

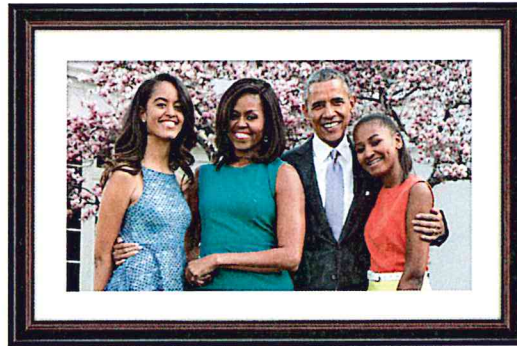
Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

FEBRUARY 2017 ~ BLACK HISTORY MONTH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 SUPER BOWL SUNDAY RCIA 9A Women's Council 9:30AM Nursery Opens - 9-45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	6 Ultreya 7PM Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	7 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Class 7P	8 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	9 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	10	11 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Eretism 11A AGLD 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
12 Girl Scout Cookie Day Nursery Opens - 9-45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPC/KPCA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	13 Pastoral Council 7PM Zumba Class 7:15P	14 Valentine's Day Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	15 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	16 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	17 Men's Ministry <i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	18 Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Ministry Choir Meeting 10AM Usher Training 10AM AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3:30P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
19 No Sunday School KPC Jr Spaghetti Fundraiser RCIA 9A Haiti Meeting 12P SVDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	20 President's Day Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	22 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308	23 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	24	25 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eretism 11A AGLD 1P RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Belgrets & Bookstore 6:30P
26 Bookstore & Belgrets 8A RCIA 9A Nursery Opens - 9-45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Lay Dominicans 2P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	27 Zumba Class 7:15P Taize Prayer Group 8:00P	28 Fat Tuesday Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P				

Save the Date

Sunday, February 12th ~ Girl Scout Cookie Day
Sunday, February 19th ~ KPC Jr Spaghetti Fundraiser~
Wednesday, March 1st ~ Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary 7PM



Both President Obama himself and others who speculated on his enduring legacy listed many accomplishments: job growth, health care, and the end of foreign conflicts. But social media went viral with photos of yet another hallmark of his eight years in office: the Obama family, a household where two loving parents worked together to raise their little girls into accomplished young women. "I am a black man who grew up without a father, and I know the cost that I paid for that," the President explained to an Evangelical-Catholic Summit at Georgetown in 2015. "I have the capacity to break that cycle, and as a consequence, I think my daughters are better off."

"THE SOLID FOUNDATION OF THE FAMILY"

Catholics would surely agree. In his 2016 reflection on marriage and family life, *Amoris Laetitia* (The Joy of Love), Pope Francis wrote, "Every child has a right to receive love from a mother and a father," adding that he was "speaking not simply of the love of father and mother as individuals, but also of their mutual love, perceived as the source of one's life and the solid foundation of the family."

Unfortunately, the pope noted, too many men and women today expect this ideal to be realized in their own marital relationships without actually working to achieve it. "When problems are not dealt with," said Francis, "communication is the first thing to go. Little by little, 'the person I love' slowly becomes 'my mate,' then just 'the father or mother of my children,' and finally a stranger."

A LEGACY TO STRIVE FOR

To foster fruitful dialogue in marriage, Pope Francis recommends several steps:

- Take time to listen attentively to all your partner has to say without interrupting;
- Never downplay your partner's ideas, even if you offer a differing viewpoint;
- Keep your mind open enough to change or expand your own opinions;
- Respond affectionately instead of treating your partner as a rival or opponent;
- Above all, pray and reflect to make yourself a more worthwhile companion.

None of this is easy. Even our outgoing President once admitted to harboring doubts "in my capacities as a husband and a father," yet his success is already being hailed as a key component of his legacy. Pope Francis hopes that will be said of many more of us.

Read *Amoris Laetitia* at https://w2.vatican.va/content/dam/francesco/pdf/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20160319_amoris-laetitia_en.pdf



***Our Lady of Lourdes
Lenten Retreat
Weekend
March 17-19 2017***

*Please join us and uncover the value of
getting away from the chaos:
Disconnect and Re-connect*



Ignatius House has
been hosting retreats
for over 50 years



welcoming nearly
3,000 retreatants
annually. Located on
20 heavily wooded
acres overlooking the
Chattahoochee River
you'll discover a place
where you can

withdraw from the demands of daily life, rest
and become more fully aware of God's
presence. The grounds and wilderness provide
the perfect peaceful setting in every season

What to Expect:

All Ignatius House retreats are silent, unless
otherwise noted. They are directed by a
certified spiritual director who provides a series
of presentations designed to assist you with

your meditation, reflection, and spiritual
journey. The retreat offers opportunities for
participation in liturgy, group prayer, and
spiritual direction. Time in the schedule and
physical settings of the retreat center offer one
solitude, nature trails, reflection/prayer areas
and numerous opportunities to be alone with
yourself and God.

