

THE CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY SECOND COLLECTION will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 64-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Many of the clients are members of the working poor who work several jobs and long hours to support their families. Many of these individuals are also facing a life crisis, alone and frightened. Catholic Charities Atlanta staff help to identify their problems and provide them with the resources to put them on the path to independence.

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" is coming to an end on **December 31, 2017**. If you still have a pledge balance, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. It is very important that your pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries. Payments can also be made on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org under the 'Give' tab. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

LOURDES LUNCH volunteer pool keeps growing smaller (many people have moved away or are working). We have the least amount of volunteers on Thursday. Please consider coming in on Tuesday and/or Thursdays to help serve. We could use your help anytime between 9:30AM - 1PM. Volunteers who can come in late and stay for the clean up would be greatly appreciated. The program also needs a volunteer to pick up bread every Monday at the Publix on Clairmont and N. Decatur and drop it off at Lourdes. Because of the amount we pick up you will probably need an SUV or station wagon. If you could take on this job or know of anyone who would be willing to help us out (maybe a college student). This ministry is serving 150 - 200 adults a good meal twice a week. We need more help!! Please call the Church Office 404-522-6776 if you are available to volunteer.

Please join the **LOURDES BOOK CLUB** for a book discussion on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Panera, Emory Village at 7PM for dinner with the discussion to begin at 7:45PM. Our book selection is: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

Homegoing is a novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana and along the way also becomes a truly great American novel. Extraordinary for its exquisite language, its implacable sorrow, its soaring beauty, and for its monumental portrait of the forces that shape families and nations, *Homegoing* heralds the arrival of a major new voice in contemporary fiction ~ Goodreads.....

Can't join us for the book discussion on January 27th but want to contribute to our book discussion, email Carole Lacour at Lared111@aol.com with comments or call 770-951-3417.

DECEMBER IS SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH: Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to make conscientious purchasing decisions based on what is best for each individual child. Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child. Be diligent about inspecting these gifts before allowing your child to play with them. For more information on safe toys and gifts for children as well as general children's eye health topics, please contact Prevent Blindness America by calling (800) 331-2020 or visit <http://www.preventblindness.org/>.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: *For the elderly.* That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: We hope this season of Advent fills your hearts with peace and joy. On Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30PM to 8PM, IHM School will hold its final Open House for the 2018-2019 school year. **Experience the Beauty of a Catholic Education** by joining us Wednesday, January 10. During your visit, you will have an opportunity to tour the school and to meet with IHM alums, as well as, current students, teachers and parents. Kindly RSVP to Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org or by phone 404-636-4488. Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

To report abuse by church personnel:
888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline
Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org

A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT

OUR LADY of LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 Boulevard, N.E.
 Atlanta, GA 30312
 404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
 Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
 Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 17, 2017



Celebration of the Eucharist
 Saturday: 5:00 PM
 Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
 and 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
 Saturday: 4:30 PM
 and by appointment

Rosary
 Saturday: 4:30 PM

RCIA Inquiry Classes
 Sundays - 8:30AM
 In RCIA Room - 3rd Floor
 Contact: Ms. Kim Parrish
 404.247.6628
kaparrish@hotmail.com

Nursery Hours
 9:00AM - 11:45AM
 Ages: 3 Months - 4 Years Old

Sunday School Classes
 K - 7: Sunday: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
 Contact : Mrs. Theresa Bowen
thebowens4@bellsouth.net

Teens: 10:30AM - 11:45 AM
 Contact: Ms. Samantha Smith
lourdesteens1912@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team
 Contact: Mr. Phillip Verre
 Lourdes Prayer Line: 678.235.5469
lourdespct@gmail.com
 2nd Saturday of the month at 10AM



Join our online community on **Flocknote** by texting LOURDESATL to #84576 to sign up for a ministry and receive our weekly e-newsletter!

Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*
 Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., *Associate Pastor*
 Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*
 Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, *Deacon*
 Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bell, *Deacon*
 Mr. Kenneth Louis, *Director of Liturgy and Music*
 Ms. Lisa Berkley, *Business Manager / Bookkeeper*
 Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, *Office Administrative Assistant*
 Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Assistant to the Pastor*
 Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*
 Ms. Samantha Smith, *Teen Ministry*
 Mr. Cong Dinh, *Maintenance Supervisor*

We are active
We are committed
We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.

Ministries & Organizations

(OLLS) Alumni Association
Janis Griffin, Coordinator
ollsalumni@gmail.com

Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers
Kenya Griffin, Director
Wednesdays, 7:15PM-9:15PM;
Sundays, 1:30PM
Open Rehearsals every 2nd Sunday
January - October at 2:30PM
amazinggracedancecompany@gmail.com

Baby Boomers
Janine Brown: (301) 651-5953
jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com

Bible Study
Every Wednesday, 7PM (offsite)
Marcus Stewart, Facilitator:
(770) 491-9319

Book Store
4th weekend after each Mass
Patricia Armstrong, Coordinator
apatt12@juno.com

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya
1st Mondays, 7:00PM
Lisa Berkley,
bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org

Finance Council
Quarterly Meetings
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

Haiti Ministry
3rd Sunday after the 10AM Mass
Reginald Grand-Pierre
(404) 309-7670

Health Promotions Ministry
4th Sunday after the 10AM Mass (offsite)
Pamela Tolliver, Co-chair
pdtoll714@gmail.com; (678) 662-6427
Helen Tritschler, Co-chair
helen.tritschler@gmail.com

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)
2nd Sunday at 12:00PM
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight
(404) 427-1039

KPC Junior Knights
Matthew Amos, Junior Commander
(404) 697-2421

KPC Ladies Auxiliary
2nd Sunday at 12:00PM
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady
(678) 371-2677

KPC Junior Daughters
Lisa Bufford, Counselor
(678) 362-6952



Today's Scripture Readings
Isaiah 61: 1-2a,10-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel:John1:6-8, 19-28

Next Sunday's Readings
2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a,16; Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Mass Intention: **5PM** For the repose of the soul of †Mazie Parker
10AM For the repose of the soul of †Gus Moline
12PM For the repose of the soul of Rose Moline

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/10/17): \$19,932
Weekly Church Budget: \$26,197

*Consider setting up on-line giving today! Visit: www.lourdesatlanta.org to give.
Lourdes needs your support.*

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

Lourdes Share: \$106,000
Total Pledged & Received \$149,849
Amount Paid to Date: \$90,909
Outstanding Pledges: \$58,939

Your financial support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is greatly appreciated.

Thoughts on Stewardship

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving."
– Blessed Mother Teresa (1910-97), Catholic missionary to India

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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| Joseph Allen, Leonor Angarita, Saul Angarita Valencia, Brooke Bailey, Cherry Banez, Caitlin Blount, Judy Brooks, Edna Bryant, Luella Chambers, Sallie Davenport, Betty Davis, Temaya Eatmon, Mattie Ellison, Rita Engelhardt, Miriam Gotay, Tom Grant, Barbara Hagan, | Geton Harper, Frank Howard, Ronald Jean-Louis, Jack Jenkins, Blanche Johnson, James Jordan, Linda Jordan, Rosario Josephine, Ken Krautter, Janet Lawrence, Thomas Lewis, Ada Lipscomb, James McEwan, James McMullen, Phillip Musey, Peggy Neeson, Darlene Perkins, | Julia Petillo, Lynette Porter, Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Mildred Rucker, Grace Rutherford, Barbara Schenk, Alana Sheppard, Jesse Smith, Regina Smith, Larry Soublet, Janet Stewart, Johnnie Strong, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Michelle Wilkinson, Geraldine White |
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The deadline for bulletin content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018. We will re-open on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 9AM.**

2017 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Saturday, December 23rd 5PM Mass
Sunday, December 24th 8AM, 10AM & 12PM Mass

