

Están planificando un retiro parroquial Hispano celebrando "Vive la eucaristía."



Igual como la comunidad Anglo de nuestra parroquia la cual va a tener su retiro de "Living The Eucharist" sábado el 14 de Abril en salón Sherlock, también la comunidad Hispano está planificando su retiro. El retiro no es solamente para adultos y jóvenes que participaron en aquella programa cuaresmal, sino también para aquellos interesados en rezar, cantar, y compartir con otros de su fe. El retiro incluye charlas de temas eucarísticos per medo de dos videos, una charla en la mañana y la otra en la tarde; grupos pequeños para platicar sobres algunas preguntas planteadas del videos; lecturas de escrituras bíblicas; almuerzo; adoración breve del Santísimo Sacramento en el templo. Necesitamos ayudantes para el éxito de este día del retiro, Para más información, favor llame o Juan Alejo, Rocio Aparicio o Martin Lara.

¿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 asistir en otra parroquia se sea necesario. 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.



re que los padres asistan en una clase pre-bautismal y los padrinos también. Los padrinos pueden asistir en otra parroquia se sea necesario. 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.

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.

Clases Religiosas empiezan de nuevo este miércoles al mismo tiempo a las 6 en la tarde. También se les recuerda a los padres de familia de la importancia de asistir a una de las misas acá cada fin de semana con sus niños,



de semana con sus niños,

Corresponsabilidad: domingo de Pascua



¡Aleluya! Cristo se ha levantado victorioso sobre el pecado y la muerte! Somos buenos administradores de nuestra fe sí, como San Pablo, compartimos esta buena nueva en los sitios y en los momentos que podamos.



Jueves, hora santa delante de la Santísima

Este jueves es el primero del mes, y como siempre, todos están invitados a venir a la iglesia de las 6:55 hasta a las 8:00 para adorar, rezar, y cantar en una Hora Santa.

LA CAMPAÑA 2018 DEL OBISPO está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos cuatro colectas y de las cifras de 29 de marzo, ya logramos \$4,883 o 34 % 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.

Requisitos Para La Primera Comunión.



Los chicos que estarán aprobados por su Primera Comunión son los que habían participados regularmente en las clases religiosas los miércoles; asistían regularmente en las Misas; proporcionaron a su maestra Sra. Bosse su acta de bautismo; hicieron su Sacramento de Reconciliación (Confesión), y muestran su entendimiento del Sacramento de la Eucarística y su deseo de recibirla. Para más información favor llame Sra. Louise Bosse,



St. Mary Catholic Church

332 S. Lee St., Americus, GA 31709

Telephone: (229) 924-3495

Pastor: Father Fran Gillespie SJ ("Padre Paco")

email: fgillespie@diosav.org

Bookkeeper: stmaryamericus@gmail.com

Parish Web Page: www.stmaryamericus.com

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

April 1, 2018 Easter Sunday



"On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were utterly amazed. He said to them, "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him." (John 20)

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, honorando 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. 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 (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

May you be graced to "Easter" your loved ones and friends as the Risen Christ did to His loved ones and friends that first Easter season.



THE RISEN JESUS FIRST APPEARS TO HIS MOTHER.
(Pius tradition promoted by St. Ignatius of Loyola.)

St. Ignatius of Loyola, who founded the Society of Jesus (Jesuits), offers us a meditation on Jesus' appearance to his Mother just after his resurrection. His meditation on this appearance is found in the "Spiritual Exercises" of St. Ignatius. There Ignatius directs us to see with our imagination the house of our Lady, noting its different parts, and our Lady's room in particular. Next we are to consider how Christ appears to console Our Lady, not unlike the way friends console one another. Finally, we are to ask God for the grace to rejoice and be glad because of the great joy and glory that is the Risen Christ's. Depending on each person's pattern of praying, parishioners are invited to allot a half hour to an hour meditating privately on this unrecorded but believable Easter scene.

