NEWS AT LOURDES

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.

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.

KPCLA & JUNIOR COURT 300 LADIES-DAUGHTERS SPRING TEA PARTY 'LOVE'S IN NEED': Come and enjoy an afternoon tea, including a multi-generational panel discussion on Sunday, April 23, 2PM —4PM in the Katharine Drexel Parish Hall. Invitation is open to any young lady between the ages of 7 - 18, accompanied by one adult female family member per family. Space is limited. RSVP is required by Friday, April 7 to attend. Contact: Lady Quita Barton 404-349-1728 or scorpioatl31@gmail.com. ATTIRE: Spring dresses and hats.

JUST FAITH/JUST MATTERS: We hear about travel bans, border walls, and other aspects of immigration daily. Should the US have open borders? What should be the path to citizenship? How can we nurture hope in migrants and refugees whose hope is diminishing in these uncertain times? To learn more and explore immigration, we are excited to begin Crossing Borders. Crossing Borders is an eight-week journey in a small group setting. Through readings, videos, and dialogue, we will examine many aspects of immigration through a lens of faith. Sessions will be held every Thursday from April 20 – June 15, 6:30PM – 9:00PM in the Lourdes cafeteria. To register: https://goo.gl/bpr5NK. Contact LaRoyce Thompson (thomp179@yahoo.com) with any questions.

LOURDES N' ME (LOURDES NEIGHBORHOOD MEET AND EAT) is designed to bring the Lourdes diaspora together in small neighborhood groups of 8 – 10 parishioners within neighborhood homes across Atlanta. It is open to all Lourdes parishioners (singles or couples of all ages) and is an informal means to get to know your fellow parishioners who live right in your neighborhood over a potluck meal. If you are interested in hosting a group within your neighborhood, please reach out to Bryan Alli at bryanalli10@qmail.com.

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.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF ATLANTA: Make a difference in the life of a newly-arrived refugee family by volunteering to tutor. Taking just two hours out of your week will empower families by supporting children who are adjusting and learning in a new country. Tutors will work with a small groups of refugee students (2-3) to help with homework, assist with studying, and practice English. For more information or if you would like to help, please contact Margaret Prickett mprickett@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or 404-920-7785.

THE ARCHDIOCESE OF ATLANTA has an immediate opening for a part-time Administrative Assistant (20-28 hours per week) to provide efficient and professional clerical assistance to the Senior Executive Assistant for the Archbishop. Requirements include: prior administrative assistance experience in an office setting; strong computer skills, including Microsoft Office applications (Word, Excel, Outlook); knowledge of the Catholic Faith; flexibility with work hours; willingness and ability to learn archdiocesan computer programs. Qualified candidates should submit a cover letter of interest (must include salary requirements) and resume to: Office of Human Resources at catholiciobs@archatl.com.

> 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

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CATHOLIC CHURCH

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FOURTH 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

March 26, 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

We are active We are committed We are LOURDES Beactive. Your time, your talent, your Church.

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

Today's Scripture Readings

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Ezekiel 37:12-14; Romans 8:8-11 Gospel: John 11:1-45

Mass Intention: 5PM For the repose of the soul of †Marion Chineworth, Leroy & Evelyn Burrows, **10AM** For the repose of the soul of †Ernestine Miller

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (03/19/17): \$19,952 Weekly Church Budget: \$26,197

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

Lourdes Share: \$106,000 Total Pledged & Received \$16,460 Amount Paid to Date: \$10,235 **Outstanding Pledges:** \$6,225

Thoughts on Stewardship

The blind man was willing to let Jesus minister to him and willingly did all Jesus asked of him. The Pharisees were more resistant to his message, spending their time and energy to disprove the miracle. Which am I more like, the man born blind or the Pharisees?

