

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Sunday School, Teen Ministry and Parenting Ministry resume next Sunday, December 8 from 9:30AM -10:30AM in the KDCC (School) Building.

**YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL:** The Youth Choir will be rehearsing in the Church, on **Wednesday, December 4** at 5:30PM.

**LOURDES LUNCH** will be collecting tube socks on December 7/8 and skull caps on December 14/15 for distribution to their guests, who comprise Atlanta's homeless, hungry and most vulnerable population. The guests of Lourdes Lunch receive Hot meals & Christian fellowship, twice a week (Tuesday and Thursday) and this is the time of year when we do a little extra to provide warm clothing. There will be bins at each door for your donations. We thank you in advance!

**ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE** - Saturday, December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2PM at The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 Martin Luther King Dr SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. This is a collaborative service among the parishes of Our Lady of Lourdes, St Anthony of Padua, Sts. Peter and Paul and The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

**2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "Go therefore and make disciples."** is coming to an end on December 31, 2019. If you still have a pledge balance, please complete your payments as soon as possible. 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 be made on the Archdiocese of Atlanta's website: <https://appeal.archatl.com/>. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS CONVOCATION:** Saturday, January 11, 2020 from 10 AM - 1 PM with Guest Facilitator - Rawn Harbor. The theme for the workshop is 'BEHOLD THE TREASURE'. The workshop is open to all active Eucharistic Ministers and those desiring to join the Ministry.

**DECEMBER IS NATIONAL 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 : [www.preventblindness.org](http://www.preventblindness.org) . - **From The Health Promotions Ministry**

## AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

**POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER:** *The future of the very young.* That every country determine to take the necessary measures to make the future of the very young, especially those who suffer, a priority.

**MARIST SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE** – Sunday, December 8 from 1PM - 4PM. Come visit classrooms, experience fine arts, athletics, and robotics, and learn from our students and faculty what it means to be Marist. A brief Principal's Presentation will be held at 1 p.m., and all are welcome to stay for Mass at 4:15 p.m. Founded in 1901, Marist is an independent, coeducational Catholic school for grades seven through twelve located in Brookhaven, Ga. Visit [www.marist.com/admissions](http://www.marist.com/admissions) for more details.

**ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL** - The SPX Chorus and Dance Company will present their Christmas Concert on **Saturday, December 7, at 3PM** in the Young Center. The SPX Choral Ensembles will feature a varied program of both sacred and secular music of the holiday season. The Concert will include a collaboration of the SPX singers and Dance Company along with a special dance variation from "The Nutcracker". Come join us in a good old-fashioned Christmas carol sing-a-long! Admission to the concert is FREE so come out and support the SPX Chorus and Dance Company and enjoy a night of great music and dance! Visit our website for more information: [spx.org/spas](http://spx.org/spas) or email [spas@spx.org](mailto:spas@spx.org). All Performances will be held in the Monsignor Terry W. Young Center for the Performing Arts at St. Pius X Catholic High School.

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

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 1, 2019



### 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.

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**Celebration of the Eucharist**  
Saturday: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:30 AM  
and 12:30 PM

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

**Rosary**  
Saturday: 4:30 PM

**Journey of Faith (RCIA)**  
1st & 3rd Sundays 9:30AM-11:30PM  
In Parish Hall  
Contact: Ms. Kimberly Parrish  
404.247.6628/[kaparrish@hotmail.com](mailto:kaparrish@hotmail.com)

**Nursery**  
10:15AM - 12:15PM  
Ages: 3 Months - 4 Years old

**Religious Education**  
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen  
Director of Religious Education  
[thebowens4@bellsouth.net](mailto:thebowens4@bellsouth.net)

**Sunday School Classes**  
K - 7: Sunday: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

**Teens: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM**  
Contact: Ms. Samantha Smith  
Teen Ministry Coordinator  
[lourdesteens1912@gmail.com](mailto:lourdesteens1912@gmail.com)

**Pastoral Care Team**  
Facilitator: Philip Verre  
Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin  
Prayer/Visit: call: 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**  
October 14, 2019 - January 27, 2020  
Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P. &  
Julian Reid - Facilitators  
(404) 522-6776

**Book Store**  
4th weekend after each Mass  
(Next Pop up to be determined)

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

**Dream Green Team**  
Chandra Frank Fowler,  
chanefrank@gmail.com; 678-591-0234

**Finance Council**  
Quarterly Meetings  
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

**Haiti Ministry**  
3rd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Reginald Grand-Pierre  
(404) 309-7670

**Health Promotions Ministry**  
4th Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
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 after the 10:30AM Mass  
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight  
earoberts3@outlook.com

**KPC Junior Knights**  
Kwame Nyaku, Junior Commander  
knyaku@gmail.com

**KPC Ladies Auxiliary**  
2nd Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady  
(678) 371-2677



## Today's Scripture Readings

Isaiah 2:1-5; Romans 13:11-14  
Gospel: Matthew 24:37-44

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9  
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

**Mass Intention: 8AM** For the repose of the soul of †Joe Minix Jr.  
**10:30AM** For the repose of the soul of †Galen Johnson

## Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (11/24/19): \$22,308  
Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 19 – 20): \$28,400

*Consider setting up on-line giving today!*

Visit: [www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org) click on the 'Give' tab or  
Text your donation amount to '404-649-5276' and hit 'send'

**2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "Go therefore and make disciples." as at November 14, 2019.**

Lourdes Share: \$104,300  
Total Pledged & Received: \$124,240  
Amount Paid to Date: \$67,423  
Outstanding Pledges: \$56,817

## Thoughts on Stewardship

Our real worth is what will be ours in eternity.

