



SAINT MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH

332 S. Lee Street, Americus, GA 31709

January 13, 2019

13 de enero de 2019

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

General Parish Information / Información General de la Parroquia

Parish office phone: 229-924-3495

Parish e-mail: stmaryamericus@gmail.com

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Parish office hours: Tuesday-Friday: 9:00AM-4:00PM

Parish Staff and Contacts

Parochial Administrator: Father Samuel Aniekwe

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Bernie Bosse

Bookkeeper: Randy Vanderwilt

Bi-lingual Secretary: Mireya López

Parish Council President: Lynn Ingle

Finance Committee Chair: Deacon Bernie Bosse

Security/Alarm System Caretaker: Chet Crowley

Coordinator of Religious Education (CRE): Ron Akerman

RCIA (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse

RCIA (Spanish): Raul Yanez & Sara Rueda

Infants/Children Baptism Preparation (English): Deacon Bernie Bosse

Infants/Children Baptism preparation (Spanish): Juan Alejo and Angélica Sanchez

Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (English): Deacon Bernie and Louise Bosse

Liturgical Ministers Coordinators (Spanish): Sara Rueda and Karina Rueda

Music Coordinator (English): Kathy Calcutt / Music Coordinator (Spanish): Martin Lara

Youth Ministry Coordinator: Rocio Aparicio

Altar Linens: Maureen Turner

Facilities Coordinator: Craig Martindale

Parish Council of Catholic Woman (PCCW): Carolyn Campbell

Knights of Columbus #7113 Grand Knight: Ron Akerman



SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY MASSES

Saturday: 5:30 PM (English)

Sunday: 9:30 AM (English); 11:30 AM (Spanish)

Tuesday thru Friday: 12 PM in chapel (English)

HORARIO DE LAS MISAS

Sábado: 5:30 PM (ingles)

Domingo: 9:30 AM (ingles); 11:30 AM (español)

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

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 the expected wedding date.

Anointing of the Sick - For Anointing or for emergency, please call 412-606-7701.

Reconciliation - Saturday 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm or call Fr. Samuel for an appointment.

INFORMACIÓN SACRAMENTAL

Clases de Preparación Bautismal - Por favor llame a nuestros feligreses Juan y Angélica Alejo (229-591-9846) para registrarse por platicas pre-bautismales a menos un mes antes del Bautismo proyectado.

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 - Para Unción o Emergencia, llamar 412-606-7701.

Reconciliación - Sábado 4:00 pm a 4:30 pm o llame al padre Samuel por una cita particular.

Our 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.

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 a María, difundiendo la Palabra, y sirviendo a los demás.

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

FATHER SAM'S CORNER

January 13, 2019

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Gospel: Luke 3: 15-16, 21-22

One Lord, one baptism, and one Father in heaven

This Sunday we end the season of Christmas with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. We started the season four weeks ago. On the first week of the Christmas season we celebrated the Nativity of Christ which is one of the great events that occurred in the childhood of Jesus. This weekend we celebrate his Baptism which happened as part of his manifestation to the world. In today's Gospel, John recalled what happened immediately the news about Jesus went wild among his people. Having heard many great things about Christ many people started contemplating in their hearts whether John the Baptist was the Christ. They asked this question because of the great power of God they saw in John too. Consequently, as John was baptizing people with the baptism of repentance, many asked him, "are you the Christ?" By answering them, "I am not the Christ," John taught his people how to be honest with their identity. Some people in our society try to claim who they are not. Sometimes we do that because we fail to accept the limit of our divine power or gift.

The baptism of the Lord is one of the events that identifies who Christ is to his people and the entire world. In the first reading and through Isaiah, God the Father said His Son to come will be His servant whom He upholds; His "chosen one with whom" He is pleased (Isaiah 42: 1). Then in this Sunday's Gospel after Jesus "had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened," the voice of God came from heaven and proclaimed that the one being baptized by John was actually His Son, with whom He was well pleased. Therefore, the event in today's Gospel is the fulfillment of God's promise in the first reading (Isaiah 42: 1-4, 6-7) that he will send His Son who will bring peace, justice and salvation to all people. The Holy Spirit that descended on Christ with the Divine anointing was the fulfillment of John's word that the Messiah will baptize his people with the Holy Spirit.

Dear brothers and sisters, we have a lot to take home with us from today's event. The fact that the Christ who had no sin has entered the water of baptism to bless it makes baptism the fundamental Sacrament of the Church. The opening of heaven after Christ's baptism signifies the Sacrament of baptism opens the gate of heaven for all who are baptized. Then, as the voice from heaven identified Jesus as the beloved Son of God as he was coming out of the water of baptism, as well, we are called sons and daughters of God through Christ and our baptism. What a wonderful Sacrament God has given to us through the baptism of His Son.

