

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

APRIL 2017

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| <p>2 Ministry Fair 9A RCIA 9A 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</p> | <p>3 Pastoral Council 6:30P Ultreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15P</p> | <p>4 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Class 7P</p> | <p>5 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p> | <p>6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p> | <p>7 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" <i>Stations of the Cross 7P</i> <i>(Men's Ministry)</i></p> | <p>8 KPC Jr.'s Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Eradism 11A Confirmation Class 11A AGILD 1P <i>Ministry Flocknote Training 2P</i> RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p> |
| <p>9 Palm Sunday Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 9A Women's Council 10A No Sunday School KPC/PCCLA Meeting 12P SVDP Meeting 12N Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p> | <p>10 Stephens Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p> | <p>11 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p> | <p>12 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p> | <p>13 Holy Thursday Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Holy Thursday Service 7P</p> | <p>14 Good Friday Church Office Closed Good Friday Service 7P</p> | <p>15 Holy Saturday Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A KPC Jr.'s Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A KPCCLA Egg Coloring & Candy Stuffing 10A</p> |
| <p>16 Easter Sunday 8:30A & 11:30A Masses <i>Symphony Hall</i> <i>1280 Peachtree Street</i> <i>Atlanta, GA 30309</i></p> | <p>17 Easter Monday Church Office Closed</p> | <p>18 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p> | <p>19 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p> | <p>20 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A <i>No Choir Rehearsal</i> <i>Just Faith/Just Matters 6:30P</i> Zumba Class 7:15P</p> | <p>21 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night 7P</i></p> | <p>22 KPC Jr.'s Concession Stand 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eradism 11A Confirmation Class 11A RCIA 4P Rosary 4:30P KPCCLA Sell Raffle Tickets 5:00PM Eucharist</p> |
| <p>23 Bookstore & Beignets 8A Live Stream 10A Mass RCIA 9A Nursery Opens 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Health Promotions (offsite) 12N SVDP Meeting 12N Lay Dominicans 2P <i>KPCCLA Mother/Daughter Tea 2P</i> Life Issues 7P (Conference call)</p> | <p>24 Stephens Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P Taize Prayer Group 8P</p> | <p>25 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p> | <p>26 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGILD Rehearsal 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p> | <p>27 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p> | <p>28</p> | <p>29 AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Confirmation Class 11A AGILD 1P <i>Teen Ministry Look-In 3P</i> Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p> |
| <p>30 Dancer's Sell Mother's Day Ticket's RCIA 9A Nursery Opens 9:45A Sunday School 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A <i>Teen Ministry Look-In</i> <i>1st Communion Rehearsal 1:30P</i> Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p> | | | | | | |

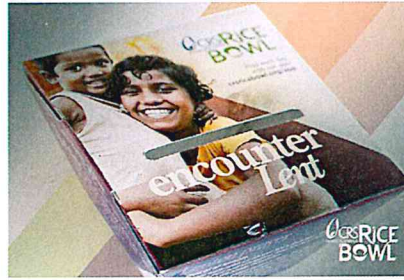
Save the Date

Sunday, April 2 ~ Ministry Fair ~ After All Masses

Sunday, April 8 ~ Flocknote Training ~ 2P

Tuesday, April 18 ~ Flocknote Training ~ 7P

Life Notes



Hiat was once a happily married soccer mom. In her minivan, she would chauffeur the oldest of her six children to sports and piano lessons, and she cared for the others at her home in the Syrian city of Hama, halfway between Damascus and Aleppo. In 2015, however, as war intensified between the Syrian government and rebel forces, including ISIS, Hiat's husband was killed as he drove home from work. Fearing for her children's lives, she used up all her resources paying smugglers to lead her family on a dangerous journey to Greece, where they awaited the promise of asylum as refugees in Germany.

THE GREATEST REFUGEE CRISIS SINCE WWII

Atlanta deacon Steve Swope recounted Hiat's story in March when Orthodox and Catholic Christians gathered to pray together at the Cathedral of Christ the King. Swope had met Hiat and other refugees last year on a fact-finding trip to the Balkans sponsored by Catholic Relief Services (CRS). In a refugee hostel sponsored in part by CRS and Orthodox Christian Charities, Swope explained, Hiat found shelter and food, as well as advice on how to continue the difficult trip to safety for her family.

"We are currently facing the greatest refugee crisis since World War II," the deacon noted, pointing out that in Syria alone, 6.6 of its 23 million citizens are internally displaced, while 4.9 million others have fled their country. As a result, roughly one-half of Syria's citizens, including Hiat and her family, no longer live in their own homes and cannot safely return. Unfortunately, the rising tide of nationalism in Europe and here in the United States limits them still more. Since March 2016, Europe has closed its borders to further migration, leaving over 50,000 refugees confined to squalid camps in Greece, where few of their applications for asylum elsewhere are being granted.

ENCOUNTER LENT

Aid agencies like CRS struggle to provide food, water, sanitation and hygiene to the displaced people caught between war in their homelands and political squabbling in the places where they hope to find refuge. As we observe Lent, both the Orthodox Patriarch Bartholomew and his friend Pope Francis are challenging Christians to encounter Christ in the person of these suffering people, whatever their religious identity.

"My children have not lived at all," an anguished Hiat pleaded with Deacon Steve Swope. "They have done nothing wrong, why should they die?" Let's keep them in mind this Lenten season as we make small sacrifices to fill our CRS rice bowls.

You can read Deacon Steve's talk at <http://deaconsview.com> and find further information about CRS's "Encounter Lent" rice bowls on the CRS website, <http://www.crsricebowl.org>.