

2020 **ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL** "*You are the light of the world.*" is coming to an end on **December 31, 2020**. 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 our parish goal of **\$113,300**. 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 directly to the Archdiocese of Atlanta at <https://donate.archatl.com/>. If you will be mailing your payment to the church office please ensure it arrives no later than **Friday, December 18, 2020** to ensure that you receive your contribution credit for 2020. Your financial support during these difficult times is especially appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

MERCY CARE'S ROBERT L. MASON JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: Save the Date!! The winter solstice on **Monday, December 21**, celebrates the longest hours of darkness and the rebirth of the sun. It is believed to hold a powerful energy for regeneration, renewal and self-reflection. The date also falls within the Christian season of Advent, which celebrates the promise of light over darkness. Across the country, memorials take place on or around the winter solstice to reflect on the plight of those who have no home in which to take shelter and to remember those who died while homeless during the year. While we can't gather together outdoors at our Decatur Street location as usual, we hope you will join us with an unlit candle in hand from your own front step, patio or driveway as we do our best to create the experience virtually.

INFORMATION SESSION FOR CONFIRMATION 2021: Teens and their families planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in spring 2021 are invited to attend an online Information Session on **Sunday, January 3, 2021 at 2 p.m.** Eligible candidates for Confirmation must be in at least their sophomore year of high school and have two years of Catholic education (9th and 10th grade). For more information, please contact Samantha Smith, Confirmation Teacher, at lourdesteens1912@gmail.com.

OFFERTORY/STEWARDSHIP: We humbly appeal to you to please keep sharing your weekly offering (online or by mail) so that we can pay our hardworking staff and meet financial obligations. You can text your donation amount to **404-649-5276**, OR you can visit the Lourdes website www.lourdesatlanta.org; click on the 'Give' tab and complete the 'Online Giving Form' select the fund 'Offertory 2020'. You may also send in your gifts via USPS, to Our Lady of Lourdes, 25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. **Your donation supports the mission of Lourdes. Thank you for your generosity.**

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: *For a Life of Prayer.* We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

ST PIUS X CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL St. Pius X Catholic High School is seeking a **Director of Operations** for an immediate opening. This position is responsible for the overall day-to-day operations of the physical plant to ensure a safe and clean environment. Duties include, supervising maintenance staff, coordinating with local governments to maintain all licensure and working with outside vendors for the maintenance and repairs of the campus and all other facilities services in conjunction with the requirements of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. This is a full-time, 12-month position. Preference will be given to practicing Catholics in good standing with the church and a bachelor's degree. Other qualifications include, good organizational skills, attention to detail, a self-starter personality, ability to work collegiately with broad audiences, willingness and flexibility to work off-hours when necessary to fulfill job responsibilities. St. Pius X offers a drug-free workplace and is in full compliance with federal statutes for non-discrimination in its employment practices. Qualified individuals should send a cover letter and a resume to Mrs. Marsha Free at mfree@spx.org or mail to St. Pius X Catholic High School, 2674 Johnson Road NE, Atlanta, Georgia 30345. **No phone calls, please.**

*****For a listing of available vacancies within the Archdiocese of Atlanta visit <https://archatl.com/offices/human-resources/job-openings/> *****

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



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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 13, 2020



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*

Rooted in African-American Catholic history, Lourdes celebrates the Living Word of God, embraces inclusiveness, and inspires social action.

We are active
 We are committed
 We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.



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

Livestream Mass
 Sundays: 10:30 AM

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

Religious Education
 Contact: Mrs. Theresa Bowen
 Director of Religious Education
thebowens4@bellsouth.net
SUNDAYS AT 3PM (VIRTUAL)

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
SUNDAYS AT NOON (VIRTUAL)

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 TBD

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P.
(404) 522-6776

Book Store

Lisa Berkley
404-522-6776

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
Dana Avist, Co-chair
davisto313@att.net
Danielle Williams, Co-chair
danielle_wms@live.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 61:1-2a, 10-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28

Next Sunday's Readings (4th Sunday of Advent)

2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Mass Intentions at 10:30AM Livestream Mass:

For the repose of the soul of †Rita Engelhardt
For the repose of the soul of †Robert Howard Hickey

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/05/20 - 12/11/20) **\$39,713**

Mailed in Offertory (11/28/20 - 12/11/20) - \$25,980

Online Offertory (12/05/20 - 12/11/20) - \$13,733

Weekly Church Budget (Fiscal Yr. 20-21): **\$24,536**

Consider setting up on-line giving today!

Visit: www.lourdesatlanta.org click on the 'Give' tab or

Visit: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4716>

2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "You are the light of the world." ends December 31, 2020.

