

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

NOVEMBER 2017 - Celebrating Black Catholic History Month

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>5 DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS SVDP FOOD COLLECTION RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Women's Council 10A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Dancers rehearsal 1P</p>	<p>6 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>7 ELECTION DAY Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P</p>	<p>8 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>9 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11 Alzheimer's Workshop 9A Pastoral Care 10A AG Youth Dance Class 10A Eucharist 11:00A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>12 SVDP FOOD COLLECTION RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A ADOPTION PRESENTATION 11:45A KCCLA Meeting 12PM Jr. Daughter Meeting 12PM Jr. Knights Meeting 12PM Dancers rehearsal 1P</p>	<p>13 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P <i>Ultreya 7P</i> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>14 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>15 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>16 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>17 <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> <i>7:30P</i></p>	<p>18 Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A ASBS Meeting 3:00P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>19 KPC Sunday Breakfast RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A SVDP Meeting 12N Dancers rehearsal 1P Lay Dominicans 2P</p>	<p>20 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>22 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Thanksgiving Mass 7P</i> <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>23 THANKSGIVING DAY</p>	<p>24 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>25 AG Youth Dance Class 10A Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Beignets 6P</p>
<p>26 NO SUNDAY SCHOOL Bookstore & Beignets</p>	<p>27 Stephen's Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P Taizé Prayer Group 8P</p>	<p>28 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>29 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave. Atlanta, GA. 30308</p>	<p>30 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>		

Save the Date

Wednesday, November 1 ~ All Saints Day Mass ~ 7P

Saturday, November 11 ~ Alzheimer's Workshop and Screening ~ 9A

Sunday, November 12 ~ Adoption Presentation ~ 11:45A

Wednesday, November 23 ~ Thanksgiving Mass ~ 7P



Every November, the biggest promoter of **National Adoption Month** is Wendy's hamburger chain. Wendy's founder Dave Thomas, who died in 2002, was adopted as a baby, and he set up his Dave Thomas Foundation to find families for children in need of permanent homes, especially kids in foster care.

On the surface, young Dave's family life was hardly ideal. His adoptive mother died when he was only five years old, and the boy had to move from state to state as his dad searched for work. At age 15, he dropped out of school and moved out on his own to take menial jobs. Still, he was convinced that the love of his "forever family" had prepared him well to face his future with determination, hard work, and faith.

ADOPTION'S CHALLENGES

Not many children today are adopted as young as Dave Thomas was. Only 15% of the 135,000 children adopted in the US each year are babies placed at birth, and a quarter more are little ones from other countries, often from overcrowded institutions. The majority are older children from the child welfare (foster) system. Even so, almost 20,000 children in foster care "age out" of the system every year without being placed in permanent families. What holds prospective families back?

Even for children who join adoptive families early in life, says the American Adoption Congress, adoption is a "life-altering event" that typically entails lasting pain. Their later search for identity "may lead adoptees, particularly in adolescent years, to seek out ways to belong in more extreme fashion than many of their non-adopted peers." Unsurprisingly, then, the BBC reported in September that more than a quarter of adoptive families surveyed in Britain had experienced serious family crises.

ADOPTION'S BLESSINGS

Despite these challenges, though, few British families in the survey expressed regrets about adopting. Instead, their experience had taught them what Dave Thomas knew and what Pope John Paul II said so well: "There is a form of 'procreation' which occurs through acceptance, concern and devotion. The resulting relationship is so intimate and enduring that it is in no way inferior to one based on a biological connection."

WANT TO LEARN MORE?

On **Sunday, November 12th**, from **11:45 am – 1:15 pm** in the parish hall, a panel of Lourdes parishioners who have themselves adopted children will share their stories and will address the practical and spiritual sides of adoption. All those interested in adopting or in learning about the process are welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Renée Schatteman 404-557-3330.**

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH

YEAR - END FINANCIAL REPORT

July 01, 2016 - JUNE 30, 2017

	Actual	
	Budget 07/16 - 06/17	Budget 07/17 - 06/2018
OFFERTORY	\$ 1,362,244	\$ 1,362,244
DONATIONS/OTHER COLLECTIONS		
GEORGIA BULLETIN	927	927
INTEREST INCOME (D & L)	15,845	15,845
ORDER OUR STEPS		
OLD CAPITAL CAMPAIGN	\$	
Gain/Loss on Endowment	\$	
Endowment Income	\$	
CHURCH MINISTRIES	2,797	
ADMIN GROUPS & SUNDAY SCHOOL INCOME	57,174	
Arch Annual Appeal Refund	20,718	
	7,241	
	<u>\$ 1,379,016</u>	<u>\$ 1,379,016</u>
SALARIES, TAXES, BENEFITS	\$ 809,917	\$ 825,304
UTILITIES & TELEPHONE	58,597	70,097
INSURANCE ON PLANT	18,182	15,000
ARCHDIOCESAN RESPONSIBILITIES	300,296	360,217
ADMINISTRATIVE & GENERAL	101,101	103,652
GEORGIA BULLETIN	6,400	6,400
LITURGY EXPENSE	65,825	59,700
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS/PLANT	66,641	52,290
RECTORY EXPENSE	27,096	20,120
YOUTH MINISTRY	4,526	4,526
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION	3,500	3,500
CHURCH MINISTRIES	13,430	16,505
LITURGY EXPENSE CREDIT	(96,862)	(70,000)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>\$ 1,378,649</u>	<u>\$ 1,467,311</u>
NET INCOME (LOSS)	<u>\$ 367</u>	<u>\$ (88,295)</u>

