

SECOND COLLECTION (GREEN ENVELOPES) LOURDES CONFERENCE/SVDP: Next Sunday, December 27, the second collection will be for the Lourdes Conference/ St Vincent de Paul. Lourdes SVDP provides assistance to Lourdes members and those in our community experiencing a temporary set-back due to illness or unemployment. The most common needs are rent assistance, utility bill payment or emergency food provisions. During these challenging times, however, we have many clients who are in desperate circumstances and are unable to work and provide for their family for the first time in their life. Your donations allow us to help them and give them hope. Donations can always be made online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4716> select the fund 'Lourdes Conference/St Vincent de Paul'. We thank you for your continued support.

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

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 should be made directly to the Archdiocese of Atlanta at <https://donate.archatl.com/>, no later than **Thursday, December 31, 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.

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 Thursday, 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.**

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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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 20, 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 W. 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

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Mass Intentions at 10:30AM Livestream Mass:

For the repose of the soul of †Junior Correll Smith
For the repose of the soul of †Phyllis DeJean

Lourdes Stewardship

Weekly Church Support (12/12/20 - 12/18/20) **\$17,809**

Mailed in Offertory (12/12/20 - 12/18/20) - \$4,570

Online Offertory (12/12/20 - 12/18/20) - \$13,239

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 (12/18/20): \$107,906

Please visit <https://donate.archatl.com/> for more information or to donate on-line.

Thank you for your generosity.

Thoughts on Stewardship

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" – Luke 1:28

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God's call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ's light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

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

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

2020 CHRISTMAS LIVESTREAM MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve, Thursday, December 24th

7PM Children's Mass

Christmas Midnight, Thursday, December 24th

Music program begins at 11:45PM followed by Midnight Mass.

Christmas Day, Friday, December 25th

10:30AM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family,

Sunday, December 27th - 10:30AM

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas Livestream Mass can be viewed on our website:

www.lourdesatlanta.org.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS (DECEMBER 2020): 'Moving Forward in Faith'

our Capital Campaign update is available at <https://lourdesatlanta.org/bulletins/>. See Bulletin insert dated December 20, 2020 for key dates and planned virtual event.

CHURCH OFFICE: The Church Office will be closed for the Christmas holidays from Wednesday, December 23, 2020 thru Friday, January 1, 2021. We will re-open on Monday, January 4, 2021 at 9AM.

BIBLE STUDY IS BACK! Starting on Monday, January 4 and continuing every Monday thru March 29, 2021, from 6:30PM - 8:00PM via Zoom. Join Father Jeffery and Lourdes members Nyrva Cadet, Mike Thompson and Sheena White as they lead a lively and interactive discussion of the Gospel of Mark. To sign-up visit: <https://lourdesatlanta.flocknote.com/signup/33152>.

MERCY CARE'S ROBERT L. MASON JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: The annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial will take place virtually this year, on Monday, December 21 (the winter solstice) from 5:30PM - 7PM. 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 the Mercy Care, Decatur Street location as usual, we hope you will join us via Zoom with an unlit candle in hand from your own front step, patio or driveway as we do our best to create the experience virtually. For Zoom details visit : <https://mercyatlanta.org/candlelightmemorial/> or visit Mercy Care's Facebook page by clicking this link: <https://fb.me/e/WiNFUoLp>.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 20

James McMullen
Pedros Ramos
Victoria Sanon

Ricardo Ware

Sterling Fleury
Sydney Banks

December 22

Brian Elam
David Brower
Jeantou DeGrammont
Kayan Rose
Nia Starr

December 23

Ama Mfone
Aubrey Hannah
Charlotte Johnson
Destinee Nwankwo-Chukelu
Rebecca Alexander

Gillian Brown

Karena Anderson
Martha Turner
Monica Mendoza

December 24

Sadie Weston
Xavier Brown
Emmanuel Boyd
Erica Henry
Lisa Robinson
Vonda Gipson

December 25

Alphonsine Mfwamba
Gale Warren

Nathaniel Papillion
Talia Myers

December 26

Barbara Miller
Christine Wilkinson
Curtis Armour Jr.
Garrett Smith
Nicole Symmonds
Omar Muhammed
Wylma Blanding



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