

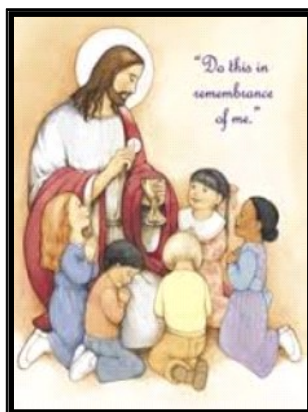
Misa de Confirmación con el Obispo



La Misa de Confirmación con el Obispo Hartmayer será el próximo Sábado, 13 de Mayo de 2017, a las 5 de la tarde. Nuestro Obispo dará el sacramento de confirmación a cuatro estudiantes que han terminado exitosamente su preparación para recibir el sacramento bajo la tutoría

del Dr. David Finley. Todos los feligreses de la parroquia y sus familiares están invitados a celebrar esta misa con nosotros y nuestros estudiantes, y después disfrutar de una "cena de picoteo" en el salón de la Iglesia, ofrecido por el K of C y el PCCW. Para mas información, por favor, póngase en contacto con Larry Banks 229-942-9405 o con Carolyn Campbell 229-94201801

Ensayo para la Confirmación la noche de este viernes, 12 de mayo, a las 6:45 PM en la iglesia para los candidatos, y los padrinos y las madrinas de los cuatro candidatos aprobados.



La Primera Comunión

Felicitaciones a los chicos que hicieron su primera comunión el sábado pasado. Estamos muy agradecidos a sus maestras Sra. Louise Bosse y su asistente Sra. Bonnie Rodríguez, y también estamos agradecidos al Coordinador de los clases religiosas, Sr. Ron Akerman.

Los chicos que recibieron la Eucaristía por la primera vez son:

- Dennis Gonzalez-Barrientos
- Ibis Gonzalez-Barrientos
- Angelina Gonzalez-Diaz
- Luis Miguel Gonzalez-Diaz
- Jose Manuel Hernandez-Recinos
- Charles Robert Hopkins
- Dylan Xaisana Nguyen
- Anika Therese Remollino
- Rupberto Salas-Torralba

Adoración del Santísima en los miércoles



termina hasta el fin de agosto cuando las clases religiosas empiezan de nuevo. Pero hay adoración todos los viernes en la capilla de las once hasta unos minutos antes de las doce cuando empieza la Misa.

Ultima Clase, Ultima Cena: "Pot Luck"

La última clase de religión de este año escolar es este miércoles, 10 de mayo. Tendremos una comida "pot luck" para los alumnos, maestros, y familias de los alumnos. Por favor traigan un plato de comida para compartir. La cena empieza a las 6:00 p.m. en el salón.



LA CAMPAÑA 2017 DEL OBISPO



está realizando por una serie de segunda colectas en la Misas. Ya tomamos cuatro. Nuestra parroquia ya logramos \$6,848 o 49% 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 Señor"

CORESPONSIBILIDAD: 4o. de Pascua



Jesús dice: "Vine para que tengan vida, y la tengan en abundancia." Los buenos administradores de los bienes de Dios están agradecidos por el

regalo de la vida y alegremente comparten su abundancia con los demás.



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4th Sunday of the Easter Season May 7, 2017



"So Jesus said again,
I am the gate for the sheep.
Whoever enters through me will be saved, and
will come in and go out and find pasture. ...I came so that
they might have life and have it more abundantly." (John 10)

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

Is your Parish Registration up to date?



Periodically, we send a communique like this asking parishioners if any of their registration particulars have changed. Thus, since first registering, if you

have changed your address or phone number, or had any changes in your household/family members with you, changed your marital status, had a baby, etc., please take a moment to update your parish records either by filling out a registration form (found in the registration drawer in back of church) or by leaving a message at the parish office. As part of this updating of our parish registration process, long-standing inactive members, save for those who have duly informed the office, will be pruned from the list. Thank you for aiding our office to keep accurate and current your information.