Father Samuel Aniekwe

Make a New Year's Resolution To Be INFORMED!

Why not make a New Year's resolution to learn more about our Catholic faith in 2019?

St. Mary Catholic Church owns a parish subscription to FORMED, a website which offers all parishioners unlimited access to an abundance of Catholic resources (movies, documentaries, audiobooks, podcasts, etc.) in English and Spanish for both children and adults.

Create your own free account by going to stmaryamericus.formed.org. There is also a FORMED app for mobile devices. Use the code **PGTZ74** when creating your FORMED account on the app. If you already have a FORMED account, why not make a resolution to check out at least one resource each week and encourage others to create an account? If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Louise Bosse at 229-938-9487 or labosse@mchsi.com.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

Please contact our office to request for a weekday or weekend Mass to be celebrated for your intention. You can as well mail your intention with the stipend (\$10) to our church or hand them to Father Sam after Mass.

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1/12/2019	Sat	5:30PM	+ Poor Souls (Peter Vinh Quang Mai)
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LA ESQUINA DEL PADRE SAM

13 de Enero de 2019

Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

Evangelio: Lucas 3:15-16, 21-22

Un Dios, un Bautismo y un Padre en el cielo

Este Domingo, finalizamos la temporada de Navidad con la fiesta del Bautismo del Señor. Comenzamos esta temporada hace cuatro semanas. En la primera semana de la Navidad, celebramos el nacimiento de Cristo, la cual es uno de los mas grandes eventos ocurridos en la infancia de Jesus. Este fin de semana, celebramos su Bautismo el cual sucedio como parte de su manifestacion al mundo. En el Evangelio de hoy, Juan, inmediatamente esparcio la noticia de que Jesus estaba entre su pueblo. Se escuchaban grandes nuevas acerca de Cristo y mucha gente contemplaba en su Corazon que Juan el Bautista era ese Cristo. Ellos se hacian esta pregunta, porque el gran poder de Dios lo veian en Juan. Consecuentemente, como Juan estaba bautizando gente, muchos asumian, “eres tu el Cristo”? El les respondio, “yo no soy el Cristo” Juan, debia ser honesto con su pueblo respecto a su identidad. Algunas, personas en nuestra sociedad, tratan de aparentar lo que no son en la realidad. Muchas veces procedemos asi, porque fallamos en aceptar lo que en realidad somos y no nos aceptamos tal cual.

El Bautismo del Señor, es uno de los eventos que identifican quien es Cristo ante su pueblo y ante el mundo entero. En la primera lectura de Isaias, Dios Padre dice a su Hijo vendras como servidor y tendras mi apoyo; El “escogido entre miles” El estaba complacido (Isaias 42:1). En el Evangelio de hoy, despues que Jesus “habia sido bautizado y oraban, el cielo se abrio”, la voz de Dios vino del cielo y proclamaba al unigenito que ha sido bautizado por Juan es su Hijo, en quien me complazco. Sin embargo, el evento en el Evangelio es el cumplimiento de la promesa de Dios, en la primera lectura (Isaias 42:1-4,6-7) El enviaba a su Hijo a traer paz, justicia y salvacion a su pueblo. El Espiritu Santo, que descendio sobre Cristo con la segrada uncion fue el cumplimiento de la palabra de Juan de que el Mesias seria bautizado ante el pueblo bajo el Espiritu Santo.

Queridos Hermanas y Hermanos, tenemos mucho para llevar a casa con los eventos de hoy. El hecho que Cristo, quien no tenia pecado, recibio el agua del bautismo, bendijo al principal Sacramento de la Iglesia. El cielo abierto, luego del bautizo de Cristo, significa que este Sacramento nos abre las puertas del cielo a todos aquellos que hemos sido bautizados. Entonces, la voz del cielo identifica a Jesus como el mas devoto hijo de Dios luego de su bautizo, asi tambien, somos llamados hijos e hijas de Dios a traves de Cristo y nuestro bautismo. Que maravilloso Sacramento de Dios, nos ha sido dado a traves del bautismo de su Hijo.

Fr. Samuel Aniewke

Proposito de Ano Nuevo para estar InFORMED!

Porque no hacer un nuevo proposito de Ano Nuevo para aprender mas, sobre nuestra Fe Catolica en 2019? St. Mary Catholic Church, posee una subscripcion FORMED, una pagina website que nos ofrece ilimitados y abundantes recursos catolicos (peliculas, documentales, audiolibros, etc.) en Ingles y Espanol, para ambos, ninos y adultos.

