

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

July 2017 – Happy Independence Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
2 SVPD Meeting 12P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	3 <i>Sarah Smith Funeral 10A</i> Zumba Class 7:15P	4 Independence Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	6 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	7	8 Pastoral Care Team 10A KPCLA Executive Board Meeting 2P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist KPCLA Raffle Ticket Sale
9 Live Stream 10A Mass KPCLA Raffle Ticket Sale RCIA 9A Health Promotions 11:30A KPC/KPCLA Meeting 12P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P S.A.B.L.L. Meeting 3P	10 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P	11 Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P	12 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	13 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	14	15 Lourdes Walking Club 8A KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A KPCLA School Supply Collection 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
16 KPC Fellowship Breakfast KPCLA School Supply Collection RCIA 9A Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancer's Rehearsal 1:30P	17 Zumba Class 7:15P	18 Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Class 7P	19 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	20 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	21 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night 7:30P</i>	22 Eucharistic Ministers <i>Training 10A</i> KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A KPCLA School Supply Collection 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets & Bookstore 6:30P
23 Live Stream 10A Mass Bookstore & Beignets KPCLA School Supply Collection Haiti Ministry Farmer's Market RCIA 9A Lourdes Alumni 2P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	24 Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Taize Prayer Group</i> <i>8:00PM</i>	25 Zumba Class 6:15P	26 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>AGLD Rehearsal 7:30P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	27 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	28	29 T-Shirt Saturday Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
30 T-Shirt Sunday RCIA 9A	31 Zumba Class 7:15P					

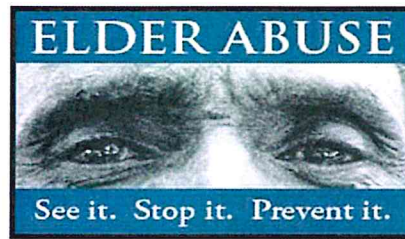
Save the Date

Saturday, July 22 ~ Eucharistic Ministers Training ~ 10A

Sunday, July 23 ~ Health Promotions Ministry Farmer's Market ~ After All Sunday Masses

T-Shirt Weekend ~ July 29/30

Lourdes 2017 'Walk by Faith' Walkathon ~ September 30 ~ 8A



The National Center on Elder Abuse (NCEA) estimates that 5 million older Americans are victims of abuse, neglect, or exploitation every year, and the problem appears to be growing in the Atlanta area. Beth Dow, the CEO of Home Helpers of Georgia and Alabama, says that she has to report abuse by caregivers at least every other month.

Some reports in our local media involve paid professionals, like the Jonesboro woman convicted of allowing a disabled veteran in her care to freeze to death in the winter cold while she watched television inside. Others involve family members, like a young couple in rural Danielsville who left the husband's malnourished grandmother in a filthy bed for over a month while they spent her savings on drugs. But not all neglect is malicious. In Buford, for example, a Vietnamese immigrant couple reportedly locked up the wife's elderly mother all day to keep her from starting fires while they were away at work.

ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS

As life expectancy increases and family size decreases, many countries face the challenge of caring for an aging population. The United Nations estimates that by the year 2050, the global population of people above the age of 60 will exceed the number of younger people. It has designated June 15th as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day to encourage communities to increase awareness of elder abuse and to promote policies that foster respect for elders and allow them to continue to be productive citizens.

Pope Francis has particularly challenged Catholics to "counter the harmful throw-away culture that marginalizes the elderly." He has called on homes and other institutions that serve frail elderly people to become "places of humanity and loving attention, where the weakest are neither forgotten nor neglected, but visited, remembered, and cared for as brothers and sisters." Having the retired Pope Benedict living near him at the Vatican, he declared, has been "like having a wise grandfather at home."

REACHING OUT TO THE ELDERLY

Because nearly 60% of elder abuse involves neglect, sometimes unintentional, NCEA urges ordinary people to pay closer attention to the elderly in their communities. The agency recommends visiting elderly loved ones, providing respite breaks for caregivers, and volunteering to visit nursing home residents or homebound neighborhood seniors. While many Lourdes members already follow these suggestions on their own, those who wish to join a parish-wide effort are invited to sign up for our Pastoral Care Team by contacting Phillip Vere at 678.235.5469 or lourdespct@gmail.com. The team meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10-11 a.m. except during July and August.

The National Center for Elder Abuse lists "12 Things That Anyone Can Do to Prevent Elder Abuse" at <https://ncea.acl.gov/Resources/docs/12-Things-Prevent-EA.pdf>

Knights of Peter Claver Ladies Auxiliary



Our Lady of Lourdes Court 300

22nd Annual Prayer Breakfast

Benefiting the Scholarship Fund

THEME: "LOVE'S IN NEED"

Saturday, August 5, 2017 at 9:00am

Dennard Conference Center

At Atlanta Technical College

1560 Metropolitan Parkway SW Atlanta, GA

TICKET DONATION: \$35

GUEST SPEAKER

THE HONORABLE DONZELLA JAMES

GEORGIA STATE SENATOR



FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Eucharistic Minister Training



Our Lady of Lourdes Sanctuary

Saturday, July 22, 2017

10AM - 12PM

All current and those interested in becoming Eucharistic Ministers are encouraged to come to this training for updated certification. Please call the Church Office (404-522-6776) to **RSVP by Wednesday, July 19.**