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

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| Joseph Allen,         | Miriam Gotay,         | Maridel Moffett,   | Fritz Thomas,  |
| Kennan Allen,         | Kenya Griffin,        | Nathaniel Moffett, | Virgie Thomas, |
| Cherry Banez,         | Barbara Hagan,        | Peggy Neeson,      | Jean-Luc Tahou |
| Cherylle Bartholomew, | Jonathan Hankerson,   | Evelyn Olds,       |                |
| Sandy Bell,           | Geton Harper,         | Lynette Porter,    |                |
| Susie Bell,           | Frank Howard,         | Katie Price,       |                |
| Jerry Billingslea,    | Jackson Igou,         | Eisenhower Raines, |                |
| Zachary Billingslea,  | Ronald Jean-Louis,    | Josephine Rosario, |                |
| Deanna Blasingame,    | Blanche Johnson,      | Mildred Rucker,    |                |
| Judy Brooks,          | James Jordan,         | Grace Rutherford,  |                |
| David Brower,         | Linda Jordan,         | Barbara Schenk,    |                |
| Luella Chambers,      | Marilyn Kapaun,       | Alana Shepard,     |                |
| Sam Cooper,           | Felix Lawrence,       | Regina Smith,      |                |
| Muriel Cureau,        | Janet Lawrence,       | Larry Soublet,     |                |
| Sallie Davenport,     | Thomas Lewis,         | Janet Stewart,     |                |
| Eileen DeWane,        | James McEwan,         | Wendy Stewart,     |                |
| Rita Engelhardt,      | James McMullen,       | Johnnie Strong,    |                |
| Mary Francis,         | Francis Mensa-Shebra, | Eugene Sturgis,    |                |

**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



Momentum is growing for the #iGiveCatholic campaign to support the upgrade of the parish kitchen. Many thanks to those who have made a gift. For those who have yet to do so, please consider a donation by going to <https://atlanta.igivecatholic.org/organizations/our-lady-of-lourdes-catholic-church> and select Lourdes as the beneficiary. Your contribution will greatly impact the lives of hundreds of men

and women in our community, especially the needy and hungry. Online giving continues through **Tuesday midnight, December 3rd**. Thank you for your generosity and support. Please step up and make a difference.

**PARKING UPDATE:** The parking we have secured at Mercy Care is still available for Lourdes members attending the 10:30am Mass. We are trialing a Shuttle Service, December 8<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> supplied by Cooper-Global. The first shuttle will depart from the Mercy Care parking lot (424 N Decatur Street) at 9:30AM and run every 15-20 minutes. The last shuttle will depart from Lourdes at 12:30PM. We encourage parishioners to take advantage of this service to allow us to better gauge our parking needs. ~ Peace and blessings, Fr. Jeffery and Lourdes Staff

**LECTOR PREP** for the month of January 2020 will be held on **Tuesday, December 3 at 7PM and Saturday, December 7 at 10:30AM** and in the church. **All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.** New Lector books for 2020 (Year C) will be available for purchase at both Lector prep sessions (cash and check only). Debit or Credit card payments can be made in advance via the Lourdes website ([www.lourdesatlanta.org](http://www.lourdesatlanta.org)). The cost is \$10.

**BAPTISMAL PREP** for parents wishing to have their child ( infant to 6 years) baptized, will be held on **Tuesday, December 3, at 7PM**, in the St Augustine Room, 2nd Floor, KDCC Building. Please email Carol Ann Pinard ([cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org)) or call the church office to **RSVP**.

**MUSICIAN NEEDED:** Do you play the Acoustic Guitar? Do you know someone who plays the Acoustic Guitar? Would love to feature the Acoustic Guitar in the Ministry of Music on the **2nd Sunday of Advent (Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>)**. Please contact Kenneth Louis ([kwlouis1357@aol.com](mailto:kwlouis1357@aol.com)) or LeReil Ross ([lereilross@yahoo.com](mailto:lereilross@yahoo.com)) as soon as possible.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

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| <b>December 1</b><br>Bryce McEwen<br>Clorice Morgan<br>Marilea Taglia<br>Paula Mitchell<br>Sophia Trent<br>Vivienne Trent<br>Veronica Washington | <b>December 4</b><br>Cedria Davis<br>Joseph Metoyer<br>Kayla Whitner<br>Luca Serrant<br>Nicole E. Johnson<br>Stephen Fennell Jr.<br>Yolanda Honore | <b>December 6</b><br>Carla Prejean<br>Corynne Charles<br>Ellis Cooper Pearson<br>Evan Pearson<br>Gabrielle Gould<br>Maureen Mercer<br>Michael Dural<br>Pamela Jack<br>Stacey Gray<br>Tanya Grant<br>Willis Thompson | <b>December 7</b><br>Adalyn Turner<br>Asher Padron<br>Cameron White<br>Carol Elam<br>Jonathan Feazell<br>Julie Johnson<br>Kamille Bernard<br>Kimberly Leach<br>Renaldo Chambers<br>Scott Culpepper |
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## Ministries & Organizations

**KPC Junior Daughters**  
Lisa Berkley, Counselor  
jrdaughterscourt300@gmail.com  
(404) 522-6776

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

**Life Issues**  
Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM  
Kayellen Umeakunne, Coordinator  
lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com

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

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

**Men's Ministry**  
Deacon Kenneth Bell, Facilitator  
Contact the Church Office  
404-522-6776

**Mentoring Ministry**  
Louis Hubbard, Coordinator  
lehubbard51@att.net

**Parenting Ministry**  
Sunday at 9:30AM  
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 10:30AM  
Douglas Collins, (404) 317 -4057  
doug1234@me.com

**Stephen Ministry Leaders**  
Lennison 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 at Heart (Seniors)**  
Contact the Church Office