You will find:

- *Stunning views and Walking trails along the river's edge with decks, gazebos and benches*
- *Calming, soothing sounds of cascading waterfalls*
- *Fresh, wholesome, delicious meals prepared by a professional kitchen staff*
- *Indigenous trees, plants, and wildlife*
- *St. Ignatius Chapel*
- *The perfect environment for prayer and reflection*

▪ **Experience Comfort:**

Begins Friday at 6:15pm with a reception & dinner and concludes Sunday following Mass and lunch.

▪ **Experience Tranquility:**

Creates a nourishing atmosphere of relaxation while surrounded by the picturesque Chattahoochee River, hiking trails, and beautiful landscape.

▪ **Experience Clarity:**

Affords you the unique opportunity, through a variety of prayer vehicles and guided meditation to quiet down and examine where God is at work in your life and the world.

▪ **Experience Fellowship:**

Fosters new relationships with fellow OLL parishioners as you embark on this weekend of "active listening" while connecting with God in a way daily life does not provide.

Total Retreat cost is \$270

(includes food, lodging, spiritual direction, and access to the glorious grounds of Ignatius House).

Financial Aid is available (Contact Ignatius House 404.255.0503 and ask to speak to one of the staff).

REGISTER TODAY @ **www.ignatiushouse.org** for the March 17-19 Retreat and indicate that you are from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish.

Questions? Call or Email your OLL Retreat Chairs:

Terri Lewis 908-313-3508 (TAL487@gmail.com) or
Tom Sherrill 770-722-7521 (TBSHERRILL@comcast.net)
if you have questions.

OPEN REHEARSAL 2017

Come join the Amazing Grace Dancers

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Special guests every 2nd Sunday @ 2:30p

In the Drexel Center

January 8, February 12, March 5*, & April 9

FREE dance instruction and an opportunity to
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All skill levels & observers welcomed

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A FAITHFUL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DEATH PENALTY

WITH
**SHANE
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& LOCAL GUESTS



Sales of Shane Claiborne's books and a book signing will follow each event.

Please register to secure seating:
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In 2016, Georgia executed more people than any other state in the U.S. How did the "Bible Belt" become the "Death Belt"? Join renowned author, activist and speaker Shane Claiborne, along with local religious leaders and activists, for a discussion about the death penalty and what people of faith and conscience can do to change the conversation about justice, mercy, and forgiveness in Georgia.

EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

ATLANTA

Friday, February 3, 7 - 9 p.m.

Glenn Memorial United Methodist Church
1660 N Decatur Rd., Atlanta, GA 30307

ATHENS

Saturday, February 4, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Covenant Presbyterian Church
1065 Gaines School Rd., Athens, GA 30605

MACON

Saturday, February 4, 6 - 8 p.m.

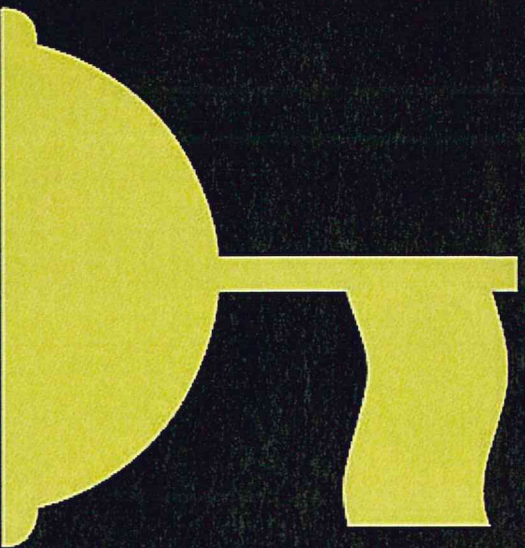
Centenary Church
1290 College St., Macon, GA 31201



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gam-1pm

LET YOUR VOICE

BE HEARD!

join impacted
individuals and their
families, the faith-based
community, and
concerned citizens

TALK TO LEGISLATORS
about critical criminal
justice reform efforts

HEAR STAKEHOLDERS
address criminal justice
reform happening
in our state

TO REGISTER:

[www.gjp.org/advocacy/
2017-justice-day/](http://www.gjp.org/advocacy/2017-justice-day/)

or call (404) 827-0027, ext. 259

JUSTICE DAY AT THE CAPITOL FEBRUARY 2, 2017

a day to promote criminal justice reform in Georgia

Please contact Elizabeth Lummus at elizabeth@gjp.org with any questions.

