

OCTOBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 RCIA 9/4 Nursery Opens - 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A <i>Home's Council 9AM</i> St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Social Action 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>5 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P Baptismal Class 7P Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p>7 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i></p>	<p>1 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Dancer's Rehearsal 7P</p>	<p>2 YAG Meeting 7:00P</p>	<p>3 SVDP Meeting 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>11 Live Stream 10A Mass <i>RCIA 9/4</i> Nursery Opens - 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPCLA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Daughter 1:30P</p>	<p>12 Columbus Day Pastoral Council 7P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>14 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i></p>	<p>15 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i> Just Faith Meeting 7:00P</p>	<p>16 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Likewood</i> 7:30P</p>	<p>17 SVDP Meeting 9A Usher Training 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Pastoral Care Team 10A ASBS Meeting 3:00P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>18 AIDS H/ALK <i>RCIA 9/4</i> Nursery Opens - 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Committee 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>19 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba 7:15P</p>	<p>20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>21 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i></p>	<p>22 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i> Just Faith Meeting 7:00P</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 Eratism 11:00A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Life Issues 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Social Action Movie & Dinner Bookstore, Dinner & Belgines 6P</p>
<p>25 Live Stream 10A Mass Bookstore, Dinner & Belgines 8A <i>RCIA 9/4</i> Nursery Opens - 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Health Ministry 11:45A</p>	<p>26 Finance Council Meet 6:30P Zumba 7:15P <i>Twice Prayer Group</i> 8:00PM</p>	<p>27 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:00P</p>	<p>28 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i></p>	<p>29 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i></p>	<p>30 Teen Ministry Retreat Weekend</p>	<p>31 Halloween Day Teen Ministry Retreat AG Youth Dance Class 10A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Safe Halloween Party 6:30P</p>

Save the Date

- October 18 ~ AIDS Walk ~ Piedmont Park 1:00P
- October 24 ~ Social Action Dinner & Movie ~ 6:30P
- October 30 - November 1 ~ Teen Ministry Retreat ~ Off Site
- October 31 ~ Safe Halloween Party ~ 6:30P

I think in many cases, your morality is deeply lacking if all you want is a child born, but not a child fed, not a child educated, not a child housed. That's not pro-life. That's pro-birth.

Sister Joan Chittister, O.S.B., made that comment in a 2004 interview on PBS's *NOW with Bill Moyers*, but it was repeatedly cited on social media this summer, largely as a retort to critics of Planned Parenthood. The provocative quote became a graphic barbed directed at the alleged hypocrisy of abortion opponents, especially those against increased spending for social services.

As her words circulated, Sister Joan was accused of being out of step with Catholic teaching on the right to life. But her point was not that Catholics should abandon our pro-life convictions; instead, she was urging us to reflect more broadly on what we must do to promote a broader respect for human life.

A CONSISTENT ETHIC OF LIFE

In an op-ed about the Planned Parenthood controversy in the *Chicago Tribune*, newly-appointed Archbishop Blase Cupich vigorously defended "the truth that an unborn child manifestly is a human being, entitled to rights and respect." But he also called for consistency in how Americans show respect for human life. "While commerce in the remains of defenseless children is particularly repulsive," he wrote, "we should be no less appalled by the indifference toward the thousands of people who die daily for lack of decent medical care; who are denied rights by a broken immigration system and by racism; who suffer in hunger, joblessness and want; who pay the price of violence in gun-saturated neighborhoods; or who are executed by the state in the name of justice." What America needs now, said the American Catholic leader most closely identified with Pope Francis, is a new "national dialogue on the worth of human life."

WANT TO JOIN THE DIALOGUE?

The Life Issues Committee at Our Lady of Lourdes is committed to promoting such a dialogue and supporting the ministries it inspires. That is our official mission:

The Life Issues Committee promotes a consistent ethic of respect for human life from conception until natural death, opposing such threats to the vulnerable as abortion, human trafficking, euthanasia and the death penalty.

Fostering dialogue is the purpose of our *Life Notes* newsletter. Our pro-life ministry has included a pregnancy support hotline (LAMP) as well as services to young people in foster care (Faithful Visitors) and out on the streets (StandUp for Kids). But we badly need help, especially new faces with fresh ideas to keep a lively dialogue going.

Can you help? Send us your contact information: lourdesforlife@gmail.com