

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	2 Zumba Class 6:00P Baptismal Class 7P Lector Prep 7P	3 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308 <i>All/III Rehearsal 7P</i>	4 Zumba Class 6:30P Welcome Back Choir Rehearsal 7:30P	5 YAG Meeting 7:30P	6 Habitat Build Date 8A SVDP Meeting 9A Lector Prep 10:30A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist YAG Fundraiser after Mass
7 YAG Fundraiser Women's Council 9:30A Career Day/Teen Ministry 10A Simon's Call 12N Dancers' Rehearsal 1:30P S.S. Parent Meeting after 10A Mass	8 Stand up for Kids 4P Stephen's Ministry 6:00PM Pastoral Council Meeting 7P	9 Welcome Back Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P Liturgy Committee 7P	10 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308 <i>All/III Rehearsal 7P</i>	11 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:30P	12 YAG Meeting 7:30P	13 Habitat Build Date 8A SAT Test 9:30A Eucharist 11:00A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Haiti Sponsorship Weekend
14 Church Picnic 1:30P Haiti Sponsorship Weekend Live Stream 10A Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal 11A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P KPC/KPCLA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P	15	16 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P	17 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA, 30308 <i>All/III Rehearsal 7P</i>	18 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:30P	19 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Hedgewood</i> 7:30P YAG Meeting 7:30P	20 Habitat Build Date 8A SVDP Meeting 9A ASBS Meeting 1:00P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Haiti Sponsorship Weekend
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28 Sunday School Starts Teen Ministry 8:30A Live Stream 10A Mass Bookstore, Dinner & Belgens Health Ministry 11:30A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans Meeting 2P Lourdes Alumni Meet 2P	29	30 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P				

Lourdes Picnic is Sunday, September 14, 2014 ~ 1:30pm at Grant Park

Sunday School Registration & Parent Meeting ~ September 7 after 10AM Mass

Sunday School Registration ~ September 14 at Parish Picnic

Sunday School Registration & Parent Meeting ~ September 21 after 8AM & Noon Masses

Sunday School Starts ~ Sunday, September 28, 2014 ~ 8:45AM until 9:45PM (New Time)

JUST WRITE A CHECK

At an archdiocesan gathering in early August, Dale Recinella, a Catholic layman who serves as chaplain on Florida's Death Row, shared a note he had recently received from a 19-year-old college student. Baptized and educated in the Catholic Church, the young woman told Recinella that she was fascinated by his ministry because she had always thought Catholics addressed social problems by writing a check. Never once had she heard from the pulpit, she wrote, that we were supposed to "get our hands dirty" by connecting firsthand with people on the margins of society.

STUMBLING INTO THE ARMS OF A LOVING GOD

In *Now I Walk on Death Row: A Wall Street Finance Lawyer Stumbles into the Arms of a Loving God*, Recinella explains how he himself made that discovery. At the pinnacle of a prestigious career, the middle-aged Recinella had been invited to address a national conference of investment bankers in Baltimore. But in a bible study he and his wife had undertaken, he had been troubled by the warnings of Jesus about the dangers of wealth. So when a homeless beggar named Dennis approached him on the streets outside his fancy hotel, Recinella offered to help him. To his surprise, both hospitals and shelters rejected the filthy, battered alcoholic. Only after praying at a rundown church with Dennis in his arms did Recinella finally manage to place him in an indigent detox facility.

WHO IS THE KILLING FOR?

His encounter with Dennis led Dale Recinella to undertake a series of ministries—first as a part-time volunteer to victims of AIDS and eventually as full-time chaplain to the most despised of Florida's outcasts: men awaiting execution. In his 16 years as chaplain, he came to see that capital punishment not only devastated the families of the condemned but also failed to mitigate the sufferings of survivors of violent crime. Yet the "grave train of executions" in his home state did provide a very comfortable living for attorneys and others in the criminal justice system, and support for capital punishment often proved vital for politicians aspiring to higher office—the very people whose favor Recinella had carried in his days as a lawyer financing expensive public works projects.

"DON'T LET ME DIE LIKE THIS!"

Returning to his hotel after his encounter with Dennis, Dale Recinella entered a familiar environment: "Everyone is decked out nicely, and the conversation is familiar: vacations to New Zealand and Europe, best places to shop, big deals and big profits." But now he realized that this world of "gowns, jewelry and champagne" was just minutes from where he had clung to a poor man praying in his pain, "Please, God, don't let me die like this!"

At that point, Recinella says, he finally gained perspective on his lifelong quest for the 3 P's—power, prestige, and possessions—and to see the world as God sees it: "a world full of troubled, broken, debilitated spirits who are just as sick and needy to God's eyes as Dennis's body is to mine." Recoiling from his lifelong quest for what he now saw as "junk, trinkets," Recinella himself echoed the beggar's prayer: "Please, God, don't let me die like this!"

