

NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES LUNCH PROGRAM 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.

KNIGHTS OF LOURDES FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST will be held next Sunday, December 17, after all masses, in the Cafeteria. Come join us for food, conversation and fellowship.

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 CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from Friday, December 22 through Tuesday, January 2, 2018. We will re-open on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 9AM.**

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.

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: **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 ccrane@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

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 10, 2017



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.

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!

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 40:1-5, 9-11; 2Peter 3:8-14
Gospel: Mark 1: 1-8

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 61: 1-2a,10-11; 1Thessalonians 5:16-24
Gospel:John1:6-8, 19-28

Mass Intention: **5PM** For the repose of the soul of †Raymond Bernier
8AM For the repose of the soul of †Rose Marie Princ
10AM For the repose of the soul of †Lucy Fresques

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/03/17): \$25,634
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 \$149,824
Amount Paid to Date: \$89,684
Outstanding Pledges: \$60,139

Thoughts on Stewardship

St. Catherine of Siena relates where Jesus speaks to her: "I could well have made human beings in such a way, that they each had everything, but I preferred to give different gifts to different people, so that they would all need each other."

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen,
Brooke Bailey,
Cherry Banez,
Caitlin Blount,
Judy Brooks,
Edna Bryant,
Luella Chambers,
Sallie Davenport,
Betty Davis,
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

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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HELP RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES. "Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry," writes a religious sister. Your gift to today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders!

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE will be held on Saturday, December 16, at 2PM at the Shrine of the Immaculate Conception , 48 M.L.K Jr. Drive NW, Atlanta, GA 30303, (404)-521-1866. This is a collaborative service among the parishes of St Anthony of Padua, Our Lady of Lourdes and The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception.

2017 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR'S MASS SCHEDULE

Fourth Sunday of Advent, Saturday, December 23rd 5PM Mass
Sunday, December 24th 8AM, 10AM & 12PM Mass

Christmas Eve, Sunday December 24th
4PM Family Mass at Lourdes
7PM Children's Mass at Lourdes

Christmas Midnight, Sunday, December 24th
Lourdes Mass will be celebrated at Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary, 402 Auburn Avenue. Music program begins at 11:30PM. Parking will be at the MLK Visitor's Center behind Ebenezer Church (enter from John Wesley Dobbs Ave & Boulevard). **THERE WILL BE NO PARKING HERE AT LOURDES FOR MID-NIGHT MASS.**

Christmas Day, Monday, December 25th 10AM Mass

Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday, December 30th 5PM Mass
Sunday, December 31st 8AM, 10AM & 12PM Mass

Watchnight Service, Sunday, December 31st 11PM Mass

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 10

Arielle Cadet
Cassie Slaughter
Cierra DuBose
Dillon Hines
John Martin
Luther Cadet
Nancy Verre
Nia Dural
Velda Roberts

December 11

Adele Johnson
Ava Cooper-Cadres
Brendan Flannery
Christina Jamerson
Elizabeth Paul
Ethan Waddy
Myrna Cubilette
Solomon Greene

December 12

Annabell Buggage

Cameron Lynch
Deloris Ward
Estela Niyonyshu
Harold Guidry
Khalia Mackey
Michael Williams
Miquelle Bowers
Moirra Bucciarelli
Nicholas Haynes
Phillip Boykin
Sheila Okekpe
Stanley Dunwell
Veronica Mannah

December 13

Dejon Alexander
Emerson Gibson
James Haydel
Jennifer Halicki
Mariano Rojas
Mark Zeigler
Nanci Pearson
Sandra Clodomir
Stephanie Brown

Victoria Hardy
Willie Harris

December 14

Gabriela Gonzalez-Lamberson
Jolene Edwards
Joseph Okekpe
Kara Stewart
Katie Price
Monique Reed
Rasheem Washington
Robert Woolfolk III
Stephanie Bonnen-
Timothy Coveney
Valerie Harris

December 15

Bernetta Jones
David Miller Patton V
Gavin Brooks
Jerry Billingslea
Jovad Sewell
Juanita Lang
Macey Pouncey

Maureen Portee
Patrick Crosby
Philip Musey
Shoirdae Henderson
Stephen Lee

December 16

Arietta Maney
Carol Hadley
Esan Ebner
Henry Harrell
Iyesetta Masaquoi
Jamika Duncan
Kimberly Stringer
Liberty Jones
Mary Chapman
Malechah Bowie
Michael Lacour



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