

### ¿Las próximas pláticas Bautismales?



Para el sacramento de bautismo de su niño/a, se requiere que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también. Los padrinos pueden asistirle en otra parroquia. El día y la hora del clase normalmente es en la tarde de un día de

la semana a las 7 PM. Para mas información favor llamar los coordinadores de las platicas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846). Se debe traer una copia del acto de nacimiento de su hijo (a) al clase pre-bautismal.

### LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISPO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos cuatro.

Nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$5,788 o 42% de nuestro reto parroquial de \$13,901. Gracias a

los que están contribuyendo y favor a continuar. El lema de la campaña por este año es: "NUESTRO VOLVER AL SENOR"

### ENCUESTAS



Como ya fueron informado en boletines anteriores, las primeras encuestas ya fueron analizadas, inclusive con la ayuda del liderazgo hispano y del Concilio Pastoral de la parroquia. El resultado propuesto

es el horario de las misas del fin de semana serian el cual sale abajo. Pronto los feligreses tendrán otra oportunidad a través de encuestas firmadas de responder si están o no están en favor de este horario propuesto:

- 5:30 Misa los sábados en inglés;
- 9:30 Misa los domingos en inglés;
- 11:30 Misa los domingos en español

### CELEBRANDO LA QUINCEANERA



La idea del rito hermoso para quinceañeras es ayudar la señorita a aprender la importancia de mantener sus promesas bautismales y su compromiso que se hizo en el Sa-

cramento de Confirmación, haciéndolo en un espíritu de acción de gracias. Los requisitos por la señorita para celebrar el rito de quince años en nuestra parroquia con una Misa, la cual estaría el sábado no mas tarde del mediodía, y esa Misa no debe sustituir por la obligación de asistir a la misa dominical, incluyen: ser bautizada, haber recibido su Primera Comunión y también su Confirmación, haber asistido a las Misas aquí por mucho rato y regularmente (no menos de tres veces cada mes), registrada en la parroquia, escribir un "essay" breve al párroco comunicado su entendimiento de la quinceañera y su motivo por celebrarla con una Misa. Uno o dos de sus padres deben asistir a una reunión con el párroco a empezar el proceso y antes de confirmar una cita para celebrar la quinceañera. La señorita y los chambelanes y al menos uno de sus padrinos deben asistir a un ensayo unos días antes de la Misa de quinceañera. Para más información, favor comunicarse con el párroco o por una llamada a la oficina parroquial durante la semana o enviárselo un correo electrónico.



Gracias a todos que participaron en la colección Rice Bowl el cual ayuda los que sufren hambre en África y otros países. Si todavía tienen las cajitas Rice Bowl en casa, por favor tráiganlas la próxima semana y las dejan en la mesa en el fondo de la iglesia.



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



## St. Mary Catholic Church

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3rd Sunday of the Easter Season April 30, 2017

*"That very day, the first day of the week, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village seven miles from Jerusalem called Emmaus, and they were conversing about all the things that had occurred. And it happened that while they were conversing and debating, Jesus himself drew near and walked with them, but their eyes were prevented from recognizing him. He asked them, "What are you discussing as you walk along?" (Luke 24)*



**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

Salado en la tarde—5 PM Ingles

Domingo—Sunday: 8:30 am (Español)

Martes a Viernes a las 12:00 pm (ingles) en la capilla

### SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:00 pm - English

Sunday: 8:30 (Spanish) 10:30 am (English)

Tuesday thru Friday, 12 Noon, in chapel, English

Diocesan Office for Protection of Children and Young People toll free reporting hotline is (888) 357-5530



Proposed New Weekend Mass Times



As reported in previous bulletins, the results of the first wave of surveys and their subsequent processing by our Pastoral Council and our leadership group of Hispanics, yielded the proposed change of Mass times listed below.

As also reported in previous bulletins, our regularly attending parishioners will be provided an opportunity very soon to again express their views favoring or disfavoring the new proposal. In the meantime, we all do well as was stated several times previously, “to continue to invoke the Holy Spirit to guide us in our discernment process and not let the Evil Spirit hold sway.”

PROPOSED NEW MASS SCHEDULE:

- 5:30 Mass Saturday evenings in English;
- 9:30 Mass on Sunday in English;
- 11:30 Mass on Sunday in Spanish.



