

St. Vincent de Paul Society at Lourdes Needs Your Help

It is sad, but some families will not be able to have a Thanksgiving meal this year. That's why we of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Lourdes are once again organizing an effort to provide Thanksgiving meals to deserving families in our neighborhood. We are asking for your help in purchasing ingredients for the meal or donating money so that the Society can purchase turkeys and hams.

Please help by purchasing the following items that provide a meal. These ingredients need to be brought to Lourdes in a labeled cardboard box or a canvas or plastic tote bag to **Mass on the weekends of Sunday, November 1st and Sunday, November 8th.**



- 1 can cranberry sauce
- 2 boxes macaroni and cheese (2 six oz. boxes or 1 twelve oz.)
- 2 boxes Jiffy cornbread mix (8.5 oz. size)
- 1 box Stovetop stuffing (6 oz. size)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup, 2 cans green beans (14.5 oz.), and 1 container French's onions (2.8 oz.) [to make green bean casserole]
- 1 jar of turkey gravy (12 oz.)
- 1 box instant mashed potatoes (16 oz.)
- 1 non-perishable dessert, i.e. cookies, candy, etc.
- 1 can spiced pumpkin pie mix (spiced - 30 oz), 1 can Carnation evaporated milk (5 oz), and 1 large graham cracker pie crust

We really appreciate your help in making this a nice Thanksgiving for our brothers and sisters in Christ!

2015 Lourdes Advent Giving

- *St. Vincent de Paul ~ 11/07– 11/15 – food collection*
- *Simon's Call ~ 12/6 – 12/13 – (items tbd)*
- *Lourdes Lunch ~ 12/12 – 12/13 – tube socks*
- *Lourdes Lunch ~ 12/19 – 12/20 – skull caps*
- *Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers Annual Winter Fundraiser-Benefit Concert 12/6 – blankets, scarfs, and gloves (women & children)*

PRAISE AND ADORATION

For the Cause of Canonization of Fr. Augustus Tolton



Friday, November 6, 2015
7:00 PM

St. Philip Benizi Catholic Church

Fr. John Koziol, OFM Conv., *Pastor*

591 Flint River Road · Jonesboro, GA 30238

For further information, please contact: **Frances Gordon-Dixon**
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EMPOWERING *a Generation*

Young Adult Days of Renewal

*Sponsored by the Bowman Francis Ministry (Indianapolis, IN):
Rev. Chester Smith, SVD, Rev. Charles Smith, SVD and Rev. Ken Hamilton, SVD*

Friday, November 6, 2015 | 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Saturday, November 7, 2015 | 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM

Lyke House: The Catholic Center at AUC

809 Beckwith St. SW, Atlanta, GA 30314 | www.ImCatholic.org

*For more information and to register for the event,
please contact Mr. Ashley Morris via email at amorris@archatl.com.*

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

NOVEMBER 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 All Saints Day Health Fair RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A RCIA 9:30A Social Action Meeting 11:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A	2 All Souls Day Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba 7:15P	3 ELECTION DAY Feast of St. Martin De Porres Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P Lector Prep 7P	4 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	6 YAG Meeting 7:00P	7 SVDP Meeting 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Lector Prep 10:30A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
8 RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A Women's Council 10:00A Life Issues 12Noon KPC Meeting 1:430P KPCLA Meeting 1:30P Jr. Division Meeting 1:30P	9 Pastoral Council 7P Zumba 7:15P	10 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	11 Veterans Day <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P Liturgy Meeting 7P	12 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P Just Faith Meeting 7:00P	13	14 SVDP Meeting 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Pastoral Care Team 10:00A Eradism 11:00A Men's Ministry 11:00A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Alternative Gift Fair
15 Alternative Gift Fair RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A St. Vincent De Paul 11:45A Haiti Committee 12N	16 Black Catholic Clergy Meeting 12N Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba 7:15P	17 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	18 <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 Zumba 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 7:15P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P	20 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> <i>7:30P</i>	21 SVDP Meeting 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Life Issues 3:00P ASBS Meeting 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets
22 Bookstore/Beignets RCIA 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Class 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Health Ministry 11:30A Lourdes Alumni 2:00P	23 Zumba 7:15P Taize Prayer Group 8:00PM	24 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	25 Thanksgiving Day Service 7:00PM	26 Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 AG Youth Dance Class 10A Eradism 11:00A Dance by Kenya 1:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
29 KPC Breakfast RCIA 9:30A No Sunday School	30 Zumba 7:15P					

Save the Dates

Christmas Eve, December 24 ~ 4PM ~ Family Mass

Christmas Eve, December 24 ~ 7PM ~ Children's Mass

Christmas Eve, December 24 ~ 12Midnight Mass @ Ebenezer Sanctuary Caroling starts at 11:30P

Christmas Day, December 25, 10AM Eucharist

AMAZING GRACE

"How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me." The voice of Kelly Gissendaner reportedly rang out with joy as she sang that line of the classic hymn from her gurney in Georgia's execution chamber on the night of September 28, 2015. Soon afterwards, the lethal drugs that would kill Gissendaner took hold, and she became the first woman to undergo capital punishment in Georgia in 70 years.

Sentenced to die in 1998 for plotting her husband's murder, Gissendaner changed radically in prison. "Mama Kelly" became a Christian who ministered to both guards and fellow inmates, saving at least one from suicide by praying all night with her. She excelled in an inmate theology program staffed by local student volunteers. One pen pal, famed German theologian Jürgen Moltmann, asked to speak at her graduation. As he completed his American tour, Pope Francis joined Moltmann in pleading for her life.

A PLEA TO CONGRESS

The pope's appeal was in line with his rousing call to Congress to reconsider the use of capital punishment in America. "The Golden Rule," he declared, "reminds us of our responsibility to protect and defend human life at every stage of its development." Because of our conviction that "every life is sacred, every human person is endowed with an inalienable dignity," Francis insisted, we must all reject what he called "a common temptation nowadays: to discard whatever proves troublesome" and support the longstanding Catholic campaign to end the death penalty.

WASHING OUR FEET SO WE CAN RETURN TO THE TABLE

Pope Francis opposes not only capital punishment but also one of the major alternatives to it: mandatory life sentences without chance of parole. "A just and necessary punishment," he told Congress, "must never exclude the dimension of hope and the goal of rehabilitation." On his visit to Philadelphia's Curran-Fromhold Correctional Facility, Francis put it more colorfully. Because Jesus knows that our feet get dirty on the roads of life, the Holy Father told the inmates, "he washes our feet so we can come back to the table." Rehabilitation should also be the point of incarceration: "to give you a hand in getting back on the right road, to give you a hand to help you rejoin society."

A CORE PART OF OUR CATHOLIC MISSION?

"It is painful," the pope added, "when we see prison systems which are not concerned to care for wounds, to soothe pain, to offer new possibilities." He might have been speaking directly of Georgia's correctional facilities, as Emma Green explains in a recent issue of *The Atlantic*. Archbishop Gregory, she writes, calls prison ministry a "core part" of our Catholic mission to serve "people whom society had cast aside or undervalued or genuinely ignored. Yet our deacons and lay volunteers (several from Lourdes) are spread far too thinly over north Georgia's federal prison and 27 state prisons. Surely more of us could prayerfully consider walking in the footsteps of "Mama Kelly" Gissendaner.

"How Should America Deal with the Sinners in Its Prisons?" from the 9/28/15 issue of *The Atlantic* is available at <http://www.theatlantic.com/politics/archive/2015/09/how-should-america-deal-with-the-sinners-in-its-prisons/407623/>