

**UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION:** If you have changed your name, mailing address, email address or phone number, please email any/all updated information to Lisa Berkley ([bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org)).

**2018 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "Go therefore and make disciples."** is coming to an end. If you still have a pledge balance, please submit your payments by December 31, 2018 for it to be included on your 2018 Tax Statement. Lourdes goal is **\$124,900** and to date we have paid **\$90,145** (70 % of the pledged contribution). 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. 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. Payments can also be made on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org) under the 'Give' tab. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES (2018 CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION)** The Christmas Eve and Christmas Day second collection will benefit Catholic Charities Atlanta, a 65-year legacy in Georgia of charity for our most needy brothers and sisters and a mission inspired by our Catholic faith. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 16,000 families and individuals. When families are barely keeping things together, one unexpected challenge can completely disrupt everything. Within a short period of time that "one" problem begins to impact nearly every facet of the family's life. Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope this Christmas season. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence. Please give generously to the 2nd collection!

**MASONRY SERVICES NEEDED:** Are you or do you know a mason experienced in building with brick, concrete block and stone? Would you consider a humanitarian trip to Haiti from February 22 - March 1 to assist with repairing cracks in the walls of a medical facility in Grand-Bois, Haiti? Plans, drawings and photos available for you to review. Please call Wendy Strassner at 404-371-1880 for more details.

**DECEMBER IS SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS AWARENESS 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 [preventblindness.org](http://preventblindness.org). - *From The Health Promotions Ministry*

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** *In Service of the Transmission of Faith* - That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**SOCIAL ACTION WRITERS NEEDED:** We all have a voice in the life of our Church. Justice & Peace Ministries for the Archdiocese of Atlanta challenges you to share your voice. If you have a talent for writing and passion for social action, we are interested in your contributions for a monthly column called Catholic Social Thought. We plan to use this column in our JustPeace newsletter as well as share it with parishes to use in their bulletins and social media. If you are interested in contributing, please contact Kat Doyle, Director of Justice & Peace Ministries, at [kdoyle@archatl.com](mailto:kdoyle@archatl.com) for a schedule of topics.

**THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION OF NORTH GEORGIA** *And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."* - *Luke 2:10* The Catholic Foundation of North Georgia is grateful this Christmas season for faith and our faith-filled brothers and sisters in the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Thank you for your generous spirit. [www.cfnga.org](http://www.cfnga.org)

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](http://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](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)  
 Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM  
 Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 23, 2018



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.



**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

**Journey of Faith (RCIA)**  
 1st & 3rd Sundays 11:30AM-1:30PM  
 In RCIA Room - 3rd Floor  
 Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish  
 404.247.6628/ [kaparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**Nursery Hours**  
 9:45AM - 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](mailto:thebowens4@bellsouth.net)

**Teens:** 10:30AM - 11:45 AM  
 Contact: Ms. Samantha Smith  
[lourdesteens1912@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesteens1912@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Team**  
 Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin  
 Lourdes Prayer Line: 678.235.5469  
[lourdespct@gmail.com](mailto:lourdespct@gmail.com)  
 2<sup>nd</sup> 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!

## 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  
(Closed until further notice)

**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 Taylor, Counselor  
(678) 362-6952



## Today's Scripture Readings

Micah 5:1-4a; Hebrews 10:5-10  
Gospel: Luke 1:39-45

## Next Sunday's Readings

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28; 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24  
Gospel: Luke 2:41-52

## For Mass Intention Requests:

Email your request to cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org

## Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/16/18): \$30,354  
Weekly Church Budget (New Fiscal Yr. 18 – 19): \$28,400

Consider setting up on-line giving today! Visit: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org) to give  
or Text 'LOURDES' to 44321

## 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "Go therefore and make disciples."

Lourdes Share: \$124,900  
Total Pledged & Received: \$127,695  
Amount Paid to Date: \$90,145  
Outstanding Pledges: \$37,550

