

NEWS AT LOURDES

HELP CARE FOR ELDERS. "Thanks to support from the Retirement Fund for Religious, we are now in a much better position to care for our elders," writes a religious sister. Your donation helps her religious community and hundreds of others provide for aging members and plan for long-term needs. Please give to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

ROBERT L. MASON, JR. CANDLELIGHT MEMORIAL: As winter sets in, Mercy Care is mindful of persons threatened by cold nights spent outdoors. Many persons die needlessly each year. The annual Robert L. Mason, Jr. Candlelight Memorial will take place on Thursday, December 21, 2017 at 5:30PM at Mercy Care, 424 Decatur Street, Atlanta, GA 30312. We remember those who have died unsheltered with an outdoor service of prayer, song and reflection. **All are welcome!!** For more information call 678-843-8509.

The Lourdes community is extraordinary, and we want to extend the spirit beyond Sunday to your neighborhood. **LOURDES N' ME** (Lourdes Neighborhood Meet and Eat) is designed to bring the Lourdes community together in small neighborhood groups of 8 – 10 parishioners within neighborhood homes across Atlanta. It is open to all Lourdes parishioners (singles or couples of all ages) and is an informal means to get to know your fellow parishioners who live right in your area over a meal. **The first groups are ready: Parkview/East Atlanta, (Sun Dec 10, 2PM) and Stone Mountain (Fri, Jan 12, 7PM).** Please visit: <http://lourdesatlanta.org/events/lourdes-n-me/> to sign-up to participate. If you are interested in being the first host for your neighborhood, contact: Donna Jones 404-538-8503.

WINTER BENEFIT FUNDRAISER - The Amazing Grace Dancers invite you to their annual 'Winter Benefit Fundraiser', Sunday, December 10, at 3:30PM here at Our Lady of Lourdes, with a reception to follow. Tickets will be sold for \$5 to Lourdes members the weekends, December 2/3 and 9/10 after all services. Amazing Grace would like to thank you in advance for your support in this effort, and they look forward to seeing you on Sunday, December 10.

DECEMBER IS SAFE TOYS AND GIFTS MONTH: Prevent Blindness America, the nation's oldest eye health and safety organization, has declared December as Safe Toys and Gifts Awareness Month. The group encourages everyone to make conscientious purchasing decisions based on what is best for each individual child. Make recommendations to family members and friends about gifts that you feel are appropriate for your child. Be diligent about inspecting these gifts before allowing your child to play with them. For more information on safe toys and gifts for children as well as general children's eye health topics, please contact Prevent Blindness America by calling (800) 331-2020 or visit <http://www.preventblindness.org/>.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR DECEMBER: *For the elderly.* That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO DISTRIBUTE CHRISTMAS GIFTS - Catholic Charities is looking for groups of volunteers to help distribute Christmas gifts to our clients. Volunteers will unload and sort gifts from trucks, distribute them to families who pick them up (bringing gifts to their cars) and pack-up any gifts that remain. The dates and locations are: **Saturday, December 9th**, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office in Chamblee; **Saturday, December 9th**, 8:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office in Northlake; **Sunday, December 10th**, 6:00 p.m.- 9:00 p.m. at the Catholic Charities office in Northlake (this opportunity only entails sorting and loading of gifts, no client pick-up); **Saturday, December 16th**, 8:45 a.m.-11:00 a.m. at San Felipe Church in Forest Park. We ask that all volunteers arrive promptly so that we can have a team meeting and discuss logistics. All volunteers must be 12 years of age or older. If you are interested in helping or need more information, please contact Christie Crane at crcrane@catholiccharitiesatlanta.org or 404-920-7785.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: Please join us for one of our two remaining Open Houses on Monday, December 4 from 1:30PM - 3PM or Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30PM - 8PM. Take this opportunity to meet with students, teachers and parents and **Experience the Beauty of a Catholic Education.** Kindly RSVP to Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org or by phone 404-636-4488. Looking forward to seeing you!

To report abuse by church personnel:
888.437.0764 Archdiocese of Atlanta 24 Hour Reporting Hotline
Free Pregnancy Test – Pregnancy Aid Clinic – 404.763.4357 or Optionline.org

A CENTURY OF WITNESS – A FUTURE OF COMMITMENT

OUR LADY of LOURDES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

25 Boulevard, N.E.
Atlanta, GA 30312
404.522.6776
www.lourdesatlanta.org
Office Hours: M-F 9AM – 6PM
Closed for Lunch: 1PM-2PM

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 03, 2017



Celebration of the Eucharist
Saturday: 5:00 PM
Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM
and 12:00 PM

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturday: 4:30 PM
and by appointment

Rosary
Saturday: 4:30 PM

RCIA Inquiry Classes
Sundays - 8:30AM
In RCIA Room - 3rd Floor
Contact: Ms. Kim Parrish
404.247.6628
kaparrish@hotmail.com

Nursery Hours
9:00AM - 11:45AM
Ages: 3 Months - 4 Years Old

Sunday School Classes
K - 7: Sunday: 10:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Contact : Mrs. Theresa Bowen
thebowens4@bellsouth.net

Teens: 10:30AM - 11:45 AM
Contact: Ms. Samantha Smith
lourdesteens1912@gmail.com

Pastoral Care Team
Contact: Mr. Phillip Verre
Lourdes Prayer Line: 678.235.5469
lourdespct@gmail.com
2nd Saturday of the month at 10AM



Join our online community on **Flocknote** by texting LOURDESATL to #84576 to sign up for a ministry and receive our weekly e-newsletter!

