

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

Corresponsabilidad: 27 de agosto



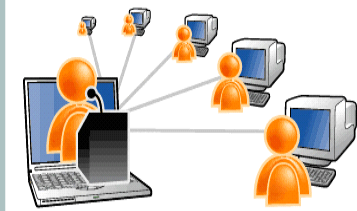
En las lecturas de hoy, San Pablo dice que todas las cosas provienen de Dios: "Ya que todas las cosas existen de El, a través de El y por El." Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios entienden que todo es regalado y comparten generosamente los regalos de tiempo, talento y tesoro con los cuales han sido bendecidos.

La boda dura un día, el sacramento; toda la vida!

"Notamos con frecuencia que cuando las parejas comienzan a vivir la realidad de la vida diaria, cuando enfrentan el proceso de adaptación de dos vidas con diferentes pasados y trasfondos, cuando se dan cuenta que el amor conyugal exige sacrificios y no es solo disfrutar de compañía y beneficios, cuando se dan cuenta que el amor maduro implica no buscar egoístamente el bien propio sino el bien del ser amado, muchos terminan separándose y aun divorciándose, reduciendo así al Sacramento a poco más que un experimento para encontrar una felicidad que es vana y pasajera. Procuremos pues durante el tiempo de nuestro compromiso nupcial, centrarnos en lo que de verdad importa." (Fuente: www.portumatrimonio.org)



Fray Pedro de Corpa Curso ha empezado ya de nuevo.



Este programa diocesano tiene una serie de cursos sobre la biblia, la doctrina, los sacramentos, lo moral, etc. El estudiante adulto puede decidir tomar solo algunos de ellos o todos. El horario de clases queda lo mismo: martes por la noche de 7 a 9, una semana sí, una semana no. Los profesores serán sacerdotes. Las clases están en nuestro salón Sherlock. Las clases están para cualquier adultos (los de 18 años por arriba) interesados en aprender más de su fe. La cobertura de inscribirse es diez dólares. Para registrarse favor hable con Sra. Sara Yanez que sirva como Registrar, o envíarle un correo electrónico :sara.yanez@windstream.net.

¿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. 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 pláticas, Juan y Angélica Alejo, (229-591-9846). Se debe traer una copia del acta de nacimiento de su hijo (a) al clase.



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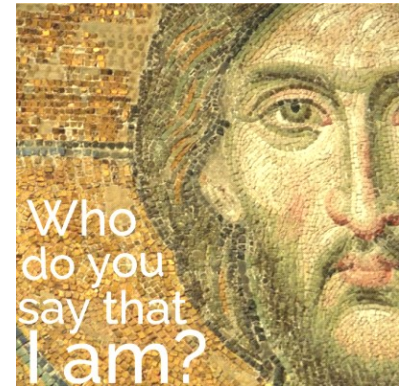
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Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

August 27th, 2017 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" (Matt. 16)

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 el 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 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)

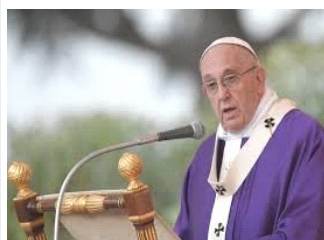
Diocesan Office for Protection of Children & Youth (912-201-4074); toll free hotline is (888) 357-5330

COME JOIN OUR CHOIR MINISTRY



Our English language choir sings at the 5:30 Saturday eve Mass and the 9:30 Sunday morning Mass. All musically inclined parishioners, singers and musicians, especially university students, are welcome to join. Our choir meets Saturday evening and Sunday morning in one of the classrooms one hour before the Mass to rehearse. For more info please phone this week our Music Coordinator Kathy Calcutt Esq. (727-424-4348 or 229-924-3900). Those who would like to join our Spanish speaking choir, as singer or musician - a keyboarder especially needed - which sings at the 11:30 Sunday Mass, are invited to contact Martin Lara (229-591-4382)

