extreme stance on late-term abortions. I call upon the public to tell the Senate that this vote is absolutely unacceptable." (Emphasis added; Source: <http://usccb.org/news/2018/18-022.cfm>)

Relatedly, 16 Senators who identify themselves as Catholic voted against passing this bill.



Living The Eucharist: Groups Now Forming

This Lenten spiritual renewal program provides us with opportunities to grow in our faith through learning more about the Eucharist, participating more actively in Sunday Mass, and *Living the Eucharist* (LTE) each day as disciples of Jesus. Based on the LTE sign-up forms distributed last weekend and due back this weekend, groups will be forming. If you have not already done so, be sure to view the LTE videos at:

www.livingtheeucharist.org

The Coordinator of LTE is available to answer your questions. Her email is: lynn.ingle@mga.edu

National Marriage Week February 7-14



The Bishops of the United States invite us to celebrate the beauty and sanctity of marriage by rereading the papal encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (Of Human Life). Excerpts from it follow:

- Married love particularly reveals its true nature and nobility when we realize that it takes its origin from God, who "is love" (no. 8).

- "Marriage . . . [is] ordained toward the procreation and education of children. Children are really the supreme gift of marriage and contribute in the highest degree to their parents' welfare" (no. 9).

- "The fundamental nature of the marriage act, . . . renders [husband and wife] capable of generating new life—and this as a result of laws written into the actual nature of man and of woman" (no. 12).

Marriage Benefits Everyone

- Economically: Married men and women have more wealth and financial stability.
- Personally: Men and women in a stable marriage live longer lives and have better health and greater personal happiness.
- For Children: Children who are raised by a married mother and father perform better in school and have less trouble with the law, teen pregnancy, and addiction.

For videos and catechesis on why marriage is unique, visit: www.marriageuniqueforareason.org

For resources to prepare for marriage or strengthen your Marriage visit: www.foryourmarriage.org; www.portumatrimonio.org

Retrouvaille Weekend For Married Couples



The next Retrouvaille Weekend will be held February 16-18, 2018 in Augusta, GA. The Retrouvaille Program is for Married Couples facing difficult challenges in their

Relationship. It helps couples restore their marriage and rebuild a loving relationship. It is a Christian marriage program, Catholic in origin, where couples of all faiths or no faith background are encouraged to attend. It is a practical program to improve communication, build stronger marriages, and help couples reconnect. Presenters are not trained marriage counselors, but rather couples sharing their personal stories of marital struggles and the tools they used to rediscover their love. Reach for the Retrouvaille phone line and call (706) 869-8434 or visit the website:

<http://www.helpourmarriage.com>

RCIA Rite Of Welcoming ("Acceptance")



Next Sunday at both Masses the Rite of Welcoming of Candidates will take place. We have three English speaking (9:30

Mass) and four Spanish speaking candidates (11:30 Mass). We have no catechumens ("unbaptized") this year in our parish RCIA's. Recall that a candidate is either a person who was validly baptized in another Christian denomination or else is a baptized Catholic who seeks now full communion into the Catholic Church through the reception of the sacraments of Eucharist and/or Confirmation. Parishioners will find as before that this rite is a way of getting to know so as to welcome our candidates.

| <u>Weekend</u> | <u>Offertory</u> | <u>Budget/Presupuesto</u> | <u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u> | <u>2nd Collection</u> |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| January 7 | \$3,303 | \$2,925 | \$378 | |
| January 14 | \$2,668 | \$2,925 | (\$257) | Black & Indian Missions \$863 |
| January 21 | \$2,868 | \$2,925 | (\$ 57) | |
| January 28 | \$2,956 | \$2,925 | (\$ 31) | SAMA \$677 |