

¿QUE ES LA CAMPAÑA DEL OBISPO?



Esta Campaña es la fuente primaria de ingresos para sostener y expandir los ministerios en 79 parroquias y misiones, la educación de seminaristas, ofrecer programas de capacitación y liderazgo a la comunidad Hispano, apoyar con la educación religiosa de nuestros niños y jóvenes, mantener oficinas a servir familias y proporcionar servicios sociales a los necesitados en toda la diócesis. La diócesis no puede subsidiar todos los programas necesarios y le pide a las parroquias para que ayuden a nuestros hermanos en necesidad.

¿POR QUÉ NECESITAMOS MINISTERIOS Y PROGRAMAS? La iglesia católica responde a las necesidades de muchas personas en la diócesis. Mientras que algunos de estos servicios se ofrecen al nivel de la parroquia, es mucho más eficaz cuando nos unimos todos para los ministerios y para servir a toda la gente de la diócesis.

¿CÓMO PODEMOS AYUDAR? En dos formas: (1) Regalo de Oración, es decir, rece para que podemos lograr nuestra meta parroquial de \$14,376 el cual representa \$1,051 menos de lo que recaudamos en 2017 gracias a todos de nuestra parroquia inclusive de la comunidad Hispana; (2) Por Regalo de Abnegación, es decir, considere una promesa durante esta campana de donación semanalmente en la segunda colecta o una donación de un solo pago para apoyar a los ministerios de nuestra diócesis de Savannah. Tendremos diez colectas segundas durante las próximas dos o tres meses como lo hicimos en años anteriores. Gracias por su generosidad.

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| <u>Si la donación Total es:</u> | Entonces los 10 pagos a la segunda Colectas =: |
| \$400 | \$40 |
| \$300 | \$30 |
| \$200 | \$20 |
| \$100 | \$10 |

Programa Cuaresmal: “Vive la Eucaristía”



Los grupos ya pasaron la segunda semana de Cuaresma compartiendo los frutos de sus oraciones. También los miembros de los grupos están usando el método de rezar que se llama “Lectio Divina”. Para juntarse a un grupo de adultos o jóvenes favor llame o Rocio, o Sara o Karina.

REQUISITOS PARA CONFIRMACIÓN: Un



recordatorio para los jóvenes que están preparándose por el Sacramento la Confirmación el 11 de Mayo en nuestro templo. Que sepan antes de la aprobación definitiva a recibir este sacramento tienen que: escribir un ensayo corto al obispo presentando sus "razones de por qué quiero ser confirmada en mayo". También, como fueron informados en septiembre cuando comenzaron sus clases de Formación de Fe, han de haber estado asistiendo regularmente (1) a la misa y también (2) en las clases. Los candidatos aprobados también deben entregar a la señora Judy Wanner, su maestra, el nombre de su patrocinador quien debe ser religiosamente cualificada; identificar el santo por su nombre de Confirmación y los motivos por qué están eligiendo él o ella; ser capaz de responder a las preguntas solicitadas por el Obispo Hartmayer de su Evaluación de la lista de la fe. Antes de la aprobación final, cada candidato tendrá una breve entrevista con el pastor en la iglesia en uno u otro miércoles.

Corresponsabilidad: 3ro de Cuaresma



“No codiciarás” es quizá un mandamiento difícil de cumplir en nuestra sociedad de consumo. Pero, como administradores cristianos de los bienes de Dios, sabemos que nosotros somos los receptores y guardianes de los muchos dones de Dios. Que esta comprensión de que todo es un don nos ayude a resentirnos menos de los dones de los demás.



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 March 4, 2018 3rd Sunday of Lent



“Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area, with the sheep and oxen, and spilled the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables, and to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." (John 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 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

MISSIONARY DISCIPLES is the theme for



this year's Bishop's Annual Appeal. In the video shown at our Masses last weekend, Bishop Hartmayer called us to be Missionary Disciples. Quoting Pope Francis he said, "We are all missionary disciples with the power of the Spirit."

Our pledges and gifts to this year's BAA will again help make it a success. This year our parish's goal is \$14,376 a figure that is \$1,051 LESS THAN our parish's actual contribution to last year's BAA. Therefore, using the same formula that has proven successful the last four years, let us (1) pray over an amount that is sacrificial yet manageable for us to contribute (2) pledge that amount (3) meet it by installments in the months ahead. Thank you for your contribution to assist our Bishop meet material and spiritual needs of our diocese.

