

TAIZÉ PRAYER: Since so many people are traveling for the holidays, we will not have our regular Taizé prayer on Monday, December 23rd. The next Taizé prayer will be held on Monday, January 27th, 2020, and we look forward to sharing the prayer with many of you.

STEPHEN MINISTRY: Holiday Season have you feeling blue? Do the holidays evoke sad memories of lost loved ones? Are you experiencing job or health challenges or perhaps an impending/recent divorce? Do you yearn to share and express your feelings in a safe and confidential environment? Lourdes' Stephen Ministry and trained Stephen Ministers are here to help! Call (404) 522-6776.

2019 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "Go therefore and make disciples." is coming to an end on December 31, 2019. Lourdes is currently short of our parish goal by **\$26,719**. 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.

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.

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 Soublet at 404-629-9654 for more information.

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 visit: www.preventblindness.org. ~ From *The Health Promotions*

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.

ST PETER CLAVER REGIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOL (SPC) believes that a Catholic education is one of the greatest gifts you can give your children. Please join us for our Open House from 1PM - 3PM on Sunday, January 26, to see for yourself what an outstanding educational opportunity exists right here. Learn more about the ways SPC works to make Catholic education affordable. Visit the school website, www.spc-school.org to reserve your spot today or call Anna Abbott at 404.241.3063

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 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
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 7:10-14; Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-21
Gospel: Matthew 2:13-15, 19-23

Mass Intention: 5PM For the repose of the soul of †Claude White
10:30AM For the repose of the soul of †Veronica LeDoux Mitchell

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/15/19): \$34,553
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 19, 2019.

Lourdes Share: \$104,300
Total Pledged & Received: \$130,725
Amount Paid to Date: \$77,581
Outstanding Pledges: \$53,144

Thoughts on Stewardship

Give what you have. To someone it may be better than you dare to think.

~ Henry Wadsworth Longfellow (1807-82), American writer and poet.

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,	Alva Wood
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

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 **Friday, December 20, 2019 at 1PM thru Thursday, January 2, 2020**. We will re-open on Friday, January 3, 2020 at 9AM.

LOURDES RECEIVES 2 GRANTS! We wish to acknowledge and thank the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia for recently awarding Lourdes two grants. These include a \$1,000 Parish Enrichment grant to support the mission of the Parenting Ministry, and a \$5,000 Catholic Community grant toward the upgrade of the parish kitchen. These latter funds will be added to the **\$15,890** raised in the **#iGiveCatholic** campaign. We are indeed blessed to be the recipient both of the grants by the Foundation and donations by the Lourdes community.

2019 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, December 24th

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

Christmas Midnight, Tuesday, December 24th

Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at **First Congregational Church, 105 Courtland Street NE, Atlanta GA**. Music program begins at **11:30PM**. Parking for **First Congregational Church** will be available at the following parking lots:
Main Lot: next to the church entrance on John Wesley Dobbs Ave NE.
Two lots on Ellis Street NE: at 125 Ellis Street NE, (parking in front and in back of The Commons building); and at 151 Ellis Street NE, approximately next door to The Commons.

CARE, Inc. parking deck: about 250 feet from the Racetrac Gas station on the corner of John Wesley Dobbs Ave, NE and Piedmont Ave NE. Enter the deck from Piedmont Ave NE.

Christmas Day, Wednesday, December 25th

10AM Mass at Lourdes

Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 28th - 5PM Mass
Sunday, December 29th - 8AM, 10:30AM & 12:30PM Mass

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 22

Brian Elam
David Brower
Jeantou DeGrammont
Kayan Rose
Nia Starr

December 23

Ama Mfone
Aubrey Hannah
Charlotte Johnson
Destinee Nwankwo-Chukelu
Gillian Brown
Karena Anderson
Keisha Escoffery
Martha Turner

December 24

Emmanuel Boyd
Erica Henry
Kevin Johnson
Lisa Robinson
Vonda Gipson

December 25

Alphonsine Mfwamba
Gale Warren
Nathaniel Papillion
Talia Myers

December 26

Barbara Miller
Cutrtis Armour Jr.
Garrett Smith
Maria Yu
Nicole Symmonds
Omar Muhammed
Wylma Blanding

December 27

Beau Bernard
Craig Weber
Davis Smith
Ethan Devine
Frederick McCray
Jennifer Lund

December 28

Jeremy McCray
John Mazzolini
Sebastian Allowitz
Siatta Emeli
Ashley Miller
Benedicte Lutumba Katedi
Charles Rodney
Gerrard Grant
Kareen Romelus
Turner Moore



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