

NEWS AT LOURDES

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING: There will be an information meeting for parents and teens preparing for Confirmation on Sunday, January 7, 2018 at 9:30AM in the Teen Room, 3rd floor of the parish hall. **The first Confirmation class will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 at 9:30AM** in the Teen Room .

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. Payments can also be made on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org under the 'Give' tab. Your financial support is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your generous participation in the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

LOURDES LUNCH volunteer pool keeps growing smaller (many people have moved away or are working). We have the least amount of volunteers on Thursday. Please consider coming in on Tuesday and/or Thursdays to help serve. We could use your help anytime between 9:30AM - 1PM. Volunteers who can come in late and stay for the clean up would be greatly appreciated. The program also needs a volunteer to pick up bread every Monday at the Publix on Clairmont and N. Decatur and drop it off at Lourdes. Because of the amount we pick up you will probably need an SUV or station wagon. If you could take on this job or know of anyone who would be willing to help us out (maybe a college student). This ministry is serving 150 - 200 adults a good meal twice a week. We need more help!! Please call the Church Office 404-522-6776 if you are available to volunteer.

Please join the **LOURDES BOOK CLUB** for a book discussion on Saturday, January 27, 2018, at Panera, Emory Village at 7PM for dinner with the discussion to begin at 7:45PM. Our book selection is: *Homegoing* by Yaa Gyasi.

Homegoing is a novel of breathtaking sweep and emotional power that traces three hundred years in Ghana and along the way also becomes a truly great American novel. Extraordinary for its exquisite language, its implacable sorrow, its soaring beauty, and for its monumental portrait of the forces that shape families and nations, *Homegoing* heralds the arrival of a major new voice in contemporary fiction ~ Goodreads.....

Can't join us for the book discussion on January 27th but want to contribute to our book discussion, email Carole Lacour at Lared111@aol.com with comments or call 770-951-3417.

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.

ST. GABRIEL CATHOLIC CHURCH in Fayetteville, Georgia is seeking a part time (20 hours per week) **High School Youth Minister**. This position reports to the Director of Religious Education, is responsible for coordinating and overseeing all aspects of Life Teen and Confirmation programs (volunteers, Life Teen nights, retreats, service projects, etc.). Must be available to work Sunday afternoons and evenings during the academic year; have a passion for working with high school children; and be a practicing Catholic in full communion with the Church. Two years of experience and basic catechetical certification are preferred. Please send cover letter and resume to Fr. Richard Vu at father.richard@stgabrielga.com. **No phone calls please.**

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

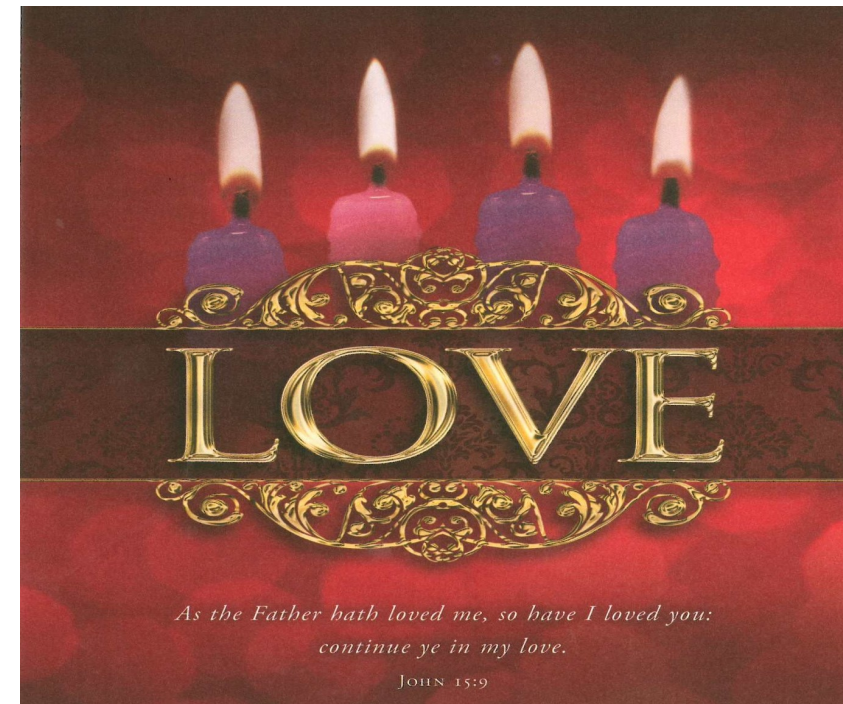
OUR LADY of LOURDES

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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 24, 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

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a ,16; Romans 16:25-27
Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Next Sunday's Readings

Genesis 15:1-6,21:1-3; Colossians 3:12-17
Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/17/17): \$36,284
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 \$150,449
Amount Paid to Date: \$92,084
Outstanding Pledges: \$58,364

Your financial support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal is greatly appreciated

Thoughts on Stewardship

REFLECTION ON THE NATIVITY

If it happened here as it happened there;
If it happened now as it happened then;
Who would see the miracle?
Who would bring gifts?
Who would take them in? - Bishop Thomas Murphy

Please pray for our sick and shut in members:

Joseph Allen, Leonor Angarita, Saul Angarita Valencia, 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.

NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES CHURCH OFFICE will be closed from Friday, December 22 at 1PM through Tuesday, January 2, 2018. We will re-open on **Wednesday, January 3, 2018 at 9AM.**
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!!!

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

Our Lady of Lourdes Christmas and New Year's Mass schedule is available on our website: www.lourdesatlanta.org.

2017 CHRISTMAS SECOND COLLECTION: Today's second collection benefits Catholic Charities Atlanta. Last year, Catholic Charities served over 16,000 families and individuals. When families are barely keeping things together, one unexpected challenge can completely disrupt everything. Within a short period of time that "one" problem begins to impact nearly every facet of the family's life. Your gift to Catholic Charities will allow them to continue to share the gift of hope this Christmas season. Every donation—large or small—nourishes the hope of those most vulnerable and helps families get back on the road to independence. Please give generously to the second collection today!

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 24 Carol Harris-Benoit Kevin Johnson Lisa Robinson Vonda Gipson	Maria Yu Nicole Symmonds Omar Muhammad Rylan McLeod Wylma Blanding	Kareen Romelus Mary Washington Turner Moore	Devin Burnam Harrison Butker Harrison Zegers Jacquelyn Bernard Linda Jordan Paul Ferguson Riley Mize Sydney Palmer Thomas Bigelow Tynisha Williams Winston Eckel
December 25 Alphonsine Mfwamba Carole Lacour Gale Warren Lenora Hutchinson Nicole Anglin Talia Myers	December 27 Craig Weber Davis Smith Frederick McCray Jennifer Lund Jeremy McCray John Mazzolini Sebastian Allowitz	December 29 Alexis Ayers Brad Olecki Doris Coleman Frances Cromer-Joy John Grady Johnny Faustin Landyn Minns Kennedy Blanchard Marlana Dejean Stephen Brown	
December 26 Barbara Miller Courtney Lynch Garrett Smith Jovany Joseph	December 28 Ashley MillerBenedicte Lutumba Katedi Charles Rodney Gerrard Grant	December 30 Alexandra Thompson Casen Golf Dante Daza	

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