

### Requisitos Para Inscribirse Para Clases De Catecismo (comienzan el 6 de septiembre)



Después de las misas este fin de semana empezamos con la inscripción para las clases de Catecismo del primero hasta el colegio. Este año no podemos acomodar chicos del kínder. Las clases mismas empiezan el 6 de Septiembre a las 6 PM. Los chicos que estarán preparándose a recibir este año el sacramento de la Primera Comunión o de La Confirmación deben presentar una copia del acta del bautismo el 6 de septiembre. Si se le hace falta ahora, aproveche este mes a conseguirlo para tenerla en mano por el 6 de septiembre. Los estudiantes que asistieron a las clases el año pasado deben reinscribirse de nuevo.

Los requisitos para matricularse incluyen los siguientes (1) que los padres y sus niños hagan el compromiso asistir regularmente a una de las Misas del fin de semana acá en Santa María a través del año (2) que la familia se comprometa a practicar la corresponsabilidad (de su tiempo, talento y tesoro) a su parroquia de Santa María. (3) que la familia sea registrada en nuestra parroquia de Santa María. Si no está inscrito, tome ahora un formulario de inscripción del fondo de la iglesia, llenarlo completamente y ponerlo en el cesto durante la colecta en la misa o póngalo en el buzón de la oficina parroquial.

Para más información, favor comuníquese con el Párroco, Padre Paco o el Coordinador del Programa Religioso Ron Akerman: 229-942-1653; su correo electrónico es: ronakerman@mediacombb.net



## St. Mary Catholic Church

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September 3, 2017, 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do". (From the gospel of Matthew, chapter 16)



### Parish Office Closed Mon, Sept 4 in observance of Labor Day

Nuestra oficina parroquial estará cerrada este lunes para observar el día de labor.

### 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.



Celebramos la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia el próximo sábado el 9 de Septiembre después de la misa de 5:30. Como fue en años anteriores, tendremos juegos, comida y

bebidas de balde; se toma lugar en el parqueo y se dura hasta las ocho de la noche. Todos están invitados. Van a servir las comidas en Sherlock Hall. Los caballeros de Colon y las mujeres de PCCW están coordinando esta fiesta. Para mas información favor llame o Sra. Carolyn Campbell 229-942-2801 o Ron Akerman 229-942-1653.



Señor mío y Dios mío

Adoración delante del Santísima. Todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia este jueves, el primero del mes, a las 6:50 P.M. para adorar delante del Santísimo, a rezar,

y cantar juntos. Como de costumbre, nuestro candidato para el diaconado, Bernie Bosse, estará presente a organizar las tareas para adoración.

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 planning a Morning of Reflection with Sr. Christine Wiltrakis and Sr. Therese Francis on 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 also. All men and women interested in the topic are welcome, and youth 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.

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**PCCW's Next Meeting** is 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.

**Collection for Hurricane Harvey Victims**



Many have been asking, when will a 2nd collection for the victims of Hurricane Harvey be taken up? This past Wednesday Bishop Hartmayer answered it. And so, next weekend, the 9th and 10th

of September, our parish will take up a 2nd collection for those victimized by the catastrophic hurricane Harvey in Texas and Louisiana.



**Often asked Questions About the RCIA**

**What is the RCIA?** The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a program designed to help non-Catholics as well as non-practicing Catholics to learn about Catholicism through a series of weekly classes, discussions, prayer times and step wise religious rites. Over the September-April period (2017-2018) the RCIA program helps participants grow in faith and knowledge of God, Jesus Christ and His Church as they consider becoming Catholic. The RCIA involves praying, learning teachings of the Bible and of the Church, discussing how they apply to our lives, participating in prayerful religious ceremonies ("Rites") which will be explained beforehand.

