

SUPPORT AGING RELIGIOUS. Our second collection this weekend is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: The Youth Choir will be rehearsing in the Choir Room 3rd Floor -KDCC Building on Saturday, December 14 at 10:30AM.

ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: As winter sets in, Mercy Care is mindful of persons threatened by cold nights spent outdoors. Many persons die needlessly each year. The annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial will take place on Thursday, December 19, at 5:30PM at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. We remember those who have died unsheltered with an outdoor service of prayer, song and reflection. **All are welcome!** For more info call 678-843-8500.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Saturday, December 21st 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. 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. 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'. 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.

~ 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.

LIFT EVERY VOICE - The Catholic Lay Interparish Partnership (CLIP) invites each of you to lift your voice to tell the next Archbishop of Atlanta what you care about as the Church moves forward. United in our love of God, our faith, and each other, we urge you to take this 7- 15 minute survey: <http://bit.ly/AquinasClipSurvey>. CLIP is an interparish group of concerned Catholics who care about their faith and the future of the Church. Formed in response to the abuse and leadership crisis of 2018, the group seeks increased accountability, transparency, and co-responsibility (i.e., cooperation between clergy and laity) in the administration of church affairs. To learn more about CLIP and its mission, please see the article in *The Georgia Bulletin*: <https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2019/10/clip-advocating-for-better-collaboration-between-church-leaders-laity/>.

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

A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT

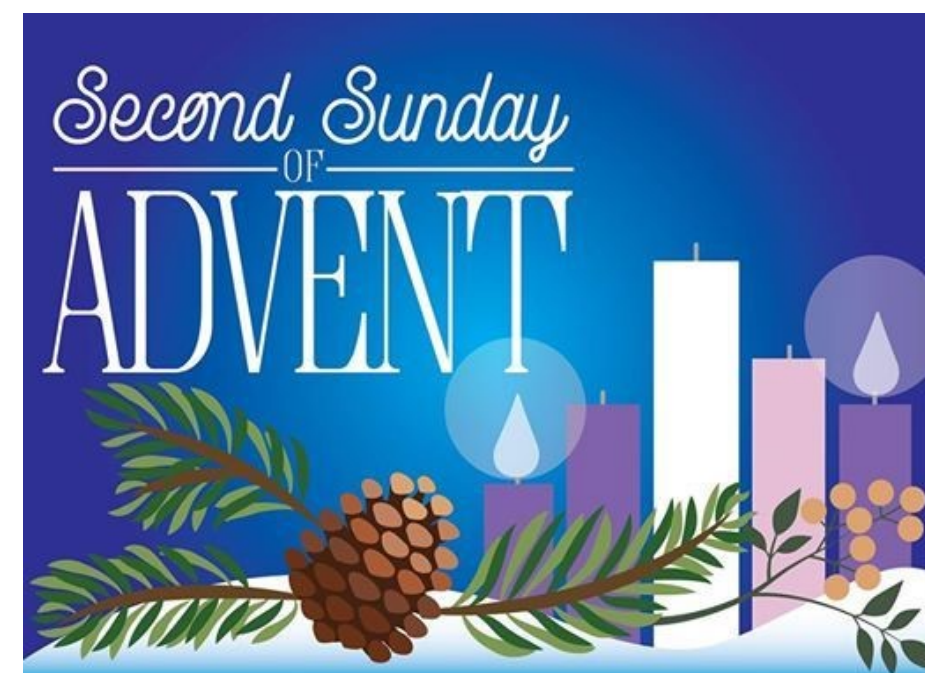
OUR LADY of LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 Boulevard, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30312
404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
Office Hours: M-F 9AM - 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 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

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

Religious Education
Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
Director of Religious Education
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

Pastoral Care Team
Facilitator: Philip Verre
Contact: Deacon Chester Griffin
Prayer/Visit: call: 678.235.5469
lourdespct@gmail.com

2nd 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 11:1-10; Romans 15:4-9
Gospel: Matthew 3:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6a,10; James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

Mass Intention: 5PM For the repose of the soul of †Sarah Coveney
10:30AM For the repose of the soul of †Shirley White

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/01/19): \$32,600
Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 19 – 20): \$28,400

Consider setting up on-line giving today!

