

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

AUGUST 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Ultreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15p	2 <i>Father Jeffery's Birthday</i> Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P Lector Prep 7P	3 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	4 Zumba Class 7:15P Bellime Meeting 5:30P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	5	6 Prayer Breakfast 9A Lector Prep 10:30A AG Dance by Kenya 1P Choir Rehearsal 4P RCIA 4:00P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
7 Taste of Haiti KPC/LA Distributes School Supplies Women's Council 9:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N	8 <i>St. Dominic's Day</i> <i>Evening of Prayer 7P</i> Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	9 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	10 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	11 Zumba Class 7:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	12	13 Choir Rehearsal 4P RCIA 4:00P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Perpetual Help Raffle Stephen Ministry Info Session
14 Live Stream 10A Mass Perpetual Help Raffle Stephen Ministry Info Session KPC/KPC/LA Meeting 12N Jr. Daughter Meeting 12N	15 Zumba Class 7:15P	16 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	17 Zumba 6:30P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	18 Zumba Class 7:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	19 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> 7:30p	20 T-Shirt Weekend Choir Rehearsal 4P RCIA 4:00P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist T-Shirt Simon's Call Ice Cream Social
21 T-Shirt Sunday Simon's Call Ice Cream Social Haiti Committee Meet 12N St. Vincent de Paul 12N Stephen Ministry Info Session 1P	22 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Taize Prayer Group</i> 8:00PM	23 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	24 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	25 Zumba Class 7:15Pp AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P	26	27 Choir Auditions 11A AG Dance by Kenya 1P Choir Rehearsal 4P RCIA 4:00P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
28 Live Stream 10A Mass KPC Sunday Breakfast Life Issues 12N Lay Dominicans Meeting 2P	29 Zumba Class 7:15P	30 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P	31 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P Bible Study 7:00P Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308			

Save the Date

Monday, August 8th ~ An Evening of Prayer for St. Dominic ~ 7PM
 Saturday, August 20th & Sunday, August 21st ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekend
 Saturday, August 27th ~ Choir Auditions ~ 11AM (Choir Room - 3rd Floor KDCC Building)
 Sunday, September 18th ~ Lourdes Picnic ~ 1PM Grant Park

Life Notes



The state of Georgia has long been at the center of litigation on capital punishment in America. In 1972, the Supreme Court's *Furman v. Georgia* decision placed a national moratorium on the death penalty. But in 1976, *Gregg v. Georgia* permitted executions in states which had revised their capital punishment statutes. Since then, 1,400 Americans have been put to death, including 66 here in Georgia. With the death of John Wayne Conner in July, Georgia has executed more people in 2016 than in any year since 1976.

Still, as a recent *Atlanta Journal-Constitution* report indicated, Georgians appear increasingly uncomfortable with the death penalty. Just ten years ago, prosecutors sought the death penalty 34 times; by last year the number had dropped to 13, and so far in 2016, it has been sought only once—in the case of Steven Murray, accused of kidnapping and killing a Catholic priest, Father Rene Robert.

A PRISON MINISTER – A DECLARATION OF LIFE

The 71-year-old Father Rene, a longtime Franciscan based in St. Augustine (FL), met his accused killer through prison ministry, and he regularly participated in public protests against executions. Renowned for kindness and charity, the priest had even signed a "Declaration of Life" developed by the Sisters of Mercy: "I hereby declare that should I die as a result of a violent crime, I request that the person or persons found guilty of homicide for my killing not be subject to or put in jeopardy of the death penalty under any circumstances, no matter how heinous their crime or how much I may have suffered."

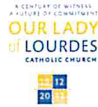
"THE DEATH PENALTY IS INADMISSIBLE"

The murdered priest's last wishes were in line with the thinking of the Catholic Church today. Marking the Year of Mercy in June, Pope Francis reiterated a point he had made earlier to the US Congress: "Today the death penalty is inadmissible, no matter how grave the crime committed. It is an affront to the inviolability of life and the dignity of the human person, which contradicts God's plan for man, society and merciful justice."

FEEDING A SENSE OF VENGEANCE

In a public letter to the Georgia prosecutor in the case, St. Augustine bishop Felipe J. Estévez echoed the pope's words. Noting that "Father Rene was vehemently opposed to capital punishment," Bishop Estévez said the death penalty would only feed "a sense of vengeance." His words have not yet swayed the prosecutor, but Father Rene's own sister no longer wants to see Steven Murray executed. "I have to do what he wants," she says of Father Rene. "I might not be happy with it ... I have to abide by his wishes."

To stay updated on the struggle over capital punishment in Georgia, visit the website of GA Catholics against the Death Penalty at <http://www.gacadp.org/>



Our Lady of Lourdes Haiti Ministry Mission Trip

“Helping to empower the youth and the community of our sister parish Our Lady of Fatima”

Destination: Our Lady of Fatima, Cape Haitian, Haiti

Date: October 13-17, 2016

Planned Activities:

- Nutrition Workshop
- School Clean Up
- Business/Entrepreneurship Workshop
- Youth Soccer Festival



Donation Items Needed

- Clothes (Men, Women & Children)
- Heavy Duty Garbage Bags
- Work Gloves (Construction)
- Rubber Gloves (Plastic)
- Gardening Mask
- Sponges/ Brushes
- Cleaning Detergent (12 oz. or 32 oz.)
- Odor Eliminator (Febreze 27 oz.)
- Small Shovels
- Small Rakes
- Pruners
- Pesticides (12 oz. or 32 oz.)
- Insect Repellent (Spray)
- Soccer Cleats & Soccer Equipment (Sizes 6 -9)
- Pencils & Pencil Sharpeners
- Pens
- Book Bags (Backpacks any color)
- Used Cell Phones

Kindly drop off the items at bins located at both entrances of the church



Lourdes Community,

It's that time of the year!

**The Knights of Peter Claver
Ladies Auxiliary**

will be distributing school
supplies to all school age
kids after each Mass on
Sunday, August 7th.