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Bernice Malcom, Darlene Perkins, Ernestine Smith, Merlin Todd, Mary Lou Mathis, Lucy Piquant, Andrew Vassil Lois Smith, Yovan Marinkovic, Lorraine Powell, Malcom Smith, Denny Vavro, Pierce McCarthy, Katie Price, Marjorie Vieira, Renise Smith, Dorothy McClean, Lisa Price-Alexander, Regina Smith, Alan Vieira, Beverly McEwan, Willie Price, Terry Smith, Jean Walker, James McMullen, Eisenhower Raines, Michelle Skrmetta, Sophia L. White, Angelo Mejia, Rosario Raines, Lori Sneed, Dawn Williams, Axel Mejia, Janey Reynolds, John Soto, Gwendolyn Williams, Chloe Miller, Rosalind Reynolds, Delia Spencer, Sherran Winchester, Beverly Mims, Shayla Robinson, Juliana Yang Janet Stewart, Ashton Montgomery, Chris Rutherford, Ashley Stone, John Moore, Gracie Rutherford, Eugene Sturgis, Elias Mustafa, Michelle Ryans, Sr. Liz Sully, Will Van Ness, Barbara Schenk, Frankie Sweet, Peggy Neeson, Karla Schmidt, Jean-Luc Tahou, Nevels Family, Jolette Shannon, Mary Tarrott, Idalia O'Neal, Alana Sheppard, Brian Terrell, Mazie Parker. Devon Simmons, Terry Thompson,

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

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TAIZÉ PRAYER at Lourdes on Monday, March 27, 8PM. The theme for this month: In all that we are and in all that we do, our God continues to love us, to care for us, and God asks only that we love and care for all those around us in the same way! Please join us for the beautiful Taizé chants, the scriptural readings, the silence and meditation on Monday evening.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Come join the Women's Council next Friday, March 31 at 7PM in the Church, for the Stations of the Cross and afterwards, fellowship with the Lourdes Knights of Peter Claver in the cafeteria, as they host their Annual Lenten Fish Fry starting at 6PM.

LECTOR PREP for the month of May will be held Saturday, April 1, at 10:30AM and Tuesday, April 4, at 7PM in the church. All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE will be held on Saturday, April 1, from 2PM - 3PM at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 928 Ralph David Abernathy Blvd SW, Atlanta, GA 30310, (404)758-8861.

BAPTISMAL PREP for parents wishing to have their child (under the age of 6) baptized, will be held on Tuesday, April 4, at 7PM, in the St Augustine Room, 2nd Floor, KDCC Building. Please call the church office (404-522-6776) to RSVP.

FLOCKNOTE MINISTRY LEADER TRAINING: If you haven't heard, Our Lady of Lourdes is on Flocknote, a communications tool that helps us stay connected to our faith community. All ministry leaders are invited to attend one of two training sessions for Flocknote on Saturday, April 8th at 2PM in the Teen Room on the 3rd floor, or Tuesday, April 18 at 7PM in the Parish Hall. Join us and find out how to engage your ministry in new and exciting ways! For more information, please email Samantha Smith at samantha.smith1534@gmail.com

CHORAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS featuring Our Lady of Lourdes Choir, Brass Ensemble and Lectors will be held on Good Friday, April 14 at 3PM at Northside Drive Baptist Church, 3100 Northside Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30305. All are welcome!

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

Malcolm Stephenson March 26 Richard Harrison Ava Ewing Christopher Hickey Joya Harris Joshua McMullen Maria Newman Marlon Rainey III Michael Dula March 27 Bethany Paquette Cameron Smith

March 29 Candice Wallace Digg Deborah Bouie Elizabeth Fennelly Gary Blanchard Jason Sloan Julia Buckmaster Kori Duncan Marcus Stewart Lonnie Burwell

Yvonne Conway March 28 Adam Tillery

Adrian Gibson Charlene Laster Laila Landers Nicole Ryans

Angela Woronick Ann Meyers Christian Hewling Drake Hogan Eliza Singleton Evelyn Hardin Jarred Benjamin

Stephanie Walters Tijar Deglel

March 30 Bernetta Duhart

Daniel James Emily Kiser Kathleen Shults Kelli Francis Michelle Reid Noelle Ross Hodge Quante Mas Renae Lee

March 31

Celeste Campbell Corynn Rodney Gloria Carmichael Lori Witherspoon Myreon Whitney

Steven Smith

April 01

Alvia Barnett Edward McDonnell Jr. Evelyn Olds Isaiah Wilson Karen Brown Kaydence Johnson Rosella Fisher Toto Pascal



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