Visit: 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 December 6, 2019.

Lourdes Share: \$104,300
Total Pledged & Received: \$128,665
Amount Paid to Date: \$72,403
Outstanding Pledges: \$56,262

Thoughts on Stewardship

I know I suffer when I neglect my prayer life, my worship, and my giving.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Barbara Hagan,	Peggy Neeson,	Virgie Thomas,
Kennan Allen,	Jonathan Hankerson,	Evelyn Olds,	Jean-Luc Tahou
Cherry Banez,	Geton Harper,	Lynette Porter,	
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Frank Howard,	Katie Price,	
Sandy Bell,	Jackson Igou,	Eisenhower Raines,	
Susie Bell,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Josephine Rosario,	
Jerry Billingslea,	Blanche Johnson,	Mildred Rucker,	
Deanna Blasingame,	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,	
Miriam Gotay,	Maridel Moffett,	David Sweet,	
Kenya Griffin,	Nathaniel Moffett,	Fritz Thomas,	

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

Please email cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

NEWS AT LOURDES

#iGIVECATHOLIC



We did it! The #iGiveCatholic Campaign was a smashing success. 74 individuals donated \$9,300 for the upgrade of the parish kitchen. These gifts, along with the \$5,000 awarded by the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia, will enable us to do all the necessary work. We will keep you posted on developments as we fit repairs and replacements into a very busy kitchen schedule. If you missed #iGiveCatholic, Giving Tuesday, it's not too late. Please contact Lisa Berkley

(bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org) if you wish to make a contribution to the campaign. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you for your generosity and support of Lourdes and its ministries!

40TH ANNIVERSARY: On December 8, 1979 in response to the rapidly growing Catholic population of the Southern United States, the Order of Friars Preachers (Dominican priests and brothers) approved the founding of the Province of St. Martin de Porres, of which Fr. Jeffery and Fr. Bruce are members. Congratulations on its' 40th anniversary! May God bless all the Friars, laity, friends and ministers of the Province and prayers for continued growth and presence in our Catholic churches.

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, this Sunday and next Sunday, December 15th 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

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!

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 8

Adrianna Ambeau
Anthony Smith
Gabrielle Johnson
John Keane
Jonathan Robertson
Joshua Brewington
Richard Curchar

December 9

Aleijah Salguero
Alexis Padron
Chris Lewis
Kingston Parker
Marvin Pastel
Isaac Baroi
Rachael Hart
Tania Jean-Pierre

December 10

Arielle Cadet

December 11

Chelda Kondo
Dillon Hines
Isaiah Simeon
Luther Ewing
Nancy Verre
Nia Dural
Susan Berry
Velda Roberts

December 12

Adele Johnson
Ava Cooper-Cadres
Brendan Flannery
Christina Jamerson
Elizabeth Paul
Ethan Waddy
Myrna Cubilette
Solomon Greene

December 13

Anabell Buggage

December 14

Charles Johnson
Deloris Ward
Estela Niyonyshu
Harold Guidry
Khalia Mackey
Michael Williams
Miquelle Bowers
Moirra Bucciarelli
Nicholas Haynes
Phillip Boykin Jr.
Sheila Okkepe
Stanley Dunwell

December 15

Dejon Alexander
Emerson Gibson
James Haydel
Jennifer Halicki
Mariano Rojas
Mark Zeigler
Nanci Pearson

December 16

Raynell Evans
Sandra Clodomir
Stephanie Brown
Victoria Hardy
Willie Harris

December 17

Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson
Jolene Edwards
Joseph Okekpe
Kara Stewart
Katie Price
Raechel Bimmerle
Rasheem Washington
Robert Woolfolk III
Stephanie Bonnen
Timothy Coveney
Valerie Harris



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