

YOUTH CHOIR REHEARSAL: The Youth Choir will be rehearsing on Wednesday, December 18 at 5:30PM in the Church and on Saturday, December 21 at 10:30AM in the Choir Room 3rd Floor KDCC building.

CALLING ALL LOURDES' AUTHORS – Want to sell your book and personally autograph them? Lourdes is offering a Book Signing Day, Sunday, December 22nd after all the services – Come meet and support the talent within our community. The books and Lady Bug Rosaries will make great stocking stuffers. Please email Lisa at bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org to reserve a table no later than **Friday, December 20th by 5PM.**

CATHOLIC CHARITIES (2019 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!

RISE UP IN SPLENDOR, OUR LADY OF LOURDES!!! Your light has come, the glory of the Lord shines upon you. All are invited to attend an "Eggnog Sip" hosted by the Women's Council on Epiphany Sunday, January 5, 2020 after all the services in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you.

SOCIAL ACTION MINISTRY will host Dr. Beverly Daniel Tatum, PhD, president emerita of Spelman College and author of "Why Are All the Black Kids Sitting in the Cafeteria?" in conversation with our own Dr. Debra Lewis, PhD in the KDCC Parish Hall, on Saturday, January 11, 2020, after 5PM Mass. This event is sponsored by the social action committee. Please join us! Contact Beatrice Soubllet at 404-629-9654 for more information.

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 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/>

THE WAY FOR WOMEN is a 3-day retreat for adult female survivors of abuse offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta's Victim Assistance Program January 31 – February 2, 2020 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is January 24, 2020. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or sstubbs@archatl.com for more information.

*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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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



Flocknote

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Mass Intention: 5PM For the repose of the souls of †Caden McCullum & Cylie McCullum

10:30AM For the repose of the soul of †Melvin Lewis

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/08/19): \$19,960
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 12, 2019.

Lourdes Share: \$104,300
Total Pledged & Received: \$130,303
Amount Paid to Date: \$75,781
Outstanding Pledges: \$54,522

Thoughts on Stewardship

To give without any reward, or any notice, has a special quality of its own.

~ Anne Morrow Lindbergh (1906-2001), American aviatrix and writer.

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,	
Alberto Belizaire,	Jackson Igou,	Eisenhower Raines,	
Sandy Bell,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Josephine Rosario,	
Susie Bell,	Blanche Johnson,	Mildred Rucker,	
Jerry Billingslea,	James Jordan,	Grace Rutherford,	
Deanna Blasingame,	Linda Jordan,	Barbara Schenk,	
David Brower,	Marilyn Kapaun,	Alana Shepard,	
Luella Chambers,	Felix Lawrence,	Regina Smith,	
Sam Cooper,	Janet Lawrence,	Larry Souplet,	
Muriel Cureau,	Thomas Lewis,	Janet Stewart,	
Sallie Davenport,	James McEwan,	Wendy Stewart,	
Eileen DeWane,	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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There will be no Sunday School, Teen Ministry, Parenting Ministry and Nursery next Sunday, December 22 and Sunday, December 29 for the Christmas Break.

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.

CHURCH OFFICE: The Church Office will be closed for the holidays from **Friday, December 20, 2019 at 1PM thru Thursday, January 2, 2020** We will re-open on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9AM.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE - Next 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.

CONFIRMATION 2020 INFO MEETING: A Confirmation Information Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 5, 2020 at 12 noon** in the Teen Room, 3rd floor of the KDCC Building. This meeting is for **teens and parents** who plan to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in Spring 2020. Teens must be in at least 10th grade. For more information, contact Samantha Smith, Teen Ministry Leader, at lourdesteens1912@gmail.com.

ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: The annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial, for those who died while homeless in 2019, 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!**

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 15

Mary Chapman
Bernetta Jones
David Miller Patton V
Gavin Brooks
Jerry Billingslea
Juanita Lang
Patrick Crosby
Philip Musey
Zadieparker Idani

December 16

Carol Hadley
David Baldwin
Esan Ebner
Iyesatta Emeli
Jamika Duncan
Kimberly Stringer
Liberty Jones
Madison Street

December 17

Angelea Turner
Curtis Dejean
E. Adrien Saintil
Joseph Longosz II
Karen Allen
Lani Gustafson
Marshall Dean
Matthew Kissel
Paul Sanon
Sharon Minix Glover
Tarekegn Hope
Teshia Dula
Theresa Brower

December 18

Etienne Pascal

December 19

Katrina Kissel
Nina Hylton
Okorie Johnson
Aiden Duncan
Aria Burton
Brian Ray
Jacob Amos
Jennifer Waters
Kortni Ennis-Tucker
Lucas Anderson
Marie Vincent

December 20

James McMullen
Pedros Ramos

December 21

Ava Godwin
Charlotte Akor
Danielle Salinas
Henry Willis
Jaja Johnson
Jeantel Luscap
Joshua Cahill
Linda Elmore
Nicholas Davis
Rebecca Alexander
Ricardo Ware
Sterling Fleury
Sydney Banks



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