Parish Staff

Rev. Jeffery Ott, O.P., *Pastor*
Rev. Bruce Schultz, O.P., *Associate Pastor*
Rev. Mr. Chester Griffin, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. Lennison Alexander, *Deacon*
Rev. Mr. Kenneth Bell, *Deacon*
Mr. Kenneth Louis, *Director of Liturgy and Music*
Ms. Lisa Berkley, *Business Manager/Bookkeeper*
Ms. Carol Ann Pinard, *Office Administrative Assistant*
Mrs. Angela Massingale, *Assistant to the Pastor*
Mrs. Theresa Bowen, *Director of Religious Education*
Ms. Samantha Smith, *Teen Ministry*
Mr. Cong Dinh, *Maintenance Supervisor*

We are active
We are committed
We are LOURDES

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.

Ministries & Organizations

(OLLS) Alumni Association
Janis Griffin, Coordinator
ollsalumni@gmail.com

Amazing Grace Liturgical Dancers
Kenya Griffin, Director
Wednesdays, 7:15PM-9:15PM;
Sundays, 1:30PM
Open Rehearsals every 2nd Sunday
January - October at 2:30PM
amazinggracedancecompany@gmail.com

Baby Boomers
Janine Brown: (301) 651-5953
jeanettajacobsmom@hotmail.com

Bible Study
Every Wednesday, 7PM (offsite)
Marcus Stewart, Facilitator:
(770) 491-9319

Book Store
4th weekend after each Mass
Patricia Armstrong, Coordinator
apattiz@juno.com

Cursillo Movement/Ultreya
1st Mondays, 7:00PM
Lisa Berkley,
bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org

Finance Council
Quarterly Meetings
Dawn Leaner-Hall, Chairperson

Haiti Ministry
3rd Sunday after the 10AM Mass
Reginald Grand-Pierre
(404) 309-7670

Health Promotions Ministry
4th Sunday after the 10AM Mass (offsite)
Pamela Tolliver, Co-chair
pdtoll714@gmail.com; (678) 662-6427
Helen Tritschler, Co-chair
helen.tritschler@gmail.com

Knights of Peter Claver (KPC)
2nd Sunday at 12:00PM
Eugene Roberts, Grand Knight
(404) 427-1039

KPC Junior Knights
Matthew Amos, Junior Commander
(404) 697-2421

KPC Ladies Auxiliary
2nd Sunday at 12:00PM
Patrice Barton-Smith, Grand Lady
(678) 371-2677

KPC Junior Daughters
Lisa Bufford, Counselor
(678) 362-6952



Today's Scripture Readings
Isaiah 63:16b –17, 19b, 64:2-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Gospel: Mark 13:33-37

Next Sunday's Readings
Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; 2Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Mass Intention: **5PM** For the repose of the soul of †Rose Marie Princ
8AM For the repose of the soul of †William Anderson
12PM For the repose of the soul of †Josef Princ

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (11/26/17): \$16,890
Weekly Church Budget: \$26,197

*Consider setting up on-line giving today! Visit: www.lourdesatlanta.org to give.
Lourdes needs your support.*

2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal "You shall love your neighbor as yourself"

Lourdes Share: \$106,000
Total Pledged & Received \$149,344
Amount Paid to Date: \$85,959
Outstanding Pledges: \$63,384

Thoughts on Stewardship

A talent is a talent until it is used to serve God. At that point it becomes a gift of ultimate value, multiplying every time we use it. In man's eyes it may seem insignificant, in God's eyes, you are a superstar.

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen, Brooke Bailey, Cherry Banez, Caitlin Blount, Judy Brooks, Edna Bryant, Sallie Davenport, Temaya Eatmon, Mattie Ellison, Rita Engelhardt, Miriam Gotay, Tom Grant, Barbara Hagan, Geton Harper, Frank Howard, Ronald Jean-Louis,	Jack Jenkins, Blanche Johnson, James Jordan, Linda Jordan, Rosario Josephine, Ken Krautter , Janet Lawrence, Thomas Lewis, Ada Lipscomb, James McEwan, James McMullen, Phillip Musey, Peggy Neeson, Darlene Perkins, Julia Petillo, Lynette Porter,	Katie Price, Eisenhower Raines, Mildred Rucker, Grace Rutherford, Barbara Schenk, Alana Sheppard, Jesse Smith, Regina Smith, Larry Soublet, Janet Stewart, Johnnie Strong, Eugene Sturgis, Jean-Luc Tahou, Michelle Wilkinson, Geraldine White
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The deadline for bulletin content is Wednesday at 12:00 noon.