Final Faith Formation classes end this



Wednesday, May 10th, resuming in August. We have had another blessed year of catechetical instruction thanks to the efforts of our Coordinator Ron Ackerman, our dedicated teachers, their

assistants, and to the parents who saw to it their children faithfully attended our weekly classes. To celebrate this successful year, our annual Faith Formation Pot Luck Supper will be held this Wednesday the 10th. This supper is for the students, parents, teachers and their assistants of our Faith Formation program. Please bring a favorite dish to share with everyone and arrive to Sherlock Hall at 6 PM. The meal begins shortly after around 6:15.

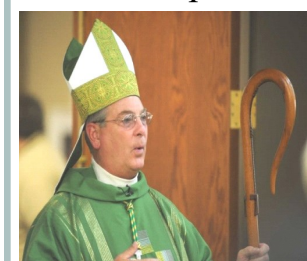
Congratulations To Our First Communicants



Under the tutelage of their teacher Louise Bosse and her assistant Bonnie M. Rodriguez, the following students completed the requirements including attending throughout the year "Classes & Masses", for their First Communion. They received the Eucharist for the first time last Saturday at a 10 AM Mass in our church celebrated by the pastor.

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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 5/2 follows:

St. Mary's BAA Goal	\$13,901
Contributed as of 5/2	6,848
Percent of Goal now:	49%
Amount yet to contribute	\$ 7,053
Pledge Balance	(\$2,004)

Parish Pastoral Council Membership



With the customary rotation at hand of some members going off of our parish's Pastoral Council (PC) and in preparation for our annual nomination and election process of new members, it is timely to review requirements for membership on it. The idea is to encourage beforehand qualified and eligible parishioners to prayerfully consider serving on our PC.

What is the Pastoral Council? Briefly, per Church Law, the Parish Pastoral Council is a structure of consultation to the pastor. It is a planning council, not a coordinating council; a consultative group pursuing the mission of the parish church with the pastor. The consultation of the Pastoral Council is essential in the decision-making process, but the Pastoral Council is not the decision maker. (Canon 536).

Who sits on the PC? When does it meet?

Our parish's Pastoral Council meets almost monthly and consists of elected and appointed members. Persons deemed eligible to serve on our parish's Pastoral Council must meet such requirements as the following:

- *Be in full communion with the Catholic Church and a registered parishioner of St. Mary for a year as of the upcoming election date;
- *Able to attend the Vigil or Sunday Mass most weekends of the month throughout the year (save vacations, holiday visiting, and such like). Not so regularly attending, for whatever reason, renders one out of touch with a pivotal part of the parish and thus severely limited in the advisory PC role;
- *Subscribe to the "Spirituality of Stewardship" involving the sharing of their time, talent, and treasure to their parish and Diocesan Church;
- *Able to attend the meetings and willing to accept some tasks as part of committee business;
- *Be interested in the overall spiritual and temporal welfare of the parish and be without an inordinate attachment to a group or personal agenda.
- *Endorse the mission statement of the parish;
- *Be 18 years of age and conversant in English;

For more information, contact pastoral council member Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or by email at: carolynrdc@att.net.



Confirmation Mass with Bishop Hartmayer will take place next Saturday May 13th, at 5 PM. Our Bishop will administer the sacrament of Confirmation to 4 students who have successfully completed their preparation for this sacrament under the tutelage of

David Finley, Ph.D. All parishioners and their guests are invited to come and celebrate this Mass then enjoy a "Finger Foods" reception afterwards in the parish hall hosted by the K of C and the PCCW. For further information please contact Larry Banks @ 229-942-9405 or Carolyn Campbell @ 229-942-2801.

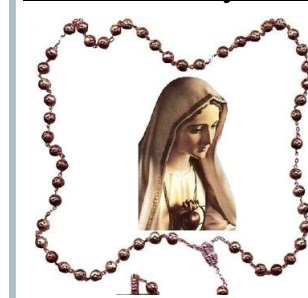
Mass Intention Requests:



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

<u>May 6-13</u>	<u>Mass Intention</u>	<u>Requestor</u>
Saturday	Parishioners	Pastor
Sunday 8:30	+Suzi McKenna	Betty Shenk
Sunday 10:30	+ Helen Snow	Sheri 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)

<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
April 30	\$2,743	\$2,588	\$ 845	Home Missions \$599