Pope Francis: We Baptized Are light



Employing Trinitarian language Pope Francis reminded us "We... believe that God is the Father: this is the light! We..believe that Jesus descended in our midst... making

himself a companion especially of the poorest and most fragile: this is the light! We believe that the Holy Spirit works tirelessly for the good of humanity and of the world, and even the greatest sufferings of history will be overcome. this is the hope that He gives us again each morning! We believe that every affection, every friendship, every good wish, every love, even the smallest and most neglected, will one day find their fulfilment in God: this is the strength that drives us to embrace our daily life with enthusiasm. And this is our hope... living in the light of God the Father, in the light of Jesus the Savior, in the light of the Holy Spirit Who drives us to go ahead in life. " (Vatican, August 2017)



Stewardship Thought

for August 27.
"Love one another as I have loved you... I have chosen you to go forth and bear much fruit." (John

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) announced this week the establishment of a Committee Against Racism. Initiated by Cardinal Daniel N. DiNardo, President of the USCCB, the committee will focus on addressing the sin of racism in our society, and even in our Church, and the urgent need to come together as a society to find solutions. "Recent events have exposed the extent to which the sin of racism continues to afflict our nation. The establishment of this new ad hoc committee will be wholly dedicated to engaging the Church and our society to work together in unity to challenge the sin of racism, to listen to persons who are suffering under this sin, and to come together in the love of Christ to know one another as brothers and sisters," says Cardinal DiNardo.



Bishop George V. Murry, SJ of Youngstown, Ohio has been appointed by Cardinal DiNardo as Chairman of the committee. "I look forward to working with my brother bishops as

well as communities across the United States to listen to the needs of individuals who have suffered under the sin of racism and together find solutions to this epidemic of hate that has plagued our nation for far too long," says Bishop Murry.

2017 Bishop's Appeal Up To 94% of Goal:



As of last Wednesday August 23rd, the diocesan BAA data show our parish reaching 94% of goal. If the outstanding BAA pledges are redeemed, and if those who have yet to contribute to assist the Bishop did so, we would meet our goal before the date (9/8) of our annual Parish Festival. Thanks to all who have and are responding to this year's BAA theme, "Our Return to The Lord".

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed as of 8/23/2017	13,043
Percent of Goal now:	94%
Amount to reach goal	858
Pledge Balances Outstanding	(\$2,564)

Religious Education Classes Soon to Begin



Parents and students are notified that our classes begin at 6 PM on Wednesday the 6th of September. After Masses this weekend and the two following 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 recommit 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, assembly at 6:15, 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.

Weekly Figure Happily Rectified Downward



As reported to the members of parish's Finance Council in their meeting recent monthly meeting, a miscalculation that overstated the weekly offertory figure in our parish budget has been discovered and promptly rectified. This results in good news because the required amount needed now weekly for the offertory collection has decreased. Thus, as indicated in the box below, the figure decreases from the previous figure of \$3,026 to \$2,925 from now on until the end of this Fiscal Year (June 2018). "Felix culpa!"

Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/(+Sobre) Deficit/(—Falta)	2nd Collection
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	

Bernard Bosse to be installed as Acolyte



Bishop Hartmayer will install deaconate candidate 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. Lunch follows immediately after at 203 East Johnson Street. Parishioners of Saint Mary's are invited to both events; for planning purposes those who will attend the lunch are asked to notify our pastor Fr. Fran by email or phone no later than September 2nd. 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.

Faith Formation Teachers Meeting This Wednesday In Parish Hall Over Supper



Those who have been informed they will be teachers or substitute teachers this years are reminded of the pre-school year orientation meeting this Wednesday at 6:30 in the parish hall. The agenda includes classroom arrangement, book ordering, assigned youth assistants, etc. Several parents of our Hispanic children are generously preparing a buffet meal *a la Mexicana* to show their appreciation to you as our teachers, so just bring yourselves.