May all attending St. Mary's parish receive the grace of partaking in the joy of the Risen Christ throughout this Easter Season.

QUESTIONS ABOUT CATHOLICISM?

At this blessed time of Easter, a family member or friend might cross your mind, someone who has expressed interest in Catholicism or someone who has been away from the church and seeks to rejoin. Perhaps they are unbaptized, or if baptized, have not received, for whatever reason, the sacraments of Holy Communion or Confirmation. If so, please do your part by putting them in contact with Bernie Bosse, our parish's deaconate candidate, who also coordinates our RCIA program which helps them to discern their way, at 229-815-0189 or by email at: bcbosse@mchsi.com

Save The Date: Saturday, April 14, Retreat



Several dozen parishioners will be gathering for a day of retreat to cap off their beneficial experience participating in the Lenten program, "Living the Eucharist" (LTE). All adults and teens are invited no matter the degree to which they entered into this Lenten program.

The program begins at 9 the morning of Saturday April 14th in the parish hall and ends in the church with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 3 PM. The retreat includes two talks on DVDs that round out the first year of LTE; prayerful sharing in small groups; hymns; lunch; adoration and benediction in the church. The retreat is ably organized by Parish Council chair, Lynn Ingle (229-938-5262) assisted by a number of lay leaders of our parish. This retreat is in English— a corresponding Retreat in Spanish will be held later.



Our Parish Council of Catholic Women (PCCW) meets Monday, April 9th, at 6:00 PM in classroom B. All women of the Parish are welcome to attend. The meeting needs to focus on the planning for the luncheon that will be served for our "Living the Eucharist" Retreat that will take place the following Saturday, April 14th (see above). For questions, please contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801; or by her email: carolynrdc@att.net.

Are you Safe Environment trained?



The next Virtus training session in our area is next Saturday, April 7th, in Albany at St. Teresa's Church starting at 2 PM. To register, go to www.dios-av.org, and find the training listed on the Upcoming Events Calendar.

The 21st Annual Knights of Columbus Charity Golf Tournament



is next Saturday, April 7th at 8 AM at Griffin Bell Golf Course in Americus. All money raised by the tournament is donated to charity.

Please pray for the success of the tournament. The cost to play is \$60, and that includes your cart, greens fee, lunch and drinks. If you would like to be a golfer, hole sponsor, prize donor or volunteer, please contact Ron Akerman at

April BAA Contributions Will Be Matched



The Diocese happily informed parishes this past Thursday that thanks again to an anonymous donor, donations made for this month of April will be matched. The matching requirements will be

similar to last year's. For example:

1) Gifts made this month of April will be matched dollar for dollar provided the donation is an increase from the previous year. Thus, if a donor made a gift of \$400 in 2017 and increased the gift to \$500 in 2018, the \$100 increase is matched;

2) The donation is a new gift in 2018. Thus, if a donor did not make a gift in 2017 and gives in 2018, the 2018 gift will be matched in full.

Given the blessed largess of the anonymous diocesan benefactor, all of us do well to prayerfully consider increasing our gift in any way we can. If it's just \$25, that \$25 will be matched. Similarly, those who could not give last year are urged to consider giving this year so their gift can be doubled by the miracle of matching.

| <u>Weekend</u> | <u>Offertory</u> | <u>Budget/Presupuesto</u> | <u>Surplus/(+Sobre)Deficit/(—Falta)</u> | <u>2nd Collection</u> |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|
| March 4 | \$4,958 | \$2925 | \$2,033 | BAA 11:30 Misa \$269 |
| March 11 | \$2,475 | \$2925 | (\$450) | Catholic Relief Serv. \$817 |
| March 18 | \$3,271 | \$2,925 | \$ 346 | BAA 11:30 Mass \$322 |
| March 25 | \$2,585 | \$2,925 | (\$ 340) | BAA 11:30 Mass \$358 |