

Requisitos Para Inscribirse Para Clases De Catecismo (comienzan el 6 de septiembre)



Después de las misas este fin de semana y las próximas empezamos con la inscripción para las clases de Catecismo del primero hasta el colegio. 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: 20 de agosto, Domingo 20 avo.



En la segunda lectura de hoy, San Pablo dice a los Romanos: "Los regalos de Dios y Su llamado son irrevocables." ¿Para qué me está llamando Dios Hoy? ¿Cuáles son los dones que yo tengo para compartir?

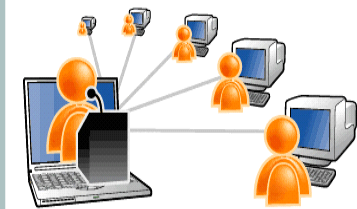
Celebramos la fiesta patronal de nuestra parroquia el sábado el 9 de Septiembre después de la misa. Como en años anteriores, tendremos juegos, comida y bebidas (gratis); se toma lugar en el parqueo y se dura hasta las ocho de la noche. Todos están invitados.



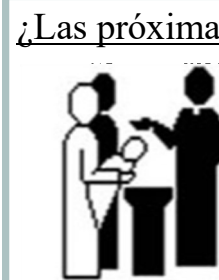
Van a servir las comidas en Sherlock Hall. Los caballeros de Colon y las mujeres de PCCW están coordinando esta fiesta. Para más información favor llame o Sra. Carolyn Campbell 229-942-2801 o Ron Akerman 229-942-1653



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 si, 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 inscripción es diez dólares. Para registrarse favor hable con Sra. Sara Yanez que sirva como Registrar, o envíarle un correo electrónico :sarasarued@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 más 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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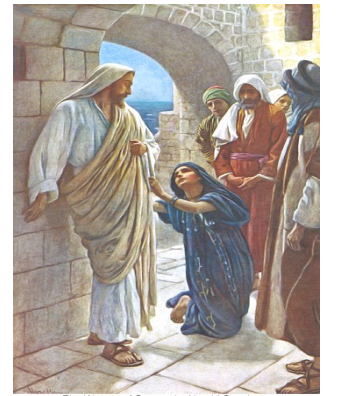
August 20th, 2017 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"A Canaanite woman... called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, my daughter is tormented by a demon.

Jesus replied, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of... Israel... It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs."

She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters.

Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." (Matt. 15)



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.

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

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.

Sacramento 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.

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

Are you VIRTUS Certified? Next Saturday August 26, from 9 AM til 12 noon, in Sherlock Hall our parish VIRTUS coordinator, Ron Akerman, will offer a training session for parishioners 18 years of age and older. Please note diocesan norms require one to enroll on line before attending the session and once can do this at: <https://www.virtusonline.org/virtus/reg>. Ron can assist you with registration or other questions. Phone him at 229-942-1653 or email him at: ronakerman@mediacombb.net.



Any adult parishioner is encouraged to attend this training to inform themselves of dangers in our society to children and youth and to provide themselves with tools they can use to help keep safe children and youth. VIRTUS is a program encouraged by Bishops nation wide to train adults, clergy included, on promoting safe environment for children and youth. Virtus training of adults is required for any adult who will come into contact with children or youth as part of their ministry. Virtus training must be completed before they begin ministry.

Save The Date for Parish Patronal Fest



Our parish celebration of Mary's birth will be on Saturday, September 9, after the Evening Mass. The amusements will take place in the parking lot behind the church and go until 8 PM. There will be entertainment for venture-some children of all ages, e.g., The Bounce House, Water Slide and Dunking Booth. Hamburgers, hot dog dinners plus a feast day cake will be served will be served in gnat free Sherlock Hall. All are welcome so mark your calendars for our annual feast day celebration.



If you can help them please contact Ron Akerman at 229- 942-1653 or Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801.

Is Jesus Calling You To Pass On The Faith?



Are you called to teach our Catholic Faith?

When asked to become a catechist, many people reply, "Me? A Catechist"?. They often give pseudo-reasons as they beg off becoming a catechist, e.g., (Source: Joe Paprocki, Loyola U. Press)

- I don't know if I can handle a group of kids;
- I'm not sure that I have anything to share;
- I'm not sure I know just what the Church teaches;
- I'm afraid I'll say something wrong;
- I don't know if I'll be able to answer kids' questions
- I'm not that holy...I'm just a regular person;
- I don't know if I have the time;
- I don't have any formal training to teach;
- I don't know if kids will like me;
- I've never taught before.

On the other hand, some valid reasons for not qualifying as a catechist at St. Mary's would be: declining to be Virtus trained, not being able to attend Mass most weekends of the month at St. Mary's, not being fluent in English.

For more information please contact either the pastor Fr. Fran, or Faith Formation Coordinator Ron Akerman (229-942-1653) or by emailing him at: ronakerman@mediacombb.net.

2017 Bishop's Appeal Still at 92% of Goal:



As of last Wednesday August 16, the diocesan BAA data show our parish remaining at 92% 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".

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| St. Mary's BAA Goal | \$13,901 |
| Contributed as of 7/20/2017 | 12,550 |
| Percent of Goal now: | 92% |
| Amount to reach goal | 1,351 |
| Pledge Balances Outstanding | (\$2,756) |

Religious Education Classes Soon to Begin



Children's Religious Education

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 re-commit 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" home work. Wednesday evening Faith Formation classes begin punctually at 6:15, and finish at 7:30. On class nights our teachers will available from 6 PM and remain until 7:40 PM. For this 2017-18 year there will be about three dozen sessions.

Who Joins The RCIA? People from all sorts of religious back-



grounds join the RCIA. Some have been baptized in another Christian religion, some have never been baptized. Some have been practicing Christians for many years, some come with little or no religion in their background. And some are already Catholic but are seeking a greater understanding of our faith. New parishioners or visitors having RCIA questions, as well as any others interested in being baptized Catholic or becoming fully initiated Catholics by receiving the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, are invited to contact RCIA Coordinator, Bernie Bosse 229-815-0189 or by email at bcbosse@mchsi.com.

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| Weekend | Offertory | Budget/Presupuesto | Surplus/(+Sobre) | Deficit/(—Falta) | 2nd Collection |
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| August 6 | \$3,931 | \$3,026 | +905 | Haiti's Visitation Hospital | \$1,808 |
| August 13 | \$3,141 | \$3,026 | +115 | Church in Latin America | \$793 |

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)



Mark Your Calendars

A Morning of Reflection will be held in Sherlock Hall Saturday, September 16th on the theme: "A Journey in Faith with Mary: From the Annunciation to the Assumption". Presenters will

be Trinitarian Sisters Christine Wiltrakis and Therese Francis. All are invited— women, men (including high school students). For more info, contact Carolyn Campbell at 229-942-2801 or email: carolynrdc@att.net



Stewardship Thought for August 20, the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

From St. Paul we learn of how one of the churches or "parishes" he founded, the one at Corinth, practiced the stewardship of treasure in helping to build up the universal Church Jesus founded. As Paul states it: "They gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. (II Corinthians 8:3).