For more information on the prison ministry of Dale Recinella and his wife Susan, visit their website: www.iwasinprison.org

THE GLORIES OF THE PAST AND THE HOPES OF TOMORROW



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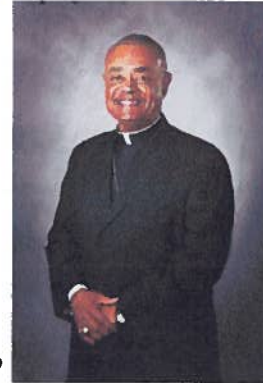
Monday, August 25, 2014

BY ARCHBISHOP WILTON GREGORY

Our nation is in the midst of observing a series of uniquely important historic moments that mark the 50th or 60th anniversaries of the Civil Rights movement. Last year we recalled the 50th anniversary of the March on Washington, this year, the 60th anniversary of the Supreme Court ruling *Brown vs. the Board of Education* that outlawed school segregation. Recently, we recalled the signing of the 1964 Civil Rights Bill. These were defining moments for our nation. They should be recalled and we must recommit ourselves to the goals they established. They marked glorious and hard fought events for our nation.

These moments stand among the social accomplishments achieved during my youth, and I remember the excitement and the protests that they engendered. As a youngster from the North, I recall that much of the attention was then focused on the South where segregation was an institutionalized convention. I knew that the North also had the very same defects, but in a much more subversive manner. As a bishop in the South today, I marvel at the progress that has been made as I hear people from my own generation describe the life they once knew. I also hear them speak of the need to be vigilant constantly and ever dedicated to the principles that led to those social victories. They often express concern that their own children who never lived under the oppressive restrictions of segregation will now forget the forces of dedication and the sacrificial offerings of those whose tenacious pursuit of Civil Rights laid the foundation for today's freedoms. These oldsters view today's eruptions of vul-

gar language and violent social conflicts through the lenses of those who cannot remember when such language and conduct were condoned, even considered mainstream. They also tell me at those moments: "Remember, you're in the South, Archbishop!"



As a child of the North, I also recall that similar events occurred throughout this great nation of ours – even 60 years after some stunning victories of social justice. What was most painful for me as a young man in those days of struggle were the hateful voices in the North that belonged to Catholics who denounced the advancement of social justice. Today we must remember that what we are commemorating with these anniversaries is not the end of injustice, but the ongoing transformation of society that is still an unfinished task. Our process of conversion of hearts is a work in progress. Sadly there are moments of relapse throughout this great nation of ours and even within this Church of Christ. The challenge of looking back 50 or 60 years with well-deserved pride is that we must also continue to look forward in hope for the fulfillment of the promises of yesterday in spite of relapses that still unfortunately surface today. Anniversaries offer many reasons to rejoice and to recommit to the principles they recall.

Archbishop Wilton Gregory was ordained a priest for the Archdiocese of Chicago and is now the archbishop of Atlanta.



Fall Atlanta 40 Days for Life

Fall Atlanta 40 Days for Life will begin September 24th through November 2nd. Atlanta will join other cities around the world for this pro-life campaign that has been saving lives and changing hearts. 40 Days for Life has three components: Prayer and Fasting: believers throughout our city are invited to join together for 40 days of fervent prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Peaceful Vigil: stand for life during a 40 day peaceful public witness outside the Feminist Women's Health Center, 1924 Cliff Valley Way, Atlanta, GA 30329. Community Outreach: help take a positive, upbeat pro-life message to every corner of our city through media efforts, advocacy, and public visibility.

Please join us for our Ecumenical Prayer Service with the Most Reverend Archbishop D. Wilton Gregory S.L.D., Metropolitan Archbishop of Atlanta and Dr. Kevin Goins, Senior Pastor of First Alliance Church, Tuesday, September 23rd at 7:00 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 2855 Briarcliff Rd NE, Atlanta GA 30329 and our Kick Off Candlelight Vigil, Wednesday, September 24th, 6:00 AM - 7:30 AM across the street from Feminist Women's Health Center.

For more information and to sign up for 40 Days for Life Campaign please visit www.40daysforlife.com/Atlanta or contact Aileen Barreca at 404-558-3276 or atlanta40days@gmail.com. For information about the Marietta Location visit www.40daysforlife.com/Marietta.



Parish Pride with a Purpose

Please Support YAG and Show Your
Parish Pride!

September 6 - 7, 2014

YAG will be selling Our Lady of Lourdes tumblers and a variety of reminder bands after each mass to raise funds for various services initiatives for the homeless, persons living with HIV/AIDS, and teens.

Reminder Band	\$3 each or 3 for \$8
Tumbler	\$7 each
Tumbler + Reminder Band	\$10

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