**If I start in September, when might I become a Catholic?**



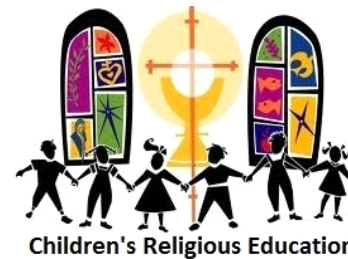
Typically, a person joining the RCIA in September will complete their full initiation into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil which

this year is March 30, 2018. But the process could be months later for those requiring an annulment.

**What if I go through the RCIA and choose not to become Catholic?** There is no obligation to become a Catholic nor will you be pressured to do so. Each individual's stages of growth differs; some even take a few years to learn about Catholicism before deciding to become Catholic; some never feel called to do so. If a person is unsure whether they want to become Catholic, they are very welcome to attend RCIA as they deliberate.

**Who Joins The RCIA?** People from all sorts of religious backgrounds join the RCIA. Some have been baptized in another Christian religion, some have never been baptized. Some have been practicing Christians for many years, some come with little or no religion in their background. And some are already Catholic but are seeking a greater understanding of our faith. New parishioners or visitors having RCIA questions, as well as any others interested in being baptized Catholic or becoming fully initiated Catholics by receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, are invited to contact RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse 229-815-0189 or by email at bcbosse@mchsi.com

**Religious Education Classes Soon to Begin**



Parents and students are notified that our classes begin at 6 PM this Wednesday, 9/6. After Masses this weekend and next, pre-registration is taking place in the parish hall.

Parents are reminded that both "Mass and Class" go hand in hand with religious formation. This is also the time for parents to recall that Vatican Council II teaches parents form a "domestic church". Consequently, at this time of the year, parents are to re-commit to attending weekly one of our parish's weekend Masses with their children and to do so throughout the year. By so doing parents show



"Religious values are more caught than taught."

There is no registration fee but students will need to purchase their books and are expected to study from them as part of their "domestic church" homework. Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes begin with sign-ins at 6:00 and finish at 7:30. On class nights our teachers will available at 6 PM and remain until 7:40 PM. For this 2017-18 year there will be about three dozen sessions.



**Bernard Bosse to be installed as Acolyte**



Bishop Hartmayer will install deaconate candidates, including our own Bernard

Bosse, to the order of acolyte on Saturday September 9th at a 10 AM Mass at the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Dublin, Georgia. Parishioners of Saint Mary's are invited to the Mass, and those who submitted their names by the bulletin announced deadline (yesterday, Sat. 9/2) are invited to the luncheon. The order of acolyte is one of the traditional minor orders a candidate for the deaconate receives before his ordination which in Bernie's case is scheduled for next May.

**Saturday Eve is Our Parish Patronal Fest**

Our annual parish celebration of Mary's birth takes place next Saturday, September 9, following our 5:30 Mass.

The amusements will be in the parking lot behind the church and go until 8 PM. There will be entertainment for venturesome children of all ages, e.g., The Bounce House, Water Slide, Dunking Booth, small scale soccer goal and B-ball backboard.

Hamburgers, hot dogs, tamales and tacos, plus a "Happy Birthday Mary" feast day cake will be served in gnat free Sherlock Hall. All are welcome so mark your calendars for our annual feast day celebration.



All parishioners are invited to join our once a year patronal fest; stay for as long or as short a time as their schedule permits.

| <u>Weekend</u> | <u>Offertory</u> | <u>Budget/Presupuesto</u> | <u>Surplus/(+Sobre) Deficit/(—Falta)</u> | <u>2nd Collection</u>               |
|----------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------------------------------|
| August 6       | \$3,931          | \$3,026                   | +905                                     | Haiti's Visitation Hospital \$1,808 |
| August 13      | \$3,141          | \$3,026                   | +115                                     | Church in Latin America \$843       |
| August 15      |                  |                           |  | Feast of Assumption \$161           |
| August 20      | \$4,484          | \$2,925                   | +1,559                                   |                                     |
| August 27      | \$2,655          | \$2,925                   | -(270)                                   |                                     |