

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

## May 2017 - Happy Mother's Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>7</b> <i>Last day of Sunday School</i> Dancers' <i>Self Mother's Day</i> Tickets RCIA 8:30A Nursery Open ~ 9:45A Women's Council 10A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p><b>8</b> <i>Pastoral Council 6:30PM</i> Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>9</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>10</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p><b>11</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A JustFaith/Just Matters 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>12</b></p>	<p><b>13</b> KFC Jr's Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Eradicism 11A RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p><b>14</b> Live Stream 10A Mass <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Breakfast served after</i> <i>the services</i> <i>Amazing Grace</i> <i>Mother's Day Concert</i> <i>Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 4P</i></p>	<p><b>15</b> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>16</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>17</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p><b>18</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A JustFaith/Just Matters 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>19</b> <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night 7:30P</i></p>	<p><b>20</b> Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A KFC Jr's Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A <i>Dinner &amp; Grace Wedding 2P</i> <i>ABBS Meeting 3P</i> RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p><b>21</b> RCIA 8:30A Haiti 11:30A Health Promotions (offsite) 12N SVDP Meeting 12N KPC/KPCA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P</p>	<p><b>22</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Telize Prayer Group</i> <i>8:00PM</i></p>	<p><b>23</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>24</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p><b>25</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7P</i> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>26</b></p>	<p><b>27</b> T-Shirt Saturday KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eradicism 11A RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Belgents &amp; Bookstore 6:30P</p>
<p><b>28</b> <i>Ascension Sunday</i> Live Stream 10A Mass T-Shirt Sunday Bookstore &amp; Belgents RCIA 8:30A Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Lourdes Alumni 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)</p>	<p><b>29</b> Memorial Day <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>30</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>31</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>			

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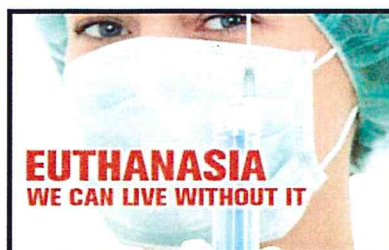
*Saturday, May 6 ~ First Communion ~ 11A*

*Bro. Joseph Paul Albin's Farewell Reception ~ May 6/7*

*Sunday, May 14 ~ Mother's Day ~ Breakfast served after all the services*

*Sunday, May 14 ~ Amazing Grace's Mother's Day Concert ~ 4P*

*T-Shirt weekend ~ May 27/28*



### WILL BLACK LIVES MATTER TO DEATH WITH DIGNITY ACT?

Earlier this year, that question was posed by Dr. Lydia Dugdale in Washington's widely-read political paper *The Hill*. Last fall, the DC City Council joined six US states in legalizing physician-assisted suicide--alarming Dugdale, Director of Biomedical Ethics at Yale University School of Medicine. Noting that "African American patients receive inferior healthcare when compared with other groups," Dugdale questioned the wisdom of allowing "white doctors like me to facilitate the deaths of patients in a district predominantly comprised of racial and ethnic minorities."

Recalling the infamous Tuskegee syphilis study, Dugdale argued that current disparities in medical care "did not just happen" but result from systematic abuses in the past. Do past patterns of discrimination make it more likely that doctors today will hasten the deaths of minority patients? Dugdale suggests that "if data from Belgium are anything to go by, vulnerable populations are at high risk for having death imposed."

### "I DON'T WANT TO DIE"

In Europe's Low Countries, Belgium and the Netherlands, euthanasia is now widely practiced and rarely questioned. A recent incident in the Netherlands illustrates Dugdale's point. An elderly woman in a nursing home had expressed a vague desire to end her life "when the time was right." As her dementia increased, she had begun wandering the premises at night, and her physician decided to end her life.

Because she kept insisting, "I don't want to die," the doctor slipped a sedative into her coffee before administering a lethal injection. But she awoke and resisted, so the physician enlisted family members to hold her down as she was put to death. Despite international outrage, Dutch authorities concluded that the doctor "acted in good faith."

### ADDING TO THE ATROCITIES

Responding to Dr. Dugdale in *The Hill*, euthanasia advocate David Levin insisted that "there is no evidence to date it appears, none, and Dugdale does not suggest that there is any, that connects aid in dying and health care in minority communities in any negative way at all." Citing examples from the Low Countries is simply "fear mongering," he said, since "numerous safeguards" protect "communities of color" here. But the best safeguard of all, in Dr. Dugdale's view, is opposing laws that may add to "the atrocities committed by society and the health profession toward black and Hispanic patients."

Dr. Dugdale's piece is available at <http://thehill.com/blogs/punditsblog/healthcare/315731-will-black-lives-matter-to-death-with-dignity-act>.