

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

JULY 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3-T-Shirt Weekend Women's Council 9:30A St. Vincent de Paul 11:45A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5 Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P	6 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA 30308	7 Zumba Class 7:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	8	9 AG Dance by Kenya 12N RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist - T-Shirt
10 KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12N Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	11 Stephens Ministry 6:30P Ultreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15	12 Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P FIA Meeting 7P	13 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA 30308	14 Zumba Class 7:15P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	15 Men's Ministry – Movie Night 7:30P	16 AGYM/AG Dance 12N RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
17 Sunday Breakfast 7:00A RCIA 8:30A Hait Ministry 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	18 Zumba Class 7:15	19 Zumba Class 6:15P	20 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA 30308	21 Zumba Class 7:15P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	22 Wedding Rehearsal	23 AGYM/AG Dance 12N Breb/Wurzel Wedding 3P RCIA 4P Perpetual Help Raffle 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist – Beignets & Coffee
24 Beignets & Coffee Perpetual Help Raffle 8:00A Life Issues 12N Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Lourdes Alumni Meeting 2:00P Lay Dominicans Meeting 2:00P	25 Zumba Class 7:15	26 Zumba Class 6:15P	27 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA 30308	28 Zumba Class 7:15P Choir & AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	29	30 AGYM/AG Dance 12N RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
31 Sunday Breakfast 7:00A						

Save the Date

Saturday, July 2nd & Sunday, July 3rd ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekend

There will only be one Lector Prep this month – Tuesday, July 5, 2016 ~ 7:00PM

Monsignor Frank Giusta Homegoing Celebration ~ Saturday, July 9, 2016 ~ 11:00AM

WHAT DO YOU THINK GOD LOOKS LIKE?

On a table in the common room rests a stone crucifix fashioned 30 years ago. In response to the looks like?" Stephen Mitchell, laid this image of the crucified broke off and distributed pieces a sign of peace. When L'Arche the cross to highlight its continuity with the tradition of communion which Stephen Mitchell's gesture so eloquently expressed.



of the L'Arche community in Decatur by a L'Arche resident in England over question "What do you think God who could not communicate verbally, Christ on the dining room table, then of bread, kissing each person there in Atlanta opened in 2012, it was given

A SIGN THAT LOVE IS POSSIBLE

That tradition began in 1964 when a Canadian philosopher, Jean Vanier, inspired by a Dominican priest, invited two men with developmental disabilities to share his household in the spirit of the gospel. He called their home L'Arche (The Ark), after Noah's Ark. L'Arche today includes over 140 interfaith communities worldwide, where people with cognitive disabilities (called "core members") live with volunteer "assistants" in a family environment based on sharing and mutual respect. As Jean Vanier wrote, "L'Arche is not a solution to a social problem, but a sign that love is possible, and that we are not condemned to live in a state of war and conflict where the strong crush the weak. Each person is unique, precious and sacred."

"OPENING ME UP TO MYSTERY"

Tim Moore, community leader at L'Arche Atlanta, sees a transformation in Jean Vanier's understanding of his mission. At first, notes Moore, Vanier focused on service to people with disabilities, but his experience in community helped him to see a transformation in himself as well. In his work with L'Arche, Moore has experienced that same growth. Almost 10 years ago, he would accompany a core member named Victor to Sunday mass. Though he had profound disabilities, Victor would gesture and moan as the Eucharistic consecration drew near, "opening me up to mystery," says Moore, and helping him recognize similar gifts in others whose life he has shared.

AN INVITATION TO SHARE IN THE COMMUNITY

Since 2012, Lourdes has had close ties to L'Arche Atlanta, with one of our members now serving on its board of directors. Because of the 55% gap between state funding and its household budget, L'Arche could use more help. Right now, \$7-8,000 more is needed for a second car to take core members to work and to medical appointments.

