

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

OCTOBER 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
7 Voter Registration Drive Super Bowl Experience Interview Women's Council 10A Nursery 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A RCJA 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12P Envisioning our Future 2P	1 Ultreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	2 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	3 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	4 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	5 YAG Meet & Greet 7P	6 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A Lector Training 10A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
8 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM <i>Pastoral Council 6PM</i> Envisioning our Future 7P Zumba Class 7:15P			10 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	11 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	12	13 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A VIRTUS Training 9A Pastoral Care Team 10A Ercisim 11A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
14 Live Stream 10A Mass Nursery 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12N	15 Zumba Class 7:15P	16 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	17 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	18 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	19 YAG Meet & Greet 7P <i>Men's Ministry Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	20 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Mari's Retreat 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
21 KPC Sunday Breakfast Nursery 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCJA 11:30A Haiti 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12P AIDS WALK 1P	22 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Envisioning our Future 7P Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Taize Prayer 8P</i>	23 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Envisioning our Future 7P	24 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	25 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	26	27 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Ercisim 11A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Safe Halloween Party 6:30P
28 Live Stream 10A Mass Bookstore & Belgens Nursery 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Life Issues 7P (Conference Call)	29 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	30 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	31 Happy Halloween <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P			

Save the Date
"Envisioning our Future" Information Sessions ~ Sunday, October 7 ~ 2pm & Monday, October 8 ~ 7pm
VIRTUS Protecting Our Children (Volunteer Training) ~ Saturday, October 13 ~ 9am
AIDS WALK 2018 ~ Sunday, October 22 ~ 1P at Piedmont Park
"Envisioning our Future" Information Sessions ~ Monday, October 22 ~ 7pm & Tuesday, October 23 ~ 7pm
Saturday, October 27 ~ Safe Halloween Party ~ 6:30P

Life

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee



Notes

October 2018

Roger Foley, a 42-year-old Canadian, suffers from an incurable neurological disease that severely limits his ability to move his arms and legs and prevents him from living independently. Mistreated by home care workers provided through Canada's public health service, Foley spent months in the hospital researching better options for his care. But when he proposed a plan that would allow him to return home, he was threatened instead with a hefty hospital bill—and offered the option of assisted suicide.

Foley resisted the suggestion. Canada claims that its Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD) legislation, enacted in 2016, “gives the patient an opportunity to consider all options and prepare him- or herself for death.” But Foley has filed suit, charging that the law is really “used to facilitate the humiliation and abuse of persons with disabilities in times of desperation” rather than helping “these vulnerable disabled patients relieve their suffering or assist such patients with life.”

RESISTING A THROWAWAY CULTURE

Encouragement of so-called “assisted dying” or euthanasia is just one example of what Pope Francis has called “that ‘throwaway culture’ that rejects and despises people who do not meet certain standards of health, beauty or usefulness.” It is motivated by what the pope calls a “false compassion” that often masks cost-efficiency: it is cheaper to eliminate vulnerable people than to meet sometimes expensive human needs.

Resisting the “logic of the marketplace,” the pope insists, requires us to prioritize respect for the dignity of human life. “My condition is grievous and irremediable,” Roger Foley says, “but the solution is assisted life with self-directed funding.” The funding he seeks to return home, however, would come at public expense, and so far, Canadian health officials have insisted that facilitating his death would better serve the public than providing the assistance he needs to live a dignified human life.

“EVERY LIFE RESPECTED, CHOSEN, SENT”

October is Respect Life Month. This year our bishops remind us that “we are called to be messengers of God's love, treating one another as cherished and chosen by Him,” and we are sent to “help build a culture that respects all human life.” To do that, we must understand and address issues which impact vulnerable people like Roger Foley. Here at Lourdes, that is the goal of our Life Issues Committee:

The Life Issues Committee promotes a consistent ethic of respect for human life from conception until natural death, opposing such threats to the vulnerable as abortion, human trafficking, euthanasia and the death penalty.

If you're interested in working with the Life Issues Committee, we invite you to join our monthly conference call. For information, email us at lourdesforlife@gmail.com.

Envisioning Our Future

Revised Schedule

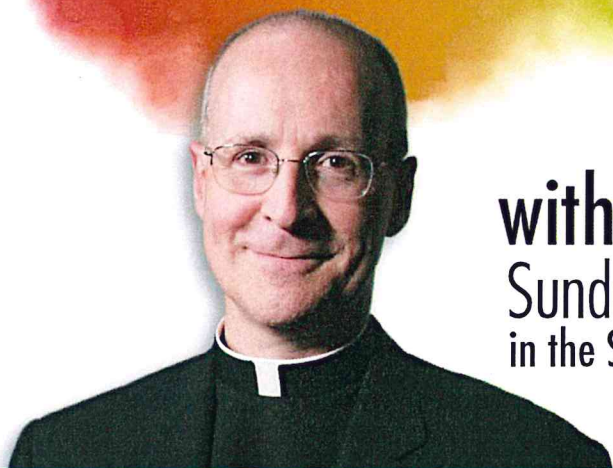
Our Liturgical Consultant will be facilitating several collaborative sessions this fall to develop and refine our vision for our future Liturgical and Worship space. Please join us for this opportunity to learn more about church history and provide your input. We appreciate your participation as it is vital to our Parish success.



The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception is excited to host...

Building a Bridge

Showing Welcome and Respect in our Parishes to LGBT Catholics



with Rev. James Martin, SJ
Sunday, October 21, 9:30am
in the Sanctuary

Fr. James Martin, SJ, is a Jesuit priest, editor at large at America Magazine, and bestselling author of *Jesus: A Pilgrimage* and *The Jesuit Guide to (Almost) Everything*. He has spoken boldly about the need for the Catholic Church and the LGBT community to enter into a deeper relationship of respect, compassion, and sensitivity.

SHRINE OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

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