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PETICION PARA INTENCION DE MISA

Por favor, comuniquese con nuestra Oficina, cualquier día de la semana para Petición de Intención de Misa. Usted, también puede enviarla vía mail con el costo, a nuestra Iglesia o entregarle el mismo al Padre Samuel en sus manos, después de la Misa.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS/ANUNCIOS

1. Join thousands of Catholics nationwide in the annual pro-life novena, *9 Days for Life*, Monday, January 14-Tuesday, January 22. Pray for the respect of all human life with daily intentions, brief reflections, and more. Download a free mobile app, or sign up to receive the novena through daily e-mails or text messages. Sign up at www.9daysforlife.com.

1. Catolicos de todo el mundo unámonos en la novena pro-vida, 9 Dias por la Vida, el Lunes 14 y Martes 22 de Enero. Oremos por el respeto de toda vida humana con intenciones diarias, breves reflexiones, y, mas. Instale en su celular el app, o, reciban la novena via e-mail o mensaje de texto, a través de www.9daysforlife.com.

2. There will be two Holy Hours of prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children offered at St. Mary this upcoming week. The first will be on Wednesday evening, January 16th, from 6:25 to 7:25 PM in the Church. The second will be on Friday morning, January 18th, from 11 AM to noon prior to the communion service in the chapel. Each Holy Hour will include Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction along with recitation of the Pro-Life Rosary. Please plan to join us. On Tuesday, January 22nd, the anniversary of Roe v. Wade, there will be a pro-life rosary in the church at 6:00 PM.

2. Tendremos dos Horas Santas de Oracion por la Proteccion Legal del No-Nacido, en las próximas semanas en St. Mary. La primera sera el Miercoles 16 de Enero, de las 6:25 PM a 7:25 PM en la Iglesia. La segunda sera el Viernes en la mañana de 11 AM al mediodía antes del Servicio de Comunion en la Capilla. Cada Hora Santa incluirá Eucaristia, Adoracion y Bendicion con Recitacion del Rosario Pro-Vida. Por favor, planifiquese y unase a nosotros. El Martes 22 de Enero, el aniversario de Roe V. Wade, tendremos un Rosario Pro-Vida en la Iglesia a las 6:00 PM.

3. Today's feast, The Baptism of the Lord, marks the official end of the Church's Christmas liturgical season. Volunteers are needed after the 11:30 AM Spanish Mass to assist in taking down and putting away the Christmas decorations.

3. Hoy, en la Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor, marca el fin oficial de la estación Liturgica de Navidad de la Iglesia. Necesitaremos voluntarios después de la Misa Hispana, que nos ayuden a bajar las decoraciones Navidenas.

4. The PCCW is sponsoring an International Potluck Dinner in Sherlock Hall on Saturday, January 19th after the 5:30 Mass. All are encouraged to bring a dish to share that reflects their cultural background and join in celebrating the diversity of our parish family.

4. El Comité PCCW, ha planeado una Cena Internacional en el Salon Sherlock, para el Sabado 19 de Enero después de la Misa de las 5:30PM. Todos están invitados a asistir y traer un plato típico, para compartir la diversidad cultural de nuestras Familias en la Parroquia.

5. Knights of Columbus #7113 will hold their January council meeting on Tuesday, January 15th at La Hacienda. Dinner begins at 6 PM and the business meeting begins at 7 PM. All knights and all Catholic men 18 years old and older are welcome to join us.

5. Los Caballeros de Columbus #7113, tendrán su reunión de comité, el Martes 15 de Enero en el Restuarant "La Hacienda", la cena comenzara a las 6:00 PM y la reunión a las 7:00 PM. Todos los Caballeros y todos los hombres Catolicos mayores de 18a. y mas seran bienvenidos a esta reunion. Por favor unase a nosotros.



As part of the Apostleship of Prayer and in union with our Pope, please remember the following intention this month. **INTENTION:** That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

En unión a nuestro Papa, recordar la Oracion de INTENCION del mes: A la Juventud, en especial la de Latino America, seguir el ejemplo de María y responder al llamado de comunicar la alegría de la palabra del Señor, al mundo.



OUR STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY



Weekend	Offertory	Budget/Presupuesto	Surplus/Sobre	Deficit/Falta	2nd Collection
Jan. 1 & 6	\$3,782	\$3,121	\$661		
Jan. 13		\$3,121			Black and Indian Missions
Jan. 20		\$3,121			
Jan. 27		\$3,121			