

## PENTECOSTES, LA FIESTA DEL ESPÍRITU SANTO

¿Quién es el Espíritu Santo? El Espíritu Santo es Dios, es la Tercera Persona de la Santísima Trinidad. La Iglesia nos enseña que el Espíritu Santo es el amor que existe entre el Padre y el Hijo. Este amor es tan grande y tan perfecto que forma una tercera persona. El Espíritu Santo llena nuestras almas en el Bautismo y después, de manera perfecta, en la Confirmación. Con el amor divino de Dios dentro de nosotros, somos capaces de amar a Dios y al prójimo. El Espíritu Santo nos ayuda a cumplir nuestro compromiso de vida con Jesús.



**Señales del Espíritu Santo:** El viento, el fuego, la paloma.

Estos símbolos nos revelan los poderes que el Espíritu Santo nos da: El viento es una fuerza invisible pero real. Así es el Espíritu Santo. El fuego es un elemento que limpia. Por ejemplo, se prende fuego al terreno para quitarle las malas hierbas y poder sembrar buenas semillas. En los laboratorios médicos para purificar a los instrumentos se les prende fuego. El Espíritu Santo es una fuerza invisible y poderosa que habita en nosotros y nos purifica de nuestro egoísmo para dejar paso al amor.

**Nombres del Espíritu Santo.** El Espíritu Santo ha recibido varios nombres a lo largo del nuevo Testamento: el Espíritu de verdad, el Abogado, el Paráclito, el Consolador, el Santificador.

**Misión del Espíritu Santo:** El Espíritu Santo es santificador: Para que el Espíritu Santo logre cumplir con su función, necesitamos entregarnos totalmente a Él y dejarnos conducir dócilmente por sus inspiraciones para que pueda perfeccionarnos y crecer todos los días en la santidad. (Fuente: <http://es.catholic.net/op/articulos/1350/cat/1160/especial-de-pentecostes.html#>)



**LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISBO** está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos nueve colectas y según las cifras diocesana de 17 de mayo ya

logramos \$9,739 o 68% 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: Pentecostés



son mis dones que debo compartir?

San Pablo nos recuerda hoy que todos nuestros dones tienen su fuente en el Espíritu Santo, y que esos dones nos han sido entregados para el bien común. ¿Cuáles

### Felicitaciones a los Recién Confirmados



Mientras celebramos la fiesta de Pentecostés merece felicitar los seis jóvenes que recién recibieron los dones del Espíritu Santo en el sacramento de Confirmación: Chidery Agbassi, Jazmine Aparicio, Litzy Lepiz, Michael Minor, Marisol Perez, Angie Uzcategui.

Ojala que muestren ellos los dones y los frutos del Espíritu Santo para el bien de sus familias, su comunidad y también de nuestra parroquia.

**¿Que son los siete dones del Espíritu Santo?** Son sabiduría, inteligencia, consejo, fortaleza, ciencia, piedad y temor de Dios.

**¿Que son los frutos del Espíritu Santo?**

Son doce: Caridad, gozo, paz, paciencia, longanimidad, bondad, benignidad, mansedumbre, fe, modestia, continencia, y castidad.



## **SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernie Bosse, M.A.

Bookkeeper: Randy Vanderwilt ([stmaryamericus@gmail.com](mailto:stmaryamericus@gmail.com))

Bulletin: May 20, 2018 Pentecost Sunday

*“When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all ...together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a ...driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit ” (Acts 2)*



**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 pláticas 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 al párroco para recibir este sacramento (favor, no esperar al último 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 (Inglés)

Domingo: 9:30 (Inglés); 11:30 (Español)

Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 (inglés) 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





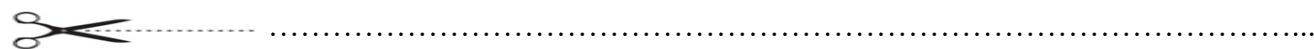
# SAINT MARY'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

## 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](mailto:carolynrdc@att.net))

### WHAT DOES PARACLETE MEAN?



On this yearly feast of the Descent of the Holy Spirit upon the nascent church community huddled behind closed doors in the cenacle, it is good to remind ourselves of the title of the Holy Spirit as "Paraclete." What does it mean?

The word "Paraclete" is used to refer to the Holy Spirit and can be defined in two ways: etymologically and poetically. The former explains it as a compound of two Greek roots: "para", meaning "along-side" and "kaleo" meaning "I call". Thus, Paraclete means the "one who is called alongside". Nowadays we might say as a defendant calls a defense attorney to stand by and take their side in a court of law.

The latter, the poetic, is exemplified by an excerpt from a sermon by the Jesuit poet Fr. Gerard Manley Hopkins: "A Paraclete is the one who comforts, who cheers, who encourages, who persuades, who exhorts, who stirs up, who urges forward... what the spur and the word of command is to the horse, what clapping of hands is to a speaker, what a trumpet is to the soldier... Paraclete is to the soul. ...The Paraclete calls us on... to good... cheers the spirit of man with signals and with cries, all zealous that he should do something, and full of assurance that if he will he can, calling him on, springing to meet him half way, crying to his ears or to his heart: This way to do God's will, this way to save your soul, come on, come on!" (Adapted from a sermon by Fr. G.M. Hopkins, SJ)



### Stewardship Thought

for Pentecost Sunday  
 St. Paul in a second reading today instructs us that "To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." Who is benefitting by my Spirit bestowed gift(s)?

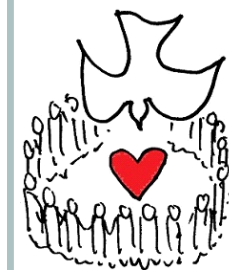
### Food Donations Reminder



Our collection bin for non-perishable foods is located in the church vestibule. When it is filled the contents are transported by Steve Krout and other parishioners who are also members of Koinonia

Farm to Harvest of Hope Food Pantry at 606 Mc Garrah Street, Americus. It is open Monday & Tuesday from 8 AM until noon. Thank you for donating non-perishable foods. For more details please contact our parishioner Maureen Turner at 229-815-1473 or by email at: [mtmidwife104@gmail.com](mailto:mtmidwife104@gmail.com).

### Seven Gifts Descend Twelve Fruits Emerge



What are the 7 gifts the Holy Spirit bestows? They are : wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord.

### What are the 12 Fruits of the Holy Spirit?

Drawing on St. Paul's listing of them in his letter to the Galatians they are: charity, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, gentleness, faithfulness, modesty, self-control, and chastity.

### 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 17 is:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$14,376
Contributed as of 4/12	\$ 9,739
Percent of Goal now:	68 %
<b>Amount yet to contribute</b>	<b>\$ 4,637</b>
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
May 13	\$3,438	\$2,925	\$ 513	BAA 11:30 Mass \$361