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th
4PM Family Mass at Lourdes
7PM Children's Mass at Lourdes

Christmas Midnight, Sunday, December 24th
Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary, 402 Auburn Avenue. Music program begins at 11:30PM. Parking will be at the MLK Visitor's Center behind Ebenezer Church (enter from John Wesley Dobbs Ave & Boulevard). **THERE WILL BE NO PARKING HERE AT LOURDES FOR MID-NIGHT MASS.**

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th 10AM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 30th 5PM Mass
Sunday, December 31st 8AM, 10AM & 12PM Mass

Watchnight Service, Sunday, December 31st 11PM Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas and New Year 's Mass schedule is available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: As winter sets in, Mercy Care is mindful of persons threatened by cold nights spent outdoors. Many persons die needlessly each year. The annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial will take place on Thursday, December 21, at 5:30PM at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. We remember those who have died unsheltered with an outdoor service of prayer, song and reflection. **All are welcome!** For more info call 678-843-8509.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 17

Angelea Turner
Curtis Dejean
E. Adrien Saintil
Karen Allen
Kennedy Wheeler
Kristen Sullivan
Lani Gustafson
Matthew Kissel
Marshall Dean
Melisia Simmons
Paul A. Sanon
Sharon Minix Glover
Tarekegn Hope
Teshia Dula
Theresa Brower
Zara Francis

December 18

Avery Berry
Carmaneta Nowden
Etienne Pascal
Katrina Kissel

Nina Hylton
Okorie Johnson
Scharlan Vignaud
Taryn Volk
Xavier Cavalier

December 19

Aiden Duncan
Aria Burton
Brian Ray
Jacob Amos
Jennifer Waters
Latham Minns
Nikolas Wallace
Wendy Skeete

December 20

Denzel Welsh
James McMullen Jr.
Matthew Phillips
Monique Walker Sewell
Pedro Ramos
Sherlon Kauffman

December 21

Ava Godwin
Charlotte Akor
Cynthia Thacker
Danielle Salinas
Jaja Johnson
Jeantel Luscap
Joshua Cahill
Linda Elmore
Lucas Roberson
Nicholas Davis
Rebecca Alexander
Ricardo Ware
Sharif Kemp
Sydney banks
Teresa Bell

December 22

Adriel Alexander
Ashley Crawford
Ayoka Duncan
Brian Elam
David Brower

Janet Fedullo
Jeantou DeGrammont
Kayan Rose
Nia Starr
Minnette Penman

December 23

Amo Eyo Mfone
Aubrey Hannah
Charlotte M. Johnson
Destinee Nwankwo
Gillian Brown
Karena Anderson
Keisha Escoffery
Martha Turner
Sadie Weston
Xavier Brown



Ministries & Organizations

Lourdes Lunch
Tuesday & Thursday,
September-June
Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator
(404) 375-0838

Life Issues
Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM
Ron Chandonia, Coordinator
(770) 631-0060

Liturgy Committee
1st Monday at 7PM
Contact: Kenneth Louis
klouis@lourdesatlanta.org

Lourdes Athletic Ministry
Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator
(404) 704-7327

Lourdes Book Club
Carole Lacour, Coordinator
(404) 629-0878

Men's Ministry
Lenny Alexander, Facilitator
(404) 644-7554

Mentoring Ministry
Louis Hubbard, Coordinator
lehubbard51@att.net
(512)426-7888

Parenting Ministry
Sunday at 10:30AM
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator
(770) 981-7226

Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry)
Quarterly on 1st Sunday at 12PM
Janis Griffin

Social Action Committee
1st Sunday after the 10AM
Douglas Collins, (404) 317 4057
doug1234@me.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders
Lenny Alexander, (404) 644-7554;
Fr. Jeffery Ott , (404) 997-3867

St. Vincent de Paul Society
1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM
Joanne Breaugh, Chair
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

Women's Council
1st Sunday @ 10AM
Denise Hood, President
(404) 752-9620

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office