Please email cpinard@lourdesatlanta.org. Bulletins and Inserts are always available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

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LECTOR PREP for the month of **January** will be held on **Saturday, December 2, at 10:30am** and **Tuesday, December 5, at 7PM** in the church. **All lectors are required to attend one session per month to remain active.**

BAPTISMAL PREP for parents wishing to have their child (under the age of 6) baptized, will be held on **Tuesday, December 5 at 7PM** in the St. Augustine Room, 2nd Floor in the KDCC. Please call the church office 404-522-6776 to **RSVP**. Our requirements for Baptism are that parents must be **registered and active members of the parish for minimum 3 months and attend a Baptismal preparation class.**

#IGIVECATHOLIC (#GIVINGTUESDAY) – On #Giving Tuesday, November 28, you joined #iGiveCatholic, generously gave of your blessings and showed that little is much when God is in it. Together, we raised **\$4,480** which will go towards Lourdes campus upgrades and the acquisition of a new piano for the church. We are on our way!

THANK YOU: The members of St. Vincent de Paul, Lourdes conference, would like to thank all of you for your generous donations of food and money for our Thanksgiving Baskets. We appreciate your help and we were able to help go families.

2017 ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" is coming to an end on December 31, 2017. If you still have a pledge balance, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. It is very important that your pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and, hopefully, exceed our goal. Once the pledge payments have surpassed our goal, all of the additional funds are returned to our parish for use in our ministries. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

LOURDES LUNCH PROGRAM provides hot meals and Christian fellowship, twice a week to Atlanta's homeless, hungry and most vulnerable population. They will be collecting tube socks on December 9/10 and skull caps on December 16/17 to distribute to the guests/participants of the program. There will be a box at each entrance to the church. We thank you in advance for your donation.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 03 Courtney Brown Dallas Hightower Dana Wood Dorothy Walker Gerrard Boyd Kinsley Okekpe Madison Richardson Ryan Jackson-Barry Renee Fouche	December 05 Ahjah Woods Allen Smith Aubry Angelety Bettye Paige John Kovach Luis Perez Michaeljulius Idani Noah Bowen Paula Thomas Simone Prieto	Willis Thompson December 07 Asher Padron Cameron White Carol Elam Emily Bird Jonathan Feazell Julie Johnson Kamille Bernard Kimberly Leach Renaldo Chambers Scott Culpepper	Joshua Brewington Richard Curchar December 09 Aleijah Salguero Alexis Padron Chris Lewis Christopher Rutherford Davina Chester Isaac Baroi Johna Williams Marvin Pastel Rachael Hart Tania Jean-Pierre
December 04 Cedria Davis Joseph Metoyer Katie McLeod Kayla Whitner Luca Serrant Nicole E. Johnson Stephen Fennel Jr. Stephanie Catalano Yolanda Honore	December 06 Carla Prejean Erin O'Neil Gabrielle Gould Maureen Mercer Michael Dural Pamela Jack Stacey Gray Tanya Gant	December 08 Anthony Smith Adrianna Ambeau Adrianna Twine Gabrielle Johnson Isabelle Gnoassia Jonathan Robertson	

Ministries & Organizations

Lourdes Lunch
Tuesday & Thursday,
September-June
Thayes Sturgis, Coordinator
(404) 375-0838

Life Issues
Conference Call 4th Sunday at 7PM
Ron Chandonia, Coordinator
(770) 631-0060

Liturgy Committee
1st Monday at 7PM
Contact: Kenneth Louis
klouis@lourdesatlanta.org

Lourdes Athletic Ministry
Kevin Rogers, Co-Coordinator
(404) 704-7327

Lourdes Book Club
Carole Lacour, Coordinator
(404) 629-0878

Men's Ministry
Lenny Alexander, Facilitator
(404) 644-7554

Mentoring Ministry
Louis Hubbard, Coordinator
lehubbard51@att.net
(512)426-7888

Parenting Ministry
Sunday at 10:30AM
P.J. Lemuel, Facilitator
(770) 981-7226

Simon's Call (AIDS Ministry)
Quarterly on 1st Sunday at 12PM
Janis Griffin

Social Action Committee
1st Sunday after the 10AM
Douglas Collins, (404) 317 4057
doug1234@me.com

Stephen Ministry Leaders
Lenny Alexander, (404) 644-7554;
Fr. Jeffery Ott , (404) 997-3867

St. Vincent de Paul Society
1st & 3rd Sunday at 11:30AM
Joanne Breaugh, Chair
SVDP Hotline (678) 892-6163

Women's Council
1st Sunday @ 10AM
Denise Hood, President
(404) 752-9620

Young at Heart (Seniors)
Contact the Church Office