

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

**APRIL 2014**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>6</b> RCIA 9:30A Women's Council 9:30A Social Action 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Ministry Fair Meeting 2P</p>	<p><b>7</b> <b>Liturgy Committee 7P</b> Life After the Pink Slip 7P</p>	<p><b>8</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P <b>Baptismal Class 7P</b> Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p><b>9</b> AGLD Rehearsal 7P Bible Study 7:00P</p>	<p><b>10</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir &amp; AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p>	<p><b>11</b> "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" <b>Stations of the Cross 7P</b> YAG Meeting 7:30P</p>	<p><b>12</b> Eractim 11A Dance by Kenya 11:A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p><b>13</b> Palm Sunday Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 9:30A <b>No Sunday School</b> St. Vincent de Paul 12N KPC/KPCA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughter's Meeting 1:30P Jr Knights Meeting 1:30P</p>	<p><b>14</b> Stand up for Kids 4P Stephen's Ministry 6P <b>Pastoral Council 7P</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p><b>16</b> AGLD Rehearsal 7P Bible Study 7:00P</p>	<p><b>17</b> Holy Thursday Lourdes Lunch 11:30A <b>Holy Thursday Service 7P</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> Good Friday <b>Good Friday Service 7P</b></p>	<p><b>19</b> Holy Saturday SVDP Meeting 9A Dance by Kenya 10A <b>Easter Vigil 9:00P</b></p>
<p><b>20</b> Easter Sunday Services are at Symphony Hall 8:30A &amp; 11:30AM <b>Take pictures with the Easter Bunny</b></p>	<p><b>21</b> Easter Monday <b>Church Office Closed</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p><b>23</b> AGLD Rehearsal 7P Bible Study 7:00P</p>	<p><b>24</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir &amp; AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>Men's Ministry</i> <b>Movie Night for Edgewater 7:30P</b> YAG Meeting 7:30P</p>	<p><b>26</b> Urban League Voter Restoration 9A Eractim 11A Dance by Kenya 10A Life Issues 4:00PM Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Lourdes Book Club 6:30P Anniving Grace Rehearsal 6:30P</p>
<p><b>27</b> Bookstore Open Today Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Health Ministry Meeting 12N Alumni Meeting 2P KPCA Spring Tea 2P</p>	<p><b>28</b> Stephen's Ministry 6P Puppetry Rehearsal 6:30P <b>Taize Prayer Group 8:00PM</b></p>	<p><b>29</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p><b>30</b> AGLD Rehearsal 7P Bible Study 7:00P</p>			

**Easter Sunday Service 8:30AM & 11:30AM**  
Symphony Hall, Woodruff Arts Center, Peachtree & 15<sup>th</sup> Sts.  
Lourdes Ministry Fair ~ Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup>

## MY BROTHER'S KEEPER

On February 27, President Barack Obama announced a new public-private initiative to address America's ongoing racial disparities. "The plain fact is there are some Americans who, in the aggregate, are consistently doing worse in our society," the President explained, "groups that have had the odds stacked against them in unique ways that require unique solutions." Designed to reach across partisan lines, Mr. Obama's new 5-year program, called "My Brother's Keeper," brings together the resources of businesses, schools, nonprofits, and private citizens in a concerted effort to improve the life-prospects of young minority men and boys.

## STUBBORN FACTS

Why focus specifically on males? In the aftermath of the death of Trayvon Martin, the President recounted, he felt the need to address what too many of us have come to see as "an inevitable part of American life, instead of the outrage that it is." In Mr. Obama's words, "fifty years after Dr. King talked about his dream for America's children, the stubborn fact is that the life chances of the average black or brown child in this country lag behind by almost every measure, and are worse for boys and young men."

The challenges begin early. "If you're African American," the President pointed out, "there's about a one in two chance you grow up without a father in your house--one in two. If you're Latino, you have about a one in four chance. We know that boys who grow up without a father are more likely to be poor, more likely to underperform in school."

## "I DIDN'T HAVE A DAD IN THE HOUSE"

In a moving personal note, the President reflected on his own upbringing. "I didn't have a dad in the house. And I was angry about it, even though I didn't necessarily realize it at the time," he admitted. As a result, he continued, "I made bad choices. I got high without always thinking about the harm that it could do. I didn't always take school as seriously as I should have. I made excuses. Sometimes I sold myself short." Fortunately, he added, "I grew up in an environment that was a little bit more forgiving" than many other young black men experience, with guidance and support from people who "never gave up on me, and so I didn't give up on myself."

## THE FOUNDATION FOR A GOOD LIFE

Insisting that "government cannot play the only--or even the primary--role," President Obama called on faith leaders to reach out directly to young men at risk in the community, just as Lourdes does through our tutorial program and our work with StandUp for Kids. He also encouraged people of faith to use our resources to help young men "develop the values and ethical framework that is the foundation for a good and productive life," especially what the President calls "responsible fatherhood." Never having known his own dad might have driven him "to succeed in many ways," Mr. Obama said, but he also recalled "how hard that had been" because "nothing keeps a young man out of trouble like a father who takes an active role in his son's life."

The text of the President's address is available online at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2014/02/27/remarks-president-my-brothers-keeper-initiative>

# AMAZING GRACE DANCERS

FINAL OPEN REHEARSAL  
FOR 2014 SEASON

APRIL 13, 2014

2:30-4p

The Dance Studio

25 BOULEVARD NE

ATLANTA, GA. 30312

\*\*OPEN TO ALL DANCERS, DANCE MINISTRIES &  
NON-DANCERS\*\*

*\*\*Come dressed to dance\*\**

SEE YOU THERE!!

Booking: [agldcompany@hotmail.com](mailto:agldcompany@hotmail.com)



# COMPASSIONATE CITIES, KIND NEIGHBORHOODS

COME CELEBRATE  
COMPASSIONATE ACTION  
IN GREATER ATLANTA

- Join neighbors and new friends to discover many acts of compassion from people all over metro Atlanta
- Honor Greater Atlanta municipalities, organizations and communities that have signed the Charter for Compassion! \*
- Hear international hero Karen Armstrong offer the keynote address and receive the highest award that Morehouse presents for peace, reconciliation and nonviolence.
  - In 2008 Karen Armstrong won a TED Talk (\$100,000 award) and used the prize to create the Charter for Compassion as a way to mobilize cities and communities to bring the Golden Rule to life.

**7:00 PM, Thursday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>**  
**Martin Luther King Jr. International Chapel at Morehouse College**  
**830 Westview Drive SW**  
**Atlanta, Georgia 30314**

**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

- For more information go to: [www.charterforcompassion.org](http://www.charterforcompassion.org) or [www.compassionateatl.com](http://www.compassionateatl.com)