

**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.

**OUR LADY OF LOURDES EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS CONVOCATION:** *Saturday, January 11<sup>th</sup>, 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.

**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<sup>th</sup>, 2020, after the 5PM Mass. This event is sponsored by the social action committee. Please join us! Contact Beatrice Soublet at 404-629-9654 for more information

**2020 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. "SERVICE AND SIPS"** Young Adult Service Opportunity to celebrate the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will take place on Sunday, January 12 at 2PM, here at Lourdes in the Parish Hall. All Young Adults (aged 18-39) in the parish are invited to head to the parish hall to help assemble hygiene kits for the working poor and homeless and enjoy a tasty brunch as well. This service opportunity is sponsored by the Office of Intercultural Ministries - Archdiocese of Atlanta.

**MLK JR. MASS** will take place on **Saturday, January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1PM**, The Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Church, 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. All are welcome to attend!

**2020 OUR LADY OF LOURDES SILENT RETREAT** at Ignatius House Retreat Center - 6700 Riverside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30328 is **March 13-15, 2020**. This Annual Lenten retreat will be led by Father Peter Fink, SJ. This is an exciting opportunity to break away from the hectic pace of our daily lives, encounter God and fellowship with OLL parishioners in this beautiful sanctuary along the Chattahoochee River. For more retreat details and registration: <https://www.ignatiushouse.org/registration/2-night-retreat-lord-that-i-may-see-the-wonders-of-the-healing-powers-of-jesus/>. Questions? Call or email your OLL Retreat Chairs: Terri Lewis ([tal487@gmail.com](mailto:tal487@gmail.com)) or Tom Sherrill ([tbsherrill46@gmail.com](mailto:tbsherrill46@gmail.com)).

**DECEMBER IS NATIONAL SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS AWARENESS MONTH:** Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, 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*

## 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<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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 Friday, January 31 – Sunday, February 2, 2020 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, Georgia. Registration deadline is **January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020**. Please contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7554 or [sstubbs@archatl.com](mailto: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](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

## THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

December 29, 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
4<sup>th</sup> weekend after each Mass  
(Next Pop up to be determined)

**Cursillo Movement/Ultreya**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Reginald Grand-Pierre  
(404) 309-7670

**Health Promotions Ministry**  
4<sup>th</sup> 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)**  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass  
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady  
(678) 371-2677



**Mass Intention:** 10:30AM For Birthday and Thanksgiving of Christine Wilkinson

## Today's Scripture Readings

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

## Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 61:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

## For Mass Intention Requests:

Email your request to [cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org](mailto:cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org)

## 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](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."  
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. Payments can be made on the **Archdiocese of Atlanta's web-**  
**site:** <https://appeal.archatl.com/>.

Thank you for your generous participation in the 2019 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

## Thoughts on Stewardship

The willingness to share does not make one charitable; it makes one free.  
~ Robert Brault, [rbrault.blogspot.com](http://rbrault.blogspot.com)

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

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

**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

**HAPPY NEW YEAR** 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<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 1PM thru Thursday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020** We will re-open on Friday, January 3<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 9AM.

## NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

**Watchnight Service, Monday, December 31<sup>st</sup>**  
11:30PM Mass at Lourdes

**New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020 ~ No Masses here at Lourdes**

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Sunday School, Teen Ministry, Parenting Ministry and the Nursery will resume next Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020.

**CONFIRMATION 2020 INFO MEETING:** A Confirmation Information Meeting will be held on **Sunday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:lourdesteens1912@gmail.com).

**LECTOR PREP** for the month of February 2020 will be held on **Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30AM** in the church and **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup> at 7PM** 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 (infants to 6 years) baptized, will be held on **Tuesday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 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**.

**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<sup>th</sup>, 2020 after all the services in the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you.

## LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

### December 29

Winston Eckel Jr.  
Doris Coleman  
Frances Comer-Joy  
John Grady  
Kennedy Blanchard  
Malana Dejean

### December 30

Albert Judge  
Alexandra Thompson  
Casen Goff Benjamin  
Devin Burnam  
Harrison Zegers  
Jacquelyn Bernard  
Linda Jordan  
Paul Ferguson  
Powis Forjoe

Erica Couben

### December 31

Anthony Jordan  
Beja Turner  
Don Curley  
Gary Carter  
Kwame Nyaku  
Lalor Cadley  
Leona Terry  
Mary Jane Cooper  
Raven Powers

### January 01

Bora Minirakiza  
Courtney Alexander  
Dwayne Benjamin

Erika Ndongmo

### January 02

Hugh Kinsel  
Janice Willis  
Kamwenubusa Innocent  
Nakia Cahill  
Courtney Burgan  
Evan Hylton  
Jason Tircuit  
Latres Bell  
Marcus Massingale

### January 03

Aidan Cromartie  
Ajani Claxton-Warner

Darryl Buford Sr.

### January 04

Euriah Bennett III  
Johannes Kleiner  
Kaelyn Tucker  
Millicent Hollins  
Owen Farrell  
Amy Butler - Coleman  
Danielle Speight  
Kim Szuchan  
Marilavinia Jones  
Rhonda Burman  
Samantha Smith



## 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 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 7PM  
Kayellen Umeakunne, Coordinator  
lourdesforlifeissues@gmail.com

**Liturgy Committee**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 12PM  
Janis Griffin

**Social Action Committee**  
1<sup>st</sup> 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**  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 11:30AM  
Joanne Breaugh, Chair  
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

**Women's Council**  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 10AM  
Denise Hood, President  
(404) 752-9620

**Young at Heart (Seniors)**  
Contact the Church Office