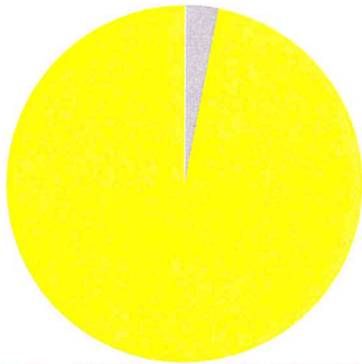
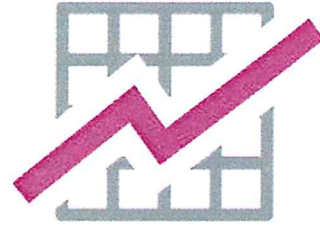
Opportunities are also available for small groups to get to know the residents by serving a meal or tackling a service project at the Decatur home. On **Saturday, August 13th, 6-8 p.m.**, we are all invited to a fun-and-fellowship gathering hosted by Friends of L'Arche Atlanta at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Come out to see what God looks like!

For more information, visit the community's website at <http://www.larcheatlanta.org/>.
To help out with time or money, contact tim@larcheatlanta.org.

Did you know?

One of the largest immigration centers in the country, with capacity for almost 2,000 men, is located in our backyard (Lumpkin, Georgia).

Stewart Detention Center is run by Corrections Corporations of America (CCA), the largest for-profit prison company in the U.S.



According to a recent NPR report, **97%** of Stewart cases results in deportation.

Meet 'Felix'. He is 22 and was fleeing gang violence in El Salvador last year. He has been detained for 11 months.



A report by the ACLU of Georgia raise serious concerns about violations of detainees' due process rights, inadequate medical and mental health care, and abuse of power by those in charge.

Detainees are only allowed a one-hour visit per week.



Information provided by the Social Action Committee. Your call to action...coming soon!

“.... the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.”

~Catholic Social Teaching



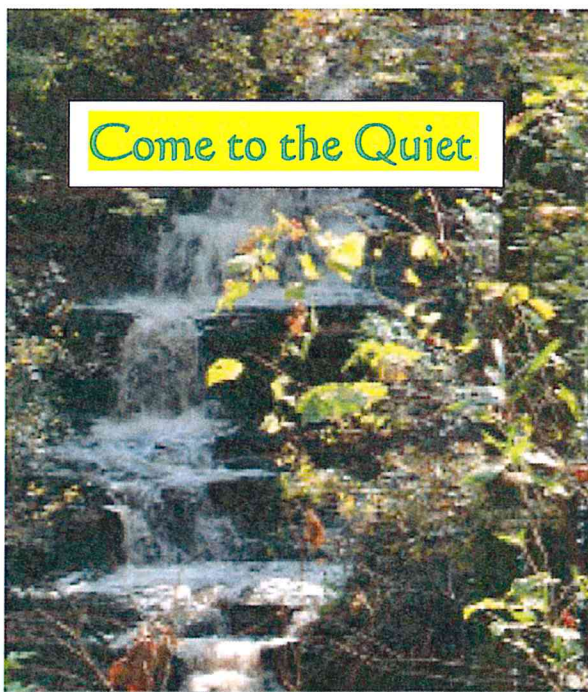
Centering Prayer Retreat at Ignatius House

Friday Supper, July 22 to Sunday Lunch, July 24, 2016

Are you looking forward to some rejuvenating free time this summer? Think of spending a weekend in a sacred space like Ignatius House where you can experience God's love in the silence.

Contemplative Outreach is pleased to offer a Centering Prayer Retreat to all levels from beginners to experienced. Works by Fr. Thomas Keating OCSO and David Frenette will provide the basis for discovering deeper levels of prayer leading to our inner transformation. Roberta White and Rusty Weitzel will facilitate our retreat.

An established practice of centering prayer is recommended. Beginners will be guided in the centering prayer method.



David Frenette and Fr. Thomas Keating,

To register
Call Ignatius House
at 404-255-0503
or visit their website
ignatiushouse.org.
Cost is \$300.



Facilitators



Rusty Weitzel



Roberta White

Centering Prayer is the path
to peace and joy.