

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

JULY 2018 ~ Happy Independence Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Women's Council 10A Social Action 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	2 Zumba Class 7:15P	3 OFFICE CLOSES 12P	4 Independence Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	6	7 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Lector Prep 10A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
8 RCIA Inquiry Session 9A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Open Rehearsal 2:30P	9 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	10 Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P Lector Prep 7P	11 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	12 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	13	14 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Pastoral Care Team 10A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
15 <i>KPC Sunday Breakfast</i> SVDP Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	16 Zumba Class 7:15P	17 Zumba Class 6:15P	18 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	19 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	20 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> 7:30P	21 T-Shirt Saturday Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets
22 T-Shirt Sunday Bookstore & Beignets Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P OLL Alumni 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	23 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Tatize Prayer 8PM</i>	24 Election Run-off Zumba Class 6:15P	25 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	26 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P (Last Day - Summer Break) Zumba Class 7:15P	27	28 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A KPCLA PRAYER BREAKFAST 9A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
29 Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	30 Zumba Class 7:15P	31 Zumba Class 6:15P				

Save the Date

Saturday July 28 ~ KPCLA Prayer Breakfast ~ Emory Conference Center Hotel - Lullwater Ballroom ~9A

T-Shirt weekend ~ Saturday, July 21/Sunday, July 22

Sunday, August 12 ~ Farmer's Market ~ After All Sunday Masses

Life



Notes

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee

July 2018

As Americans celebrate Independence Day, we are a nation deeply divided. According to the journal *Science*, discussions around American Thanksgiving tables after the last presidential election were cut short by 34 million hours "owing to partisan effects." The majority of both Republicans and Democrats today say they have no friends at all from the political opposition. Our ideological divide mirrors a growing division in our country along lines of race, gender, social class, even geography.

American Catholics are not immune to polarization. In *The National Catholic Reporter*, Michael Sean Winters argues that "when it comes to public policy, most Catholics are partisans first and Catholics second." "Sixty-one percent of Catholic Republicans," he notes, "think the poor have it easy on account of government benefits, while 70 percent of Catholic Democrats think abortion should be legal in all or most cases."

OVERCOMING POLARIZATION

This was the background for "Overcoming Polarization," a summit at Georgetown University in early June to discuss how our country might become more unified through Catholic social teaching. Two leading bishops and two prominent Catholic women headlined a panel exploring the roots of our social discord. "The fear of the other has poisoned our souls. ... We've allowed it to divide us," said Sister Teresa Maya, a Mexican immigrant who heads the Leadership Conference of Women Religious.

The antidote she proposes is overcoming our "tribal instincts" to engage with other people who may not share our views. The idea sounds promising but may be hard to achieve on divisive topics, especially since, as Chicago's Cardinal Blase Cupich observed, "we've lost the ability to separate how we feel about another person... from the fact that we disagree with them about a particular issue."

RESPONDING TO THE SIN OF RACISM

This is surely true of one long-festering problem. "At the heart of U.S. polarization," as Sister Teresa pointed out, is "the unresolved issue of racism." Our Catholic bishops recently released a document, *Responding to the Sin of Racism*, to highlight the principles Catholics addressing the issue should keep in mind. Racism, they emphasize, is "a pro-life issue" because it violates the "fundamental truth" that God gives "each person an intrinsic dignity that must be recognized, protected, and celebrated."

Can Catholics unite behind that basic principle of our social teaching and consider its implications for public policy as well as our personal relationships? We can start the discussion at our own parish, but clearly we must not stop here.

For information on biweekly person-to-person discussions of racism hosted by our Lourdes ERACE group, resuming in September, visit www.eracismatlanta.org or contact Bea and Larry Soublet: beelady20@bellsouth.net, lawrencesoublet@comcast.net, or 404 629-9654.