# NEWS AT LOURDES

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 <a href="lourdesteens1912@gmail.com">lourdesteens1912@gmail.com</a>.

**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 offhours 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 <a href="https://archatl.com/offices/">https://archatl.com/offices/</a> 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



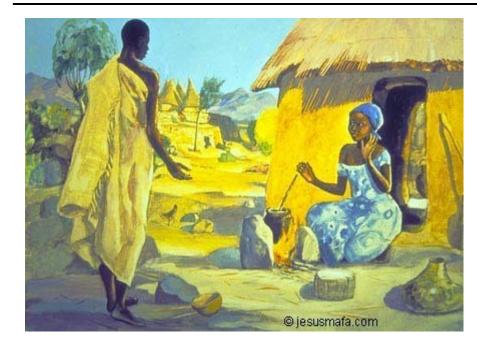




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# THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



#### **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

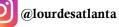
Mr. Cong Dinh, Maintenance Supervisor

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 Beactive. Your time, your talent, your Church







# **December** 13, 2020

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

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month at 10AM



Join our online comunity 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday January - October at 2:30PM mazinggracedancecompany@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

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 Dana Avist, Co-chair Danielle Williams, Co-chair danielle\_wms@live.com

#### Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)

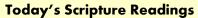
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the 10:30AM Mass Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight earoberts3@outlook.com

#### **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



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 <a href="https://donate.archatl.com/">https://donate.archatl.com/</a> 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

Alana Shepard,

Regina Smith.

Larry Soublet,

Janet Stewart,

Wendy Stewart,

Johnnie Strong,

Eugene Sturgis,

Jean-Luc Tahou,

Fritz Thomas,

Virgie Thomas,

Sandra Turner,

Frank Tighe,

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

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

### 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-leadersleave-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 guestions, 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 December 18 Kimberly Stringer Timothy Coveney Liberty Iones Dejon Alexander Etienne Pascal December 15 Luther Brewster Emerson Gibson Katrina Kissel Bernetta Jones Madison Street Iames Havdel Nina Hylton David Miller Patton V Mary Chapman Jennifer Halicki Okorie Johnson Gavin Brooks Mariano Rojas December 17 Jerry Billingslea December 19 Mark Zeigler Io Ward Angelea Turner Aiden Duncan Nanci Pearson Juanita Lang Curtis Dejean Aria Burton Raynell Evans Macey Pouncey E. Adrien Saintil Brian Ray Sandra Jean Patrick Crosby Joseph Longosz II Jacob Amos Victoria Hardy Philip Musey Karen Allen Jennifer Waters Willie Harris Zadieparker Idani Lani Gustafson Kortni Ennis-Tucker December 14 Marshall Dean December 16 Lucas Anderson Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberso Matthew Kissel Marie Vincent Carol Hadley Jolene Edwards Paul Sanon David Baldwin Kara Stewart Sharon Minix Glover Happy Esan Ebner Katie Price Buthday Tarekegn Hope Ivesatta Emeli Raechel Bimmerle Teshia Dula

Theresa Brower

Jamika Duncan

Rasheem Washington

# **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 Ihubbardatl@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**

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