214,623 Assessment
600 Annual Appeal
144,994 School Subsidy
360,217

OUR LADY OF LOURDES CATHOLIC CHURCH **YEAR END FINANCIAL REPORT 07/01/16 - 06/30/17**

REVENUES							Order Our Steps Campaign	Old Capital Campaign
	OFFERTORY	CHURCH MINISTRIES	KDCC & DONATIONS	INTEREST INCOME	GA. BULLETIN	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL
2017	\$1,230,875	\$79,949	\$7,909	\$37,980	\$1,039	\$1,357,753	2017 \$ (1,789)	2017 \$ 185
2016	\$1,467,822	\$65,744	\$41,178	\$39,347	\$1,479	\$1,615,569	2016 \$ 25,906	2016 \$ 650
2015	\$1,308,217	\$18,650	\$146,994	\$35,920	\$1,744	\$1,511,525	2015 \$2,329	2015 \$4,000
2014	\$1,172,881		\$146,364	\$22,006	\$967	\$1,342,218	2014 \$598,268	2014 \$19,392
2013	\$965,756		\$19,514	\$21,979	\$927	\$1,008,176	2013 \$177,168	2013 \$13,651

EXPENSES									
	SALARIES, TAXES & BENEFITS	CHURCH MINISTRIES	UTILITIES & TELEPHONE	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS	PARISH ASSESSMENT	GA. BULLETIN	Admin, Liturgy, Rel. Ed., Ins. & Rectory	TOTAL	
2017	\$759,505	\$85,127	\$66,681	\$59,470	\$299,978	\$5,922	\$ 239,271	\$1,515,954	
2016	\$750,890	\$56,648	\$62,467	\$95,581	\$260,062	\$6,146	\$ 215,172	\$1,446,965	
2015	\$ 658,418	\$ 50,455	\$54,794	\$218,020	\$217,777	\$6,300	\$177,124	\$ 1,382,888	
2014	\$596,625		\$31,726	\$43,938	\$213,409	\$6,538	\$201,379	\$1,093,615	
2013	\$582,359		\$2,666	\$21,716	\$187,641	\$6,930	\$230,783	\$1,032,095	

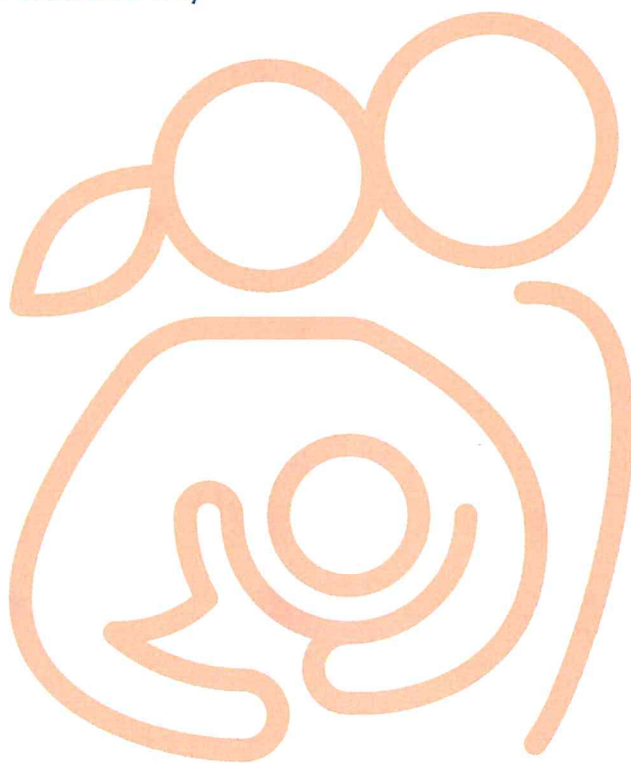
Finance Council Members:
 Fr. Jeffery Ott, O.P., Pastor
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The Adoption Journey: Its Challenges and Its Blessings

"I prayed for this child,
and the Lord has granted
me what I asked of him"

I SAMUEL 1:27



Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church
is hosting a panel on adoption on
Sunday, November 12, at 11:45am–1:15pm
in the Parish Hall (Drexel Center).

The panelists, all Lourdes parishioners
who have themselves adopted children,
will share their stories and will address
the practical and spiritual sides of adoption.
All those interested in adopting or in learning
about the process are welcome to attend.

Light Refreshments will be served and
childcare is available.

For more information, contact
Renée Schatteman, 404.557.3330.



What treasures will
YOU find?

HOLIDAY
Marketplace
ST. PIUS X

Saturday, November 18
9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

St. Pius X Catholic High School
2674 Johnson Road, NE (I-85 @ Shallowford Road)

The 24th Annual Holiday Marketplace features 175
artists and craft vendors! Enjoy lunch at our café
and shop our delicious baked goods and casseroles.

★ 20+ raffle prizes awarded each hour!

★ Admission is \$3 and includes one raffle ticket!

★ Parking is free!



www.spx.org/marketplace