NEWS AT LOURDES

LOURDES BOOKSTORE is seeking an interim coordinator. If you are interested please contact: Lisa Berkley (bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org) or call the Church Office (404-522-6776) for more information.

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 can volunteer or know of anyone who would be willing to help us out (maybe a college student), please call the Church Office 404-522-6776.

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.

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.

SAVE THE DATE: The Social Action Committee will be showing a documentary called 'Released' in the Parish hall after 5PM Mass on Saturday, January 20, with a half hour panel discussion afterwards. All are welcome!

JANUARY IS GLAUCOMA AWARENESS MONTH: More than 2 million Americans age 40 and older suffer from glaucoma. Nearly half do not know they have the disease—it causes no early symptoms. If you notice any signs of potential eye problems, see an eye doctor for a complete eye exam. Even if you have no signs, regular eye exams are recommended—especially for those with some chronic health conditions such as diabetes and high blood pressure. Early detection and treatment can be the key to preventing sight loss.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

POPE FRANCIS INTENTIONS FOR JANUARY: Religious Minorities in Asia. That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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!

POST ABORTION HEALING RETREAT Has Abortion affected your life? Have you lost a child, grandchild, or sibling through abortion? Is there a deep sense of loss in your life because of abortion? There is no grief like that of unspoken grief. You are not alone. Post Abortion Treatment and Healing (PATH) is here to help. PATH will be facilitating a Rachel's Vineyard Weekend retreat, February 16-18, 2018. This weekend retreat helps women and men who are struggling with the grief of abortion find peace and inner healing. Start your New Year in a New Light. For more information call Jody at 404-717-5557 or visit www.healingafterabortion.org

> 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

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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JANUARY 07, 2018

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

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

Next Sunday's Readings 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19; 1Corinthians 6:13-15a, 17-20 Gospel: John 1:35-42

Mass Intention: 8AM For the repose of the soul of Rose Marie Princ

Lourdes Stewardship

Church Support (12/24/17):	\$30,313
Church Support (12/31/17):	\$40,116
Weekly Church Budget:	\$26,197

Consider setting up on-line giving today! Visit: www.lourdesatlanta.org to give.

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

Lourdes Share:	\$106,000
Amount Paid to Date:	\$108,619
Total Pledged & Received	\$163,619
Outstanding Pledges:	\$55,000

Thoughts on Stewardship

How am I reaching out to invite others to recognize their gifts? What opportunities do I provide for them to employ those gifts for the good of the com-I munity?

Frank Howard,

Jack Jenkins,

James Jordan,

Linda Jordan,

Ken Krautter,

Janet Lawrence,

Thomas Lewis,

Ada Lipscomb,

James McEwan,

Phillip Musey,

Peggy Neeson,

Julia Petillo,

Darlene Perkins,

Lynette Porter,

James McMullen,

Ronald Jean-Louis,

Blanche Johnson,

Rosario Josephine,

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,

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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HAPPY NEW YEAR !! ~ From the Lourdes Staff.

CHURCH OFFICE will be closing at 1PM on Monday, January 8, 2018. Additionally, all scheduled Monday evening meetings will be postponed. Please check with your ministry leaders for rescheduled meeting dates and time.

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to all parishioners who paid their Archbishop Annual Appeal pledge balance. Thanks to your generous support, Lourdes was able to exceed our goal of \$106,00 and will receive a REBATE!

IT'S TAX TIME!! 2017 Tax Contribution Letters will be sent out on January 31, 2018. If you have made any changes in your name, mailing address, email address or phone number, please email any/all updated information to Lisa Berkley (bookkeeper@lourdesatlanta.org) by Friday, January 12. If you prefer to have your statement email to you, please indicate this in your email.

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 <u>Tuesday, January 9 at 7PM</u> 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.

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

USHER TRAINING: There is a mandatory usher training on Saturday, January 20 from 9AM - 12PM, breakfast to be served from 8:30AM . All ushers and anyone interested in being an usher are asked to attend. Please **RSVP** to Chris Davis (chrdavis4@yahoo.com), by Wednesday, January 17, 2018.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN: The first Confirmation class will be Sunday, January 21, from 9:30AM - 10:30AM in the Teen Room, 3rd floor of the parish hall.

LOURDES BIRTHDAYS

January 12 Elan Serrant Ethan Serrant Isa Andino James Nguyen Jason Hawkins Jean Harvey Johnson John Headen, Jr. Langston Berry Linda Dolphin

Hollis Schardt Jallure Harrell

Max Mobley Sydney Sims William Buckmaster January 13

Brett Brock Dallas Smith Debra Tyler Gabriella Giordani

James Morton III Lynwood Sigmon III

Heather James

Jordan Morgan

Anjali Jean-Pierre

Sara Woodruff

Steve Alexander

Amy Zehfuss Loegel

Kia Curley

January 10

January 11

Jennifer Bergantino

January 07

Asa Fludd

James Carmichael

Krystal Williams

Matthew Cotton

Norma Guppy

Raphael Buckle

Roland Blanding IV

Robin Henry

January 08

Amanda Kary

Kavla Brown

January 09

Chantell Brown

Melonie Alexander

Jennifer Lockwood Katrice Price Michael Roach Robert Rodriguez



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