

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

## JANUARY 2018

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	<b>1 New Year's Day</b> <b>No Masses</b> Church Office Closed	<b>2</b> Church Office Closed	<b>3 Church Office</b> <b>Re-Opens at 9A</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>(on break until February 7)</i>	<b>4</b> Zumba Class 7:30P Choir Rehearsal 7:00P	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>7 Epiphany Sunday</b> Confirmation Information Meeting 9:30A 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	<b>8</b> Pastoral Council 6:30P  Stephen's Ministry 6:30P  <b>Ultreya 7P</b>  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>9</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P  Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P	<b>10</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>(on break until February 7)</i>	<b>11</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Pastoral Care Team 10A Lector Prep 10:30A Eradism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>14</b> <b>NO Sunday School</b> RCIA 9A KPECLA Meeting 12PM Jr. Daughter Meeting 12PM Jr. Knights Meeting 12PM Dancers rehearsal 1P	<b>15 M.L. King, Jr. Day</b> Church Office Closed	<b>16</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P  Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>17</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>(on break until February 7)</i>	<b>18</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>19</b> <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood</i> <i>7:30P</i>	<b>20</b> Lourdes Walking Club 8:30A Usher Workshop 9A AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P <b>MLK Mass 1PM</b> ASBS Meeting 3:30P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>21 Life Issues Q &amp; A 9A</b> RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Confirmation class 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N Dancers rehearsal 1P	<b>22</b> Stephen's Ministry 6:30P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>23</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P  Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>24</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>(on break until February 7)</i>	<b>25</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P  Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eradism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Bookstore & Belgnets
<b>28 Bookstore &amp; Belgnets</b> RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Confirmation class 9:30A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Dancers rehearsal 1P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference call)	<b>23</b>  Zumba Class 7:15P  <b>Taizé Prayer Group 8P</b>	<b>30</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P  Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>31</b> Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <i>(on break until February 7)</i>			

### Save the Date

*Sunday, January 7 ~ Confirmation Information Meeting for Parents and Teens ~9:30A*

*Sunday, January 14 ~ Young Adult "Service and Sips" Brunch and Service Opportunity ~ 2:30PM*

*Saturday, January 20 ~ MLK Jr. Mass ~ The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ~1:00PM*

*Sunday, January 21 ~ Life Issues Q&A - How to be a Sheltering Grace Sponsor ~ 9:00AM*

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Our Lady of Lourdes  
Life Issues Committee



*Notes*

January 2018

One of America's favorite holiday movies tells the story of a thwarted attempt at suicide. On Christmas Eve, a drunk and despairing George Bailey is about to throw himself off a bridge when an angel visits him to show him how valuable his life has been to other people and how much they would suffer without him. Only then does he realize, as the classic film's title states, "It's a Wonderful Life."

### HONORING A DEADLY CHOICE

Sadly, many other Americans do not get that message in time. A recent study in *JAMA Psychiatry* notes that the suicide rate in the U.S. has been steadily rising during the past two decades. In 2015, more than 44,000 American adults took their own lives. The rate has risen from 10.4 per 100,000 people in 2000 to 13.26 per 100,000 people today, and attempted suicide is on the rise, especially among young people with limited education and/or income and a history of mental illness or substance abuse.

Unfortunately, Western society has been sending mixed signals to people inclined to end their own lives. The euthanasia movement which began in Europe has spread to Canada and to our own country. Six states and the District of Columbia now allow terminally ill patients to request assisted suicide, and a push is underway to expand eligibility to those whose maladies are not terminal or even physical. Recently in both the UK and Canada, physicians have declined life-saving treatment for patients brought to the hospital after attempting suicide in order to honor their deadly "choice."

### "GOD IS GOING TO BRING GREATNESS TO MY LIFE"

On his visit to Colombia this past fall, Pope Francis met with a woman who was planning to end her life. Seventeen years earlier, middle-aged Consuela Cordoba had been horribly disfigured in an acid attack by her boyfriend. After 87 operations to save her face, she was diagnosed with a brain infection and decided to die by lethal injection. But when she asked the pope for permission, he refused, convincing her that she was both brave and beautiful. As she told her doctor, "God is going to bring greatness to my life."

Of course, neither an angel nor the pope can be on hand for every person who considers suicide. But friends often are, and so are trained counselors available 24/7 through the National Suicide Prevention Hotline. Like the pope, each of us can be an angel to a person who may have lost hope for a wonderful life.

If you or someone you know is in emotional distress or **suicidal crisis**,  
CALL

**1-800-273-TALK (8255)**

National Suicide Prevention Hotline