## Thoughts on Stewardship

God looks at the heart, not the hand- the giver, not the gift

## Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Sallie Davenport,	James Jordan,	Barbara Schenk,
Kennan Allen,	Eileen DeWane,	Linda Jordan,	Alana Shepard,
Deborah Ambeau,	Temaya Eatmon,	Ken Krautter,	Jesse Smith,
Leonor Angarita,	Mattie Ellison,	Felix Lawrence,	Regina Smith,
Saul Angarita Valencia,	Clinton Elmore,	Janet Lawrence,	Larry Soublet,
Brooke Bailey,	Rita Engelhardt,	Thomas Lewis,	Janet Stewart,
Cherry Banez,	Mary Francis,	Jim Macke,	Wendy Stewart,
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Miriam Gotay,	James McEwan,	Johnnie Strong,
Sandy Bell,	Tom Grant,	James McMullen,	Eugene Sturgis,
Jerry Billingslea,	Kenya Griffin,	Peggy Neeson,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Basil Brooks,	Barbara Hagan,	Darlene Perkins,	Michael Weber,
Judy Brooks,	Geton Harper,	Lynette Porter,	Barney Wheeler
David Brower,	Rosa Holmes,	Katie Price,	
Edna Bryant,	Frank Howard,	Eisenhower Raines,	
Luella Chambers,	Cheryl Ismael,	Josephine Rosario,	
James Chisholm,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Mildred Rucker,	
Sam Cooper,	Blanche Johnson,	Grace Rutherford,	

## The deadline for bulletin content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email [cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org). Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).

## NEWS AT LOURDES

**MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY** From Father Jeffery, Father Bruce and the Staff of Our Lady of Lourdes.

**CHURCH OFFICE:** The Church Office will be closed for the holidays from **Thursday, December 20, 2018 thru Wednesday, January 2, 2019**. We will re-open on Thursday, January 3, 2019 at 9AM.

## 2018 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

4PM Family Mass at Lourdes  
7PM Children's Mass at Lourdes

### Christmas Midnight, Monday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

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 MIDNIGHT MASS.**

### Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

10AM Mass at Lourdes

**Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 5PM Mass**  
**Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup> 8AM, 10AM & 12PM Mass**

### Watchnight Service, Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>

11:30PM Mass at Lourdes

*Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is available on our website: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org).*

**CALLING ALL COUNTERS:** We are in need of a few faithful parishioner volunteers to count the weekly collection on Mondays. You would be required to undergo a background screening and volunteer twice a month. Email Fr. Jeffery for more details at [jott@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:jott@lourdesatlanta.org).

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

<b>December 23</b> Ama Mfone Aubrey Hannah Charlotte Johnson Gillian Brown Karen Anderson Keisha Escoffery Martha Turner Sadie Weston Xavier Brown	Vonda Gipson	<b>December 25</b> Alphonsine Mfwamba Carole Lacour Gale Warren Lenora Hutchinson Nicole Anglin Talia Myers	Wylma Blanding	<b>December 27</b> Craig Weber Davis Smith Frederick McCray Jennifer Lynch Jeremy McCray John Mazzolini Sebastian Allowitz Siatta Emeli	Mary Washington Turner Moore
<b>December 24</b> Britton Proctor Carol Harris-Benoit Emmanuel Boyd Erica Sims Kevin Johnson Lisa Robinson	<b>December 26</b> Barbara Miller Courtney Lynch Garrett Smith Jovany Joseph Maria Yu Nicole Symmonds Omar Muhammed	<b>December 28</b> Ashley Miller Benedicte Lutumba Kabedi Charles Rodney Gerrard Grant Kareen Romelus	<b>December 29</b> Alexis Ayers Avery Thomas Brad Olecki Doris Coleman Frances Comer-Joy John Grady Johnny Faustin Kennedy Blanchard Landyn Minns Malana Dejean Stephen 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

### 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 at 10AM  
Denise Hood, President  
(404) 752-9620

### Young Adult Group

1st & 3rd Fridays at 7p  
(on Break till 2019)

### Young at Heart (Seniors)

Contact the Church Office