

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

MARCH 2018						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>4 Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Nursery 9:30A <i>Teen Ministry Lock-In Ends 9:30A</i> Women's Council 10A Sunday School 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Simon's Call 12P Dancers Open rehearsal 2:30P</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Ultreya 7P</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Stephen Minister Training 6P</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p> <p>Finance Council 6:30P</p> <p>Lector Prep 7P</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p> <p><i>Bible Study 7:00P</i></p> <p>Starbucks</p> <p>650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>9</p> <p>"Lenten Fish Fry 6P"</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 7P <i>(Simon's Call)</i></p>	<p>3 Feast of St. Katharine Drexel AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Men's Ministry Meeting 10A Lector Prep 10:30A AGLD 1P <i>Teen Ministry Lock-In 4:15P</i> Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>11 <i>Daylight Savings Time Begin</i> RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Social Action 11:30A Discussion 10:30A KPCLA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters Meeting 12P Jr. Knights Meeting 12P</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Stephen Minister Training 6P</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p> <p>Baptismal Prep 7P</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p> <p><i>Bible Study 7:00P</i></p> <p>Starbucks</p> <p>650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>16</p> <p>"Lenten Fish Fry 6P"</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 7P <i>(Stephen Ministry)</i> <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i></p>	<p>17 St. Patrick's Day AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>18 GA Public Marathon KPC Jr Spaghetti Fundraiser RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A <i>Confirmation Class 9:30A</i> Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Haiti Ministry Meeting 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12N</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>20 <i>1st Day of Spring</i> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Stephen Minister Training 6P</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p> <p><i>Bible Study 7:00P</i></p> <p>Starbucks</p> <p>650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Choir Rehearsal 7:00P</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:00P</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>23</p> <p>"Lenten Fish Fry 6P"</p> <p>Stations of the Cross 7P <i>(Men's Ministry)</i></p>	<p>24</p> <p>AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A Eradism 11A AGLD 1P Lenten Reconciliation 2P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Belgents The Night of Praise 7:30P</p>
<p>25 <i>Palin Sunday</i> Belgents RCIA 9A Youth Choir rehearsal 9A <i>Confirmation Class 9:30A</i> Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Dancers rehearsal 1P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Stephen Ministry 6:30P</p> <p>Zumba Class 7:15P</p> <p>Taizé Prayer Group 8P</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p> <p>Stephen Minister Training 6P</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Zumba Class 6:15P</p> <p><i>Bible Study 7:00P</i></p> <p>Starbucks</p> <p>650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308</p> <p>AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>29 <i>Holy Thursday</i> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A</p>	<p>30 <i>Good Friday</i> Church Office Closed</p> <p>Good Friday Service 7P</p>	<p>31 <i>Holy Saturday</i> AG Youth Dance Class 9:30A AGLD 1P</p> <p>Easter Vigil 8:30P</p>

Save the Date

Holy Thursday, March 29 ~ Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper ~ 7P

Good Friday, March 30 ~ The Passion of the Lord ~ 7P

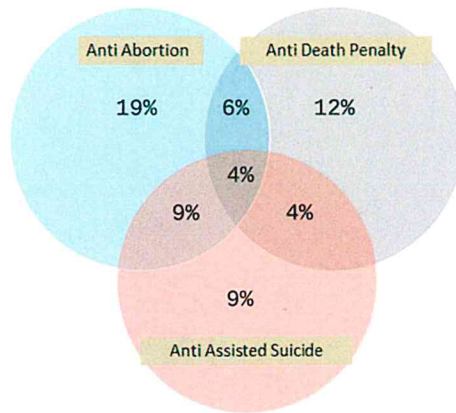
Holy Saturday, March 31 ~ Easter Vigil ~ 8:30P

Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Sunday Masses ~ Symphony Hall/ Woodruff Arts Center ~ 8:30A & 11:30A Masses

April 23-25 ~ Parish Retreat with Sister Patricia Bruno, OP and Father Jude Siciliano, OP,



Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee



March 2018

In January, many Catholics joined other people of faith in the national March for Life and in state gatherings to mark the *Roe v. Wade* decision legalizing abortion. Surprisingly, however, Arkansas Bishop Anthony B. Taylor declined to participate in Little Rock's march, which Catholics had long supported. The sponsoring organization, said Taylor, had chosen a politician who was "decidedly not an appropriate pro-life speaker" to keynote the event--the state Attorney General "who this last year worked tirelessly to secure the execution of four criminals who posed no further threat to society."

"As you know," Bishop Taylor explained, "the Church teaches a consistent ethic of life in which human life and human dignity must be protected from the first moment of conception to natural death and every stage in between. This means, among other things, that all lives have inherent God-given dignity." Abortion opponents, he said, ought to oppose capital punishment as well.

MOST CONSISTENT: BLACK PROTESTANTS

Last fall, however, *Religion News* reported that only a diminishing minority of Americans support the bishop's view. Using data from the University of Chicago's annual General Social Survey, researcher Ryan Burge looked for overlap among participants expressing opposition to (a) unrestricted abortion, (b) capital punishment for murderers, and (c) assisted suicide for the terminally ill. As Burge's diagram above illustrates, 38% of respondents opposed abortion, but only 10% opposed both abortion and capital punishment, and just 4% opposed all three. Hence, Burge concluded, just 4% of Americans are consistently pro-life, a number that has fallen from 10% in the late 1970s.

"Rather than see the inherent worth of everyone," concluded Burge, Americans typically "see only some as worth society's protection and support." While Catholics were slightly more likely than members of other faith traditions to see things differently, Burge found that the respondents most consistent in their respect for life were African American Protestants.

"ALL LIFE IS TO BE WELCOMED, LOVED AND HELPED"

At the outset of 2018, Pope Francis called on Catholics to reflect on the meaning of the birth of Christ. God becoming human in the baby Jesus, the pope said, is an affirmation that human life "is precious and sacred to the Lord," so "to serve human life is to serve God." He added, "All life, from life in the mother's womb to that of the elderly, the suffering and the sick, and to that of the troublesome and even repellent, is to be welcomed, loved and helped." It is a good message all of us should take to heart this Lenten season.

Want to support a consistent life ethic? The Life Issues Committee meets monthly by conference call. Check us out by sending an email to lourdesforlife@gmail.com.



Lenten Action for Dreamers: Congressional Call-In Campaign

Please participate in the Call-in Day to Congress on **Monday, February 26, 2018!** Your advocacy is critical to help the nearly 1.8 million Dreamers, young people who were brought into the United States by their parents as children. They may face deportation as soon as March 6, unless Congress reaches a bi-partisan deal to protect them. Please follow these easy steps to help:

1. Please call 855-589-5698 to reach the Capitol switchboard, and **press 1 to connect to your Senators**. Once you are connected to each Senator's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver this simple message**:

"I urge you to support a bipartisan, common-sense, and humane solution for Dreamers:

- *Protect Dreamers from deportation and provide them with a path to citizenship.*
- *Reject proposals that undermine family immigration or protections for unaccompanied children.*
- *As a Catholic, I know that families are not "chains," but a blessing to be protected.*
- *Act now to protect Dreamers, our immigrant brothers and sisters."*

2. Please call 855-589-5698 a second time to reach the Capitol switchboard again, and **press 2 to connect to your Representative**. Once you are connected to the Representative's office, please ask the person on the phone to **deliver the same message as above**.

After completing your call, please go to <http://www.justiceforimmigrants.org> to learn more about Dreamers and find other ways to voice your support.



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Talking Points for Introduction of National Call-In Day for Dreamers

- There is a **pressing issