

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

August 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>6 Habitat Build Sign-up KPC Fellowship Breakfast RCIA 9A Women's Council 10A SYDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Open Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>7 Adult Faith Formation 6P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>1 Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p>2 Father Jeffery's Birthday Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>3 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5 Lourdes Walking Club 8A KPC/CLA Prayer Breakfast 9A Choir Rehearsal 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist <i>Habitat Build Sign-up</i></p>
<p>13 Live Stream 10A Mass Health Ministry Farmer's Market RCIA 9A KPC/KPC/CLA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughter Meeting 1:30P Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Dancer's Open Rehearsal 1:30P S.A.B.L.L. Meeting 3P</p>	<p>14 Adult Faith Formation 6P Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>8 Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Class 7P Confirmation Mass 7P at The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception</p>	<p>9 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>10 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12 Choir Rehearsal 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>20 T-Shirt Weekend Simon's Call Ice Cream Social AGYM Sign-Up Habit Ministry Meeting 11:30A SYDP Meeting 12P Dancer's Open Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>21 Adult Faith Formation 6P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>15 Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>16 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</p>	<p>17 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>18 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night 7:30P</i></p>	<p>19 T-Shirt Weekend Lourdes Walking Club 8A KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A Choir Rehearsal 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Simon's Call Ice Cream Social</p>
<p>27 Live Stream 10A Mass Bookstore & Beignets RCIA 9A Health Promotions 11:30A Lourdes Alumni 2P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)</p>	<p>28 Adult Faith Formation 6P Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Taizé Prayer Group 8P</i></p>	<p>22 Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>23 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>24 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26 KPC Jr's Concession Stand 9A Choir Rehearsal 4P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets & Bookstore 6:30P</p>
<p>29 Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>30 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</p>	<p>31 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>				

Save the Date

Monday August 7, 14, 21 & 28 ~ Adult Faith Formation ~ 6P

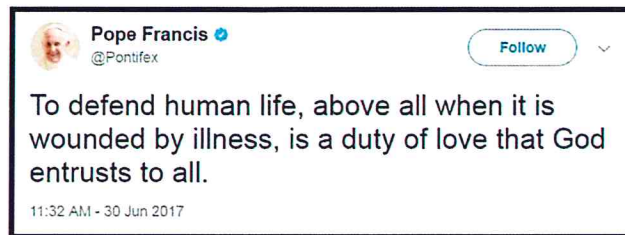
Sunday, August 13 ~ Health Promotions Ministry Farmer's Market ~ After All Sunday Masses

Simon's Call Ice Cream Social ~ August 19/20 ~ After all Masses

T-Shirt Weekend ~ August 19/20

Sunday, September 10 ~ Lourdes Picnic ~ 1P ~ Grant Park

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



The old adage “Hard cases make bad law” was well illustrated in the case of Charlie Gard, the 11-month-old British baby hospitalized for a rare genetic condition which left him unable to move, eat, or breathe without assistance. Concluding that further treatment would prove futile and inflict additional suffering, his medical team decided to withdraw his life support so he could “die with dignity.” His heartbroken parents raised nearly \$2 million on GoFundMe to bring him to the US for an experimental treatment, but both British and European courts overruled their wishes.

The international debate which followed included not only medical experts and ethicists but celebrities and politicians—and created unusual alliances on both sides. Amid clashes over issues ranging from government health care to parental rights, it was easy to lose focus on the struggling child and those who loved him best.

RESPECTING LIFE AND ACCEPTING DEATH

As Britain’s Anscombe Bioethics Centre pointed out, Catholic teaching on end-of-life care forbids efforts to bring about or hasten death. We are obliged to use all ordinary means of sustaining life, those in which anticipated benefits outweigh likely risks. However, our “Catholic moral tradition does not oblige the use of medical procedures that are burdensome, dangerous, extraordinary, or disproportionate to their expected outcome.” In such cases, we recognize that “[t]here is a time to fight and a time to cease from fighting” and accept the reality of our own mortality and that of our loved ones.

In line with that teaching, the Pontifical Academy for Life agreed that it was time to “accept the limits of medicine” and urged that Charlie’s parents “be helped to understand the unique difficulty of their situation.” Critics called that statement cold and unfeeling.

“REALITY IS SUPERIOR TO IDEAS”

Just hours after his Vatican officials had spoken, however, Pope Francis weighed in on Twitter with the differently toned message posted above, and his spokesman added the hashtag **#CharlieGard**. Offers of help from the Vatican’s own children’s hospital soon followed. This pastoral intervention illustrated another old adage, one that has often guided the pope’s reflections on moral theology: “Reality is superior to ideas.”

Convinced that we can discern the will of God not by abstract reasoning alone but by sympathetic engagement with those enduring life’s harsh realities, Pope Francis urges Catholics to focus on the human side of even our most difficult moral dilemmas. For that reason, he expressed his “closeness” with little Charlie’s parents, “wishing that their desire to accompany and care for their own child to the end will be respected.”

The Abscomb Centre analysis is found at <https://www.mercatornet.com/features/view/charlie-gard-doing-the-right-thing-for-the-right-reason/20058>

Sacrament of Confirmation



*Join us and the Shrine of the
Immaculate Conception
as we celebrate our youth
who will receive the
Sacrament of Confirmation!
We are also excited that our new
Auxiliary Bishop Ned Shlesinger
will celebrate with us!*



Tuesday, August 8, 2017

7:00 PM | Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception
48 M.L.K. Jr. Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30303



*Lourdes Nursey will Open on
Sunday, September 17th during the 10:00AM
service, from 9:45AM – 11:45AM accepting children from age 6
months – 4 years old. Please contact the office at 404.522.6776
for further information.*



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