

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2017 ~ September 10 ~ Lourdes Picnic ~ Grant Park ~ 1P

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 T-Shirt Weekend Social Action 11:30A Simon's Call 12N St. Vincent de Paul 12N	4 Labor Day Church Office Closed	5 Church Office re-opens at 9AM Zumba Class 6:15P	6 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	7 Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	1 Church Office Closes at 12PM	2 T-Shirt Weekend Choir Auditions 10A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
10 RCIA 9A Women's Council 10A KPCL A Meeting 12PM Jr. Daughters Meeting 12PM Jr. Knights Meeting 12PM	11 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Ultreya 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	12 Welcome Back Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P	13 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	14 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	15 Men's Ministry <i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	16 Habitat Build 7:30A Lourdes Walking Club 8A ASBS Meeting 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
Church Picnic Grant Park 1P Wear your T-Shirts	Zumba Class 7:15P	Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P	650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	Zumba Class 7:15P		
17 KFC BREAKFAST RCIA 9A Sunday School Starts Nursery Opens 9:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12N Dancers rehearsal 1P Youth Choir rehearsal 1:30P	18 Pastoral Council 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	20 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	22	23 Habitat Build 7:30A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Eracism 11:00A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets 6P
24 Bookstore & Beignets Health Ministry Heart Initiative & Farmer's Market RCIA 9A Nursery 9:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Lourdes Alumni 2P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	25 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Taizé Prayer Group 8P</i>	26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	27 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308	28 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	29	30 WALK BY FAITH 8A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist TASTE OF LOURDES 6P

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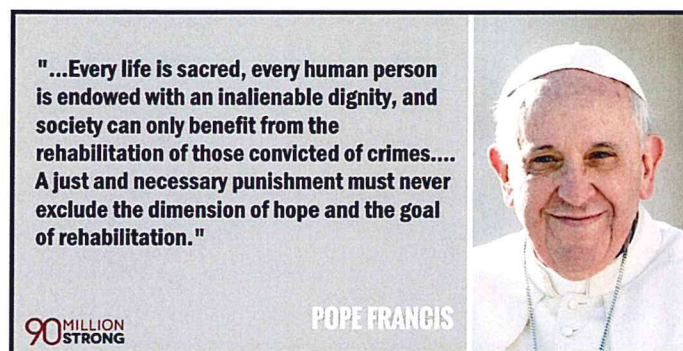
Saturday, September 2 & Sunday, September 3 ~ Lourdes T-Shirt Weekend

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

Sunday, September 17 ~ Sunday School, Teen Ministry, Parenting Ministry and Nursery Re-open

Sunday September 24~ Health Promotions Ministry Heart Initiative & Farmer's Market

Saturday September 30 & Sunday October 1~ Taste of Lourdes



Forcefully denouncing capital punishment in his address to the US Congress in September 2015, Pope Francis also rejected the alternative of life with no possibility of parole. The pope calls that a "hidden death sentence" which denies inmates the hope of rehabilitation and restoration to society. Though the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty claims that 90 million Americans now reject the death penalty itself, abolitionists typically want to see it replaced with an iron-clad sentence of life in prison. Many fear that releasing potentially dangerous inmates would prove too risky.

"I PARDONED A CONVICT WHO KILLED AGAIN"

Former Pennsylvania Lt. Governor Mark Singel knows that risk firsthand. In the Jesuit magazine *America*, Singel recently reflected on his support for the pardon of Reginald McFadden, sentenced to life for a murder he committed at age 16. In over 20 years of incarceration, McFadden built a strong institutional record and had recently helped quell a prison riot. His professed religious conversion no doubt helped convince Singel, a practicing Byzantine Catholic. But Singel's once-promising campaign for governor fell apart when McFadden used his newfound freedom to commit a rape and three additional murders within just weeks of his 1994 release.

Twenty-five years after the decision that cost him his political career, Mark Singel feels great remorse for Reginald McFadden's victims. "But as much as I regret that fateful decision," he writes, "I cannot accept the alternative: a government and a society that looks with cold indifference at those who have turned their lives around and who languish in our overcrowded prisons." As a Christian, he says, "I still believe in mercy."

NO JUSTICE FROM FEAR AND ANGER

Singel's defense of mercy has not convinced all his critics. "Risking the lives of your fellow citizens so that you can feel good about yourself," one *America* reader objected, "does not entitle you to occupy the moral high ground in any way, shape or form."

But Samantha Broun, the daughter of Reginald McFadden's rape victim, is more sympathetic. Though her testimony about her mother's ordeal helped end commutations for lifers in the Pennsylvania system, she now befriends prisoners and studies the impact of incarceration on their families. Broun regrets that "policies were made and constitutional changes were made based on fear and anger. I don't think that's a place to make judicial changes from. There is no justice that comes from fear and anger."

You can read Mark Singel's reflection at <https://www.americamagazine.org/pardon>