

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

FEBRUARY 2018 ~ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 AAA – Commitment RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A Women’s Council 10A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Dancers Open rehearsal 2:30P</p>	<p>5 Utreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P</p>	<p>7 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>8 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>9</p>	<p>3 AAA – Commitment AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>11 AAA – Follow-up RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A Confirmation Class 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPCLA Meeting 12PM Jr. Daughters Meeting 12PM Jr. Knights Meeting 12PM</p>	<p>12 LENTEN REVIVAL 7P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P LENTEN REVIVAL 7P</p>	<p>14 ASH WEDNESDAY Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service 7:00P</i> Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary 407 Auburn Ave Atlanta, GA <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>15 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>16 “Lenten Fish Fry 6P” Stations of the Cross 7P (Teen Ministry & RCIA) <i>Men’s Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> 7:30P</p>	<p>17 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Girl Scout Cookie Sale 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>18 Girl Scout Cookie Sale 8:30A RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A Confirmation Class 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N</p>	<p>19 President’s Day Finance Council 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>21 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>22 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>23 “Lenten Fish Fry 6P” Stations of the Cross 7P (KPCLA)</p>	<p>24 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eracism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets</p>
<p>25 Bookstore & Beignets RCIA 9A No Sunday School (Winter Break) Dancers rehearsal 1P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)</p>	<p>26 Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P Taizé Prayer Group 8P</p>	<p>27 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>28 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>			

Save the Date

Wednesday, February 7 ~ Bible Study Resumes ~ 7P

Monday, February 11 and Tuesday February 12 ~ Lenten Revival ~ 7PM

Wednesday, February 14 ~ Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary 7P

Life

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee



Notes

February 2018

At the outset of 2018, Pope Francis marked the World Day of Peace with an unusual greeting card bearing a photo of a Japanese boy standing in line at a crematorium with the lifeless body of his younger brother on his back. The picture was taken in Nagasaki in 1945 by American marine photographer Roger O'Donnell to document the aftermath of the atomic bomb attack that ended World War II.

Above his signature, the pope inscribed the caption “. . . *il frutto della guerra*,” **The Fruit of War**, and he added an explanatory note: “The young boy’s sadness is expressed only in his gesture of biting his lips, which are oozing blood.”

VATICAN II's ONLY CONDEMNATION

The atomic blast the United States leveled at Hiroshima, Japan, on August 6, 1945, caused 90,000-160,000 deaths. Another 60,000-80,000 people died after a second bomb devastated Nagasaki on August 9. Nearly all the victims were civilians. Half died immediately, while radiation killed the others over the next few months.

The pastoral documents issued by the Second Vatican Council twenty years later deliberately avoided condemnations, but in their discussion of warfare, the bishops denounced weapons that “can inflict massive and indiscriminate destruction, thus going far beyond the bounds of legitimate defense.” In *The Pastoral Constitution on the Church in the Modern World*, they declared, “Any act of war aimed indiscriminately at the destruction of entire cities or extensive areas along with their population is a crime against God and man himself. It merits unequivocal and unhesitating condemnation.”

“HUMANS ARE NOT CREATED TO BE TREATED LIKE THIS”

Last November, the Vatican followed up on that statement by inviting 11 Nobel Peace Prize laureates as well as diplomats from the U.S., Russia, South Korea and Iran to a conference on “Prospects for a World Free of Nuclear Weapons and for Integral Disarmament.” With a new 30-year plan underway to upgrade the U.S. nuclear arsenal (at a cost of more than \$1 trillion) and amid escalating tensions between this country and North Korea, Pope Francis condemned the “very possession” of nuclear weapons.

Participating in the conference was Masako Wada, 74, one of the *hibakusha* (atomic bomb survivors), who was exposed to radiation at Nagasaki when she was just a year old. She said her mother told her that as more and more bodies were cremated there each day, everybody nearly stopped feeling. “What is human dignity?” she asked. “Humans are not created to be treated like this.”

Want to advocate for human dignity? The Life Issues Committee meets monthly by conference call. Check us out by sending an email to lourdesforlife@gmail.com.