A special thanks to our parishioners, especially our Faith Formation students and parents, who participated in Rice

Bowl this Lent. For those who still have theirs, Rice Bowls can be placed on the table in the back of the Church where they will be processed and a check remitted to the Catholic Charities Office of the diocese.

LAST WEEKEND FOR MATCHING FUNDS!



Parishioners are reminded of Bishop Hartmayer’s BAA Challenge To Us. Recall that owing to a surprise offer of matching gifts by an anonymous benefactor effective through April 30th which is just one week from now, Bishop Hartmayer offers this appeal and also challenge to us.

\* If a donor from our parish of St. Mary’s increases his/her gift from last year, the amount of the increase will be matched dollar for dollar.

\*If a donor has already given or pledged to this year’s BAA, and they increased their gift from last year, the increase will be matched dollar for dollar.

\*If a new donor gives a gift or makes a pledge (which could be spread out until December 31, 2017) the entire gift or fulfilled pledge will be matched dollar for dollar.

Please make the above incentive applicable to your BAA contribution or pledging this year. And when you remit your increased contribution or pledge, be sure you identify yourself as a parishioner of St. Mary’s Church of Americus.

2017 Bishop’s Annual Appeal: “Our Return to The Lord” is this year’s theme.

The BAA goes to help 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 4/24 appear below:

St. Mary’s BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed as of 4/24	5,788
Percent of Goal now:	42%
Amount yet to contribute	\$ 8,113
Pledge Balance	(\$1,604)

<u>Weekend</u>	<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Budget/Presupuesto</u>	<u>Surplus/Sobre;Deficit/Falta</u>	<u>2nd Collection</u>
April 2	\$3,845	\$2,588	\$1,257	BAA 8:30 Mass \$310
April 9	\$2,901	\$2,588	\$ 313	“ “ “ \$270
April 13	\$ 438			
April 14				For Holy Land \$817
April 16	\$3,889	\$2,588	\$1,301	Priests’ Retir’mnt \$1,301
April 23	\$2,478	\$2,588	\$ (110)	BAA 8:30 Mass \$233

Pope’s Prayer Intention for May



The papal prayer intention for the month of May is: “That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus, may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice, and peace.”

Parish Bookkeeper Now In Office.



We are pleased to inform parishioners that our parish now has as its bookkeeper, Randy Vanderwilt, who works in

the office Tuesdays through Fridays from 9 AM to 1 PM. Recall from our bulletin a few months back that a major recommendation of the diocesan audit last fall was that our parish needed to hire a bookkeeper. After advertising for a few months, and the usual vetting, Randy was recently hired. Many of you know Randy as a parishioner here for over twenty five years and who has served in such ministries as our choir, extraordinary Eucharistic minister, and counter. He thus brings great familiarity of the parish to his role. We welcome Randy to the front office in a new role of service to the parishioners as their bookkeeper.

Holy Hour On Friday Morning



A reminder that with the end of Lent, the Holy Hour on Friday mornings has resumed. It entails Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the chapel from 11 AM to just before the start of Mass at noon. Come and pray in silent adoration. That is, from your heart speak then listen to Christ Eucharistically present in the Monstrance before you on the altar.

Parish Council of Catholic Women



(PCCW) Our next PCCW Meeting is scheduled for this Monday, the 1st of May, at 6:00 PM in classroom #3 in the parish hall. All women of our parish are invited to attend

and help plan special events for our parish. For more info, contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or carolynrdc@att.net.

Mass Intention Requests:



Please contact the pastor by phoning the parish office to arrange a Mass intention, either for a weekend or weekday.

<u>May 2-6</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requestor</u>
Saturday	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 8:30	+Lizzie Brennan	Betty Shank
Sunday 10:30	+Carmela Villane	Sherri Weil
Wednesday	+Peter Myronick	Betty Shank
Friday	+ Daniel H. DeCelles	Sherri Weil

Month of May is Mary’s Month



Traditionally Catholics pray the rosary more often during the month of May and so are reminded to do as we start May this week. “Throughout the centuries, the Church has turned to the Blessed Virgin in order to come

closer to Christ. Many forms of piety toward the Mother of God developed that help bring us closer to her Son. In these devotions to Mary, ‘while the Mother is honored, the Son, through whom all things have their being and in whom it has pleased the Father that all fullness should dwell, is rightly known, loved and glorified and . . . all His commands are observed.’ The Church honors her as the Mother of God, looks to her as a model of perfect discipleship, and asks for her prayers to God on our behalf.” (USCCB)