

## JUNE 2016 Happy Father's Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>5 Blood Drive</b> RCIA 8:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p><b>6 Ultraya 7P</b> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>7</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P <b>Baptismal Prep 7P</b> Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p><b>1</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308</p>	<p><b>2</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir &amp; AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p><b>3</b></p>	<p><b>4</b> Lector Prep 10:30A AG Dance by Kenya 12N <i>Bartolo &amp; Gorman Wedding</i> 2:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p><b>12 T-Shirt Weekend</b> Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 8:30A KPC/RCIA Meeting 12N Jr. Daughters Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p><b>13</b> Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>14</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>15</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308</p>	<p><b>16</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir &amp; AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> 7:30P</p>	<p><b>18 Jr. Concession Stand</b> AG Dance by Kenya 12N Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p><b>19 Father's Day</b> <i>Breakfast served after the services in the cafeteria</i> RCIA 8:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p><b>20</b> Pastoral Council Meeting 6:30P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p><b>21</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>22</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308</p>	<p><b>23</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir &amp; AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25 Jr. Concession Stand</b> AG Dance by Kenya 12N Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist - Graduation Weekend Bookstore &amp; Bagnens</p>
<p><b>26 Graduation Weekend</b> <b>Bookstore Open</b> RCIA 8:30A Live Stream 10A Mass Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A Life Issues 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p><b>27</b> Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>28</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>29</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308</p>	<p><b>30 Last Day - Summer Break</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir &amp; AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p>		

*Save the Date*

*Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup> ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekend*

*Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup> ~ Father's Day ~ Join us for brunch after all the services in the cafeteria*

*Wednesday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> ~ Dominican Justice Lecture ~ 7PM in the church*

## Life Notes



In 2002, a young Marietta couple, Brian and Debby Freel, decided to follow Dorothy Day's example of putting our faith into action. They called the Catholic Worker house they started the Seamless Garment to highlight our Catholic commitment to protect human life from conception until natural death. In a modest bungalow remodeled with the help of family and Transfiguration parish members, the couple invited women who were pregnant and without homes or resources to become their guests. Thanks to their efforts, poor women who might otherwise have chosen abortion were given a safe haven during and after childbirth. Fittingly, their first guest was a Muslim refugee who called her baby Isa, the name of Jesus in the Qur'an.

### A MINISTRY IN HIGH DEMAND

By 2006, as Brian and Debby's own family expanded, they shared their fears that the ministry would have to shut its doors. In response, another couple from Transfiguration, Dave and Caryn Lyng, offered to take on the Seamless Garment. Because the Catholic Worker model did not provide donors a tax shelter, the Lyngs transformed the undertaking into the Seamless Garment Ministry (SGM), a more conventional 501(c)3 operation. With newfound donations, the Lyngs acquired an additional house and offered their guests much-needed counseling and training. Soon the rejuvenated program was receiving over 150 calls a year for its five beds.

### BUILD UP – BRIDGE OUT

In 2011, when the Lyngs had to move out of state, Dr. Ralph Bell, a Baptist pastoral counselor who provided Sunday school classes to SGM guests, offered to take charge. Under Dr. Bell's leadership, the now-interdenominational SGM was rechristened Sheltering Grace Ministry and became the only licensed maternity home for women over 21 in north Georgia. Sheltering Grace's "Build Up – Bridge Out" program provides guests with a 3-phase program aimed at gainful employment and independent living.

### A NEW LEASE ON LIFE IN EAST POINT

With 2-3 new calls for service every day, Dr. Bell soon realized that Sheltering Grace could not meet the demand. Fortunately, the Atlanta archdiocese was searching for a new owner for its vacant 16-bedroom retirement home on Washington Road in East Point. Impressed by SGM's success, Archbishop Gregory donated the 5.76-acre property to Sheltering Grace, and on April 25<sup>th</sup>, with Dr. Bell at his side, he dedicated its refurbished chapel to Mary, Mother of God. Baby Isa would be well pleased.

*To sustain its expanded operation, SGM badly needs both financial support and volunteer services—from party/event planners to gardeners to Bible study leaders. To volunteer, call 678-337-7858 or contact Gerri Bell at [gbell@shelteringgrace.org](mailto:gbell@shelteringgrace.org).*

*A video of the Sheltering Grace dedication is available at <https://vimeo.com/165042469>*