NEWS AT LOURDES

MINISTRY FAIR: Please join us for our Ministry Fair on Sunday, April 2nd after all the Masses. There will be activities for children, food and fun! We hope to see you there!

FORTUNATE AND FAITHFUL FAMILIES will host a Lenten Mass and meeting on Sunday, March 26, entitled "Building Bridges of Hope and Love in a World of Uncertainty and Division." Beginning with 11AM Mass at The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception, 48 MLK, Jr. Drive, Atlanta, the meeting will continue in the fellowship hall. (Note: Free parking is available in the deck diagonally across from the Shrine, bring your ticket to be stamped by the ushers). Msgr. Henry Gracz will present on the topic and there will be time for dialogue and sharing. This gathering is specifically planned for parents and families with LGBT members but is open to all allies and friends of Fortunate and Faithful Families. Please join us for this time of spiritual nourishment and fellowship on your Lenten journey. For further information, please visit our website <u>ffatl.org</u>.

LOURDES BOOK CLUB Please join the Lourdes Book Club for a book discussion on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at Panera, Emory Village at 7 PM for dinner with the discussion to begin at 7:45 PM. Our book selection is: A Man Called Ove: A Novel written by first time Swedish author Fredrik Aackman. Meet Ove. He's a curmudgeon—the kind of man who points at people he dislikes as if they were burglars caught outside his bedroom window. He has strict routines, and a short fuse. People call him "the bitter neighbor from hell." But must Ove be bitter just because he doesn't walk around with a smile all the time? Behind the cranky exterior, there is a story and a sadness. A young couple with two chatty young daughters move in next door and accidentally flatten Ove's mailbox with a U-Haul. This incident lead-in to a comical and heartwarming tale of unkempt cats, unexpected friendship, and the ancient art of backing up a U-Haul. All of which will change one cranky old man and a local residents' association to their very foundations. "A feel-good story about an angry old man next door is a thoughtful exploration of the profound impact one life has on countless others." If there was an award for 'Most Charming Book of the Year,' this novel would win hands down" (Booklist review). For more information, please contact Carole Lacour at Lared111@aol.com or 770-951-3417.

MARCH IS NATIONAL COLORECTAL CANCER MONTH: Colorectal cancer is cancer of the colon or rectum. It's as common in women as it is in men. The American Cancer Society's estimates for the number of colorectal cancer cases in the United States for 2017 are: 95,520 new cases of colon cancer; 39,910 new cases of rectal cancer.

With certain types of screening, this cancer can be prevented by removing polyps (grape-like growths on the wall of the intestine) before they become cancerous. Several screening tests detect colorectal cancer early, when it can be more easily and successfully treated. Prevention of this disease includes: maintaining a healthy diet, smoking cessation, limiting alcohol consumption, eating fruits, vegetables and whole grains, eating less red meat and eliminating processed meat.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR MARCH: *Help persecuted Christians.* That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.

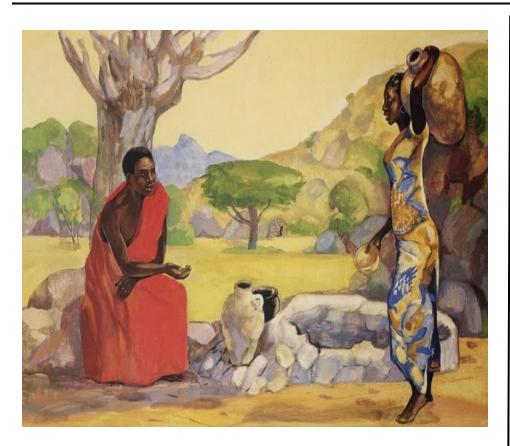
OUR LADY OF MERCY CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL SPRING PREVIEW: Young people are a valued treasure and the future leaders of our Church. The gift of Catholic Education can help foster growth in faith, prayer and knowledge of God. The Archdiocese of Atlanta and Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School are committed to providing excellent, Catholic education that is *available*, *accessible*, and *affordable* to all Catholics. You are invited to join the Mercy community on **Wednes-day, March 22nd from 4 pm-6 pm for its annual Spring Preview**. Meet the administration, faculty and staff, students, and coaches. Take a campus tour. Discover why Mercy has been providing its students an education that is both truly Catholic and of the highest academic quality for the past 17 years. God bless you.

MARIST SCHOOL seeks candidate for full-time Campus Minister. The successful candidate will have experience and skills in coordinating student-led activities including prayer services, retreats, student leadership programs; ability to work collaboratively and flexibly in a team environment; and ability to work some nights and weekends. Candidates should complete the faculty employment application on the Marist School website. Other correspondence may be sent to <u>deloachc@marist.com</u>.