St. Mary's 2018 BAA goal: \$14,376
Amount we contributed in 2017 \$15,427

Living The Eucharist (LTE) Groups. The



LTE groups are through their second week of Lenten praying and then sharing that praying. For more info contact LTE Coordinator Lynn Ingle at : lynn.ingle@mga.edu. Also consult: www.livingtheeucharist.org



STEWARDSHIP 3rd Sunday of Lent

In Lent's call to focus on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, many increase their prayer and almsgiving. Are we also responding to the call to do some lenten fasting?



The funds raised through the Bishop's Annual Appeal help make possible ministries, programs and offices especially the following:

VOCATIONS

Substantial funding for the education of seminarians presently studying for the priesthood. It also helps fund the Diaconate program.

SOCIAL SERVICE MINISTRIES

Deanery Social Services
Catholic Charities
Family Life

EDUCATION MINISTRIES

Faith Formation for our children and youth
Young Adult Ministry
Campus Ministry
Catholic Schools
Ecumenical Outreach

MULTICULTURAL PROGRAMS

Migrant and African American programs which reaches as many as 75,000 people in peak seasons. Much of the expenses are priest salary subsidies.

COMMUNICATIONS AND TECHNOLOGY e.g. printed and social media, live streaming of Masses, etc

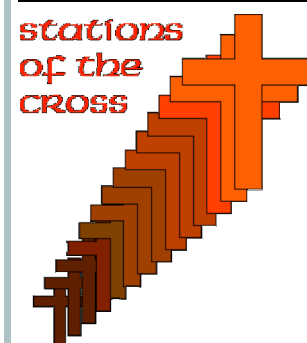
"Go To A Place of Silence To Listen To Jesus"



Lent is a time to reclaim our need for silence so we can attune ourselves to the whispers of God's voice. Yet keeping a prayerful silence in church before Mass in the presence of the

Blessed Sacrament seems impossible for some adults. It seems any excuse will do to unnecessarily break the silence to chat. In one of his Lenten homilies, Pope Francis reminds us the first duty of a Christian is to listen to the Word of God, to listen to Jesus! "We need to go...to a place of silence, to find ourselves, to better perceive the voice of the Lord." One of those silent places is Church before the Blessed Sacrament. As Psalm 46 has it: "Be still and know I am your God."

What Are The Stations of the Cross? They



are a popular devotion in honor of the Passion and death of Jesus. They consist in meditating on fourteen "stages" or "stations" in Jesus' journey to Calvary. All parishioners are encouraged to prayerfully make the Stations of the Cross during Lent, whether in church at 6 PM on Friday evenings, or from one's pew using a booklet before or after mass, or at home with a booklet.

Choosing To Protect Defenseless Life



"Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion

is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers." (Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta)

THE LENTEN RICE BOWLS which have been



distributed to the children in our Faith Formation Classes to be brought home to their families, are also available for the rest of us in the back of the church. We are invited to use them as

another way of Lenten almsgiving, to drop our loose change or more in them as a way to be mindful of the famished in foreign countries and to help feed them. The money one saves from Lenten fasting and abstaining and deposited in the bowls is sent to Catholic Charities in their world wide effort to feed the hungry. As adults are practicing stewardship of treasure in their support of our Bishop's Annual Appeal, our children and youth are to learn to give alms by dropping sacrificial coins in their Rice Bowls during Lent. The sheet enclosed in the Rice Bowl is most instructive for parents to read.



Our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) meets this Monday, March 5, at 6 pm in classroom C in the Church Hall. The agenda will be a discussion on the planning of activities of the

PCCW regarding the retreat after Easter to celebrate the close of year 1 of the Living The Eucharist Lenten program.; planning for the finger food reception after the Confirmation Mass with our Bishop Friday, May 11th ; planning for book sales to raise money for PCCW activities, and other topics. All ladies of the parish are invited to attend the meeting. For further information please contact Carolyn Campbell, President, at 229-942-2801 or by email carolynrdc@att.net



Mass Intentions Request
Please contact the pastor by phone or email to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

| 3/3 To 3/9 | Mass Intention | Requestor |
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| Saturday | Parishioners | Pastor |
| Sunday 9:30 | | |
| +Sunday 11:30 | +Jose A. Gonzalez | Beatrice G. |

Lent is a time for repentance and the sacramental way of



manifesting our desire for this is by going to Confession, preferably during a parish's Communal Pen-

ance Service. This service is for adults, youth and children eligible to go to confession. The two remaining options for parishes in our Deanery are listed below. To properly prepare oneself all are asked to consult an Examination of Conscience guide ahead of time.

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| March 13 | Tuesday | St. Theresa, Cordele |
| March 14 | Wednesday | St. Teresa, Albany |

| Weekend | Offertory | Budget/Presupuesto | Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta) | 2nd Collection |
|-------------|-----------|--------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| February 25 | | \$2925 | | BAA 11:30 Misa \$350 |