

NEWS AT LOURDES

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.

MLK JR. CELEBRATION: The Office of Intercultural and Ethnic Diversity invites you to participate in our taking place January 14, 20-21, 2018. Our theme for this year is **"Live in Peace, and the God of Love and Peace Will Be With You"** (2 Corinthians 13:11). Our events will honor the life and legacy of Dr. King, as well as commemorate the 50th anniversary of his assassination. The events will begin on **Sunday, January 14, 2018** with the **Young Adult "Service and Sips" Brunch and Service Opportunity** taking place at 2:30PM at Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312. Young adults will enjoy brunch and assemble travel hygiene kits for those in need. Donations are welcome! On **Saturday, January 20, 2018 at 1:00PM**, the **Eucharistic Celebration** will take place at the Catholic Shrine of the Immaculate Conception Church, 48 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr. SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Archbishop Wilton D. Gregory will be the principal celebrant for this annual Mass honoring Dr. King. Our archdiocesan events will conclude with the **Youth Celebration at 3:00PM on Sunday, January 21, 2018** at St. Peter Claver Regional Catholic School, 2560 Tilson Road, Decatur, GA 30032. Guests to all events are invited to bring canned goods, clothing or cleaning products for donation to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Georgia.

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.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE: On Wednesday, January 10 from 6:30PM to 8PM, IHM School will hold its final Open House for the 2018-2019 school year. **Experience the Beauty of a Catholic Education** by joining us, Wednesday, January 10. During your visit, you will have an opportunity to tour the school and to meet with IHM alums, as well as, current students, teachers and parents. Kindly RSVP to Meaghan Schroeder: admissions@ihmschool.org or by phone 404-636-4488. Looking forward to seeing you in the new year!

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

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

DECEMBER 31, 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
apatt12@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

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

Next Sunday's Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6
Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12

Mass Intention: **12PM** For the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Princ

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

Thoughts on Stewardship

When we calculate what we are worth, are we looking at what we have here and now or what we will have then and there? What we keep now, we will lose forever and what we lose now, we will keep forever. - E. G. "Jay" Link, *Who's In Charge Here?*

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,
Ray Reynolds,
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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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.**

LECTOR PREP for the month of **February** will be held on **Tuesday, January 9, at 7PM and Saturday, January 13, at 10:30am** 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, January 9 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.**

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.

STEPHEN MINSTER TRAINING resumes on Tuesday, January 9, 2018 from 6PM - 8:30PM in the Parish Hall, KDCC Building here at Our Lady of Lourdes.

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 next group: 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 hosting for your neighborhood, contact: Donna Jones 404-538-8503.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES: The first Confirmation class will be Sunday, January 21, 2018 from 9:30AM - 10:30AM, in the Teen Room .

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

December 31

Anthony Jordan
Beja Turner

Caelin Reynolds

Don Curley

Gary Carter

Kwame Nyaku

Leona Terry

Liana Neal

Mary Jane Cooper

Raven Powers

January 01

Andrea Cobb-Mc Mullen

Bora Minirakiza

Dwayne Benjamin

Erica Couben

Erika Ndongmo

Faida Uwineza

Hugh Kinsel

Jacqueline Crew

Janice Willis

Kamwenubusa Innocent

Mike Rivera

Nakia Cahill

January 02

Courtney Holt

Evan Hylton

Jason Tircuit

Marcus Massingale

Michael Weber

Nathalie Hibbert

Vivian Sevener

William Bragg

January 03

Aidan Cromartie

Ajani Claxton-Warner

Darryl Bufford

David Fleming

Euriah Bennett

Johannes Kleiner

Mike Cocca

Millicent Hollins

Rebecca Cowan

Ryan Moloney

January 04

Amy Butler-Coleman

Danielle Speight

Joanne Babinslea

Kim Szuchan

Marilavinia Jones

Rhonda Burnam

Samantha Smith

January 05

Alayna White

Carla Desormot-Saintil

Cecil Griffin

Cheryl Odom

Eva Williams

Frazier Dworet

Hillary Johnson

Lydia Sawyer

Preston Hatcher

Randall Bowen

Remy Saintil

January 06

Anju Thomas

Ava Luscap

Brandy Butcher

Cohen Stanberry

Franklin Ford

John Hulsey

Julia Verre

Samantha Volk

Sarah Smith



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