To report abuse by church personnel: 888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org

A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., Pastor Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., Associate Pastor Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, Deacon Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, Deacon Mr. Kenneth Louis, Director of Liturgy and Music Ms. Lisa Berkley, Business Manager/Bookkeeper Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, Office Administrative Assistant Mrs. Angela Massingale, Assistant to the Pastor Mrs. Theresa Bowen, Director of Religious Education Ms. Samantha Smith, Teen Ministry Mr. Cong Dinh, Maintenance Supervisor Bro. Joseph Paul Albin, O.P., Pastoral Intern

> We are active We are committed We are LOURDES

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March 19, 2017

Celebration of the Eucharist Saturday: 5:00 PM Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM and 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturday: 4:30 PM and by appointment

> **Rosary** Saturday: 4:30 PM

RCIA Inquiry Classes Saturdays -4:00PM Sundays- 8:30AM In RCIA Room KDCC- 3rd Floor Contact: Kim Parrish 404.247.6628 kaparrish@hotmail.com

> **Nursery Hours** 9:45AM- 11:45AM Ages: 3 Months - 4 Years Old

Sunday School Classes K - 7: Sunday: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM Contact :Theresa Bowen thebowens4@bellsouth.net

Teens: 10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Contact: Samantha Smith lourdesteens1912@lourdesatlanta.org

Pastoral Care Team

Contact: Phillip Verre 678.235.5469 lourdespct@gmail.com Lourdes Prayer Line

Ministries & Organizations

(OLLS) Alumni Association Janis Griffin, Coordinator ollsalumni@gmail.com

Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers Kenya Griffin, Director Wednesdays, 7PM-9PM; Sundays 1:30PM Open Rehearsals every 2nd Sunday January - April at 2:30PM amazinggracedancecompany@gmail.com

Baby Boomers Janine Brown: (301)651-5953 jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com

> **Bible Study** Every Wednesday, 7PM Marcus Stewart, Facilitator: (770) 491-9319

Book Store 4th weekend after each Mass Patricia Armstrong, Coordinator apatti2@juno.com

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya 1st Mondays, 7:00PM Lisa Berkley, bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org

Finance Council **Quarterly Meetings** Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

Haiti Ministry 3rd Sunday after the 10AM Mass **Reginald Grand-Pierre** (404) 309-7670

Health Promotions Ministry Pamela Tolliver, Co-chair pdtoll714@gmail.com; (678)662-6427 Helen Tritschler, Co-chair Helen.tritschler@gmail.com

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC) 2nd Sunday at 12:00PM Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight (404) 427-1039

KPC Junior Knights Matthew Amos, Junior Commander (404)697-2421

KPC Ladies Auxiliary 2nd Sunday at 12:00PM Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady (678) 371-2677

> **KPC Junior Daughters** Lisa Bufford, Counselor (678) 362-6952



Next Sunday's Readings 1 Samuel 16:1b,6-7,10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14 Gospel: John 9:1-41

Mass Intention: **10AM** For the repose of the soul of *†*Lauri Menzies **12PM** For the repose of the soul of **†**Toni Mills

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (03/05/17): Weekly Church Budget:

\$24,039 \$26,197

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

Lourdes Share:	\$106,000
Total Pledged & Received	\$16,375
Amount Paid to Date:	\$10,150
Outstanding Pledges:	\$6,225

Thoughts on Stewardship

When Jesus asked the Samaritan woman for a drink of water, he opened the door for a life-changing relationship with Him. Scripture says her testimony drew many others to him as well. We, too, must be ready to respond whenever and wherever the Lord speaks to us and be prepared for it to change our lives!

Karin Garcia,

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Mildred Allen, Yolanda Corbitt, Heather Ausman, Ed Jude Costello, Christian Bailey, Leah Cox, Clara Cruz, LaQueeta Banks, Sally Benjamin, Diane Daniels, Caitlin Blount, Sallie Davenport, Kevin Bowman, Gary Davila, Aaron Brewington, Wilford Deese, Crystal Brown, Sofia Desantos, John Brown, Sonia Diaz, Edna Bryant, Toni Douglas, Alexander Burdette, Temaya Eatmon, Tamiko Burgess, Dierdra Edwards, Leroy Burrows, Holloway Egan, Cheryl Cianfrocco, Yvonne Fears, Betty Chambers, Jim Finn, N'Dira Collier, Albert French, Elizabeth Cook, Barbara French,

Alamrew Gaines, Hazel Johnson, Mike Goffinet, Marvin Johnson Janet Goffinet, Sonia Johnson, DeLeur Gordon, Tracy Johnson, Jeanne Gray, Minnie Jones, Johnny Gray, Jr., James Jordan, Donna Gregory, Jessica Jordan, Dorothy Griffin, Linda Jordan, Melvin Griffin, James Josey, Cliff Gunthel, Nelia Kimbrough, Geton Harper, Janet Lawrence, Mary Harrison, Brenda Lee, Joni Lefter, Vicki Lynn Hogan, Lauren LePlatte, Austin Ingram, William Jackson, Michelle Lewis Sarah Jenkins, Blanche Johnson,

Grace Johnson,

The deadline for bulletin content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

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STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come join KPCLA next Friday, March 24 at 7PM in the Church, for the Stations of the Cross and afterwards come and fellowship with the Lourdes Knights of Peter Claver in the cafeteria, as they host their Annual Lenten Fish Fry starting at 6PM.

MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Day of Reflection is on Saturday, March 25, 9AM - 3:30 PM. The theme of the day is "Male Spirituality: A Return to the Father". It will be co-facilitated by Deacon Lennison Alexander and Marion Lewis. Our keynote speaker will be Father Manuel Williams from Resurrection Parish in Montgomery Alabama with a with a special message and blessing for men. Lunch will be served. Men of all ages and faiths are welcome!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS! Our Lady of Lourdes School Alumni Association (OLLSAA) is again offering a scholarship to a graduating senior who will be attending a Catholic College or University in the fall of 2017. Application forms are available on our website at lourdesatlanta.org. Deadline for the completed application is Monday, April 10, 2017.

LAW ENFORCEMENT & MEDICAL DIRECTORY Lourdes is in the process of updating the photo database of our members who are Law Enforcement and Medical Personnel. This directory will be listed by the mass you attend, in order to help us identify you quietly during the service in the event of an emergency. Please join us in the Parish Hall after Mass the weekend of March 25/26 for your photo opportunity.

JOIN US FOR BOOMERS BOWLING: Thursday April 6, 11AM at Comet Bowling, 2619 North Decatur Rd., Decatur, 30033 (behind Suburban Plaza). They have a great food menu and it is usually not crowded during the day. We pay by the game not the hour. Not a boomer or a great bowler? Join us anyway for the fellowship and exercise. To RSVP contact: Janine Brown - jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com or 301-651-5953, so we can reserve lanes.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

March 21

Cristiano Cabase

Larry Crutchfield

Lesley Le Platte

Mary Harrison

Matthew Amos

Moira Uida

March 22

Ouinton Mas

George Hairston

Grace Rutherford

Laura Okonokhua

Ricardo Horton

Thayes Sturgis

Tristan Moore

Madison McCrainev

Johnnie Thompson Jr.

Baxter Keib Cooper Van Rossum Laura Azzarello Lucille Williams Paul Boyce Taia Harris Trevor Harris

March 20

March 19

Helen Smith Jaiden Avery JaQuane Jones Jorge Abreau Kaprice Welsh Kay Curchar Kristen Cadray Nkurunziza Ioseph Victor Emerli Victor Gipson II

Callen O'Brien Roth Deborah Baudy Donald Shockley Jr. Eli Hutchinson Gregory Williams Iaime Witherspoon Frances Elder Jada Lowery James Harper IV Kai Curchar Kristen Howard Melissa Harman Nathaniel Dula Tracey Long

March 23

March 24

Adina Thrasher Brian Castro Cheri Bartlett Elijah Johnson Emanuel Dressie Hattie Edmonson Kale Kline

Nicole Rodriguez Theresa Roth

March 25

Alexandra Walker Calvin Long Christian Reynolds Freddie Valdez Jessica Andino Joan Benjamin Katharina Corado Mary Twine Patricia Keane Raphael Grand Pierre Veronica Hogan William Walker



Ministries & Organizations

Lourdes Lunch Tuesday & Thursday, September-June Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator (404) 375-0838

Life Issues

Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM Ron Chandonia, Coordinator (770) 631-0060

> Liturgy Committee 1st Monday at 7PM Contact: Kenneth Louis klouis@lourdesatlanta.org

Lourdes Athletic Ministry Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator (404) 704-7327

Lourdes Book Club Carole Lacour, Coordinator (404) 629-0878

Men's Ministry Lenny Alexander, Facilitator (404) 644-7554

Mentoring Ministry Louis Hubbard, Coordinator dipdab8o@sbcglobal.net

> Parenting Ministry Sunday at 10:00AM P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator (770) 981-7226

Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry) Quarterly on 1st Sunday at 12PM Janis Griffin

Social Action Committee 1st Sunday after the 10AM Douglas Collins, (404) 317 4057 doug1234@me.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders Lenny Alexander, (404) 644-7554; Fr. Jeffery Ott , (404) 997-3867

St. Vincent de Paul Society 1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM Joanne Breaugh, SVDP Hotline - (678) 892-6163

Women's Council 1st Sunday @ 10AM Mizette Coakley, President (404) 983-0956 mizettecoakley@yahoo.com

Young at Heart (Seniors) Contact the Church Office