Lourdes Share: \$113,300

Amount Paid to Date (12/11/20): \$93,346

Please visit <https://donate.archdiocese.com/> for more information or to donate on-line.
Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

The poor are your masters. You are the servant. Let us work with a new love in service of the poor, looking for the most destitute and abandoned among them. Let us recognize that before God they are our Lords and masters, and we are unworthy to render them our small services.

~St Vincent de Paul

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,	Betty Davis,	Tometra McClendon,	Alana Shepard,
Kennan Allen,	Eileen DeWane,	Jean McDonnell,	Regina Smith,
Cherry Banez,	Gloria Dworet,	James McEwan,	Larry Soublet,
Cherylle Bartholomew,	Clinton Elmore,	Melody McIntyre	Janet Stewart,
Sandy Bell,	Lanier Ewing,	James McMullen,	Wendy Stewart,
Susie Bell,	Barbara Hagan,	Maridel Moffett,	Johnnie Strong,
Jerry Billingslea,	Geton Harper,	Peggy Neeson,	Eugene Sturgis,
Deanna Blasingame,	Frank Howard,	Evelyn Olds,	Jean-Luc Tahou,
Amelia Bramwell,	Jackson Igou,	Katie Price,	Fritz Thomas,
David Brower,	Ronald Jean-Louis,	Eisenhower Raines,	Virgie Thomas,
Frederick Cannon,	James Jordan,	Libby Ricard,	Frank Tighe,
Luella Chambers,	Albert Judge,	Thomas Rogers,	Sandra Turner,
Mary Chapman,	Marilyn Kapaun,	Josephine Rosario,	Alva Wood
Sam Cooper,	Felix Lawrence,	Mildred Rucker,	
Muriel Cureau,	Janet Lawrence,	Grace Rutherford,	
Sallie Davenport,	Thomas Lewis,	Barbara Schenk,	

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

GEORGIA BULLETIN: We invite you to read the beautiful tribute in the Georgia Bulletin entitled 'Dance, music ministry leaders leave legacies worldwide' at <https://georgiabulletin.org/news/2020/12/dance-music-ministry-leaders-leave-legacies-worldwide/>. Written by Georgia Bulletin Staff writer and Lourdes own, Samantha Smith, the article celebrates the life and legacy of Lourdes liturgy leaders in dance and music, Kenya Griffin and Kenneth W. Louis.

UPDATE YOUR LOURDES MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION: We are urging ALL Lourdes members to enroll in our new web-based program 'My Own Church'. As we come to the end of the year, and during this time when we are meeting virtually, we encourage every household to register at <https://atlantaaim.parishsoftfamilysuite.com>, even if you are already a registered member of Lourdes. You will be required to register as a new user and create a username and password. This program allows you to update your own family record, add a family photo so we can see you, register for Sunday School and you'll be able to see your church contributions and download your own year-end tax statement. If you need help, please call the church office (404-522-6776) to guide you through the process.

ONLINE OFFERTORY DONATIONS – As we prepare for 2021, please be advised ALL ONLINE OFFERTORY DONORS will need to make the following change by **December 31, 2020**. You will need to re-direct your donations from Offertory 2020 to Offertory 2021 starting now to be active for January 1, 2021. The Offertory 2020 Fund will expire on December 31, 2020. This is for ALL Offertory 2020 Donations, Recurring Donations and Offertory Pledges. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the church office. (404-522-6776) Thank you for your continued support of the missions and ministry of Lourdes.

SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND (DECEMBER 20): Hundreds of U.S., religious communities struggle to provide for aging members because most senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests served for little pay. Your gift to the **Retirement Fund for Religious** collection helps these communities bridge the gap, offering support for medications, nursing care and other necessities. Please be generous.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 13 Dejon Alexander Emerson Gibson James Haydel Jennifer Halicki Mariano Rojas Mark Zeigler Nanci Pearson Raynell Evans Sandra Jean Victoria Hardy Willie Harris	Timothy Coveney December 15 Bernetta Jones David Miller Patton V Gavin Brooks Jerry Billingslea Jo Ward Juanita Lang Macey Pouncey Patrick Crosby Philip Musey Zadieparkar Idani	Kimberly Stringer Liberty Jones Luther Brewster Madison Street Mary Chapman 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 Katrina Kissel Nina Hylton Okorie Johnson December 19 Aiden Duncan Aria Burton Brian Ray Jacob Amos Jennifer Waters Kortni Ennis-Tucker Lucas Anderson Marie Vincent
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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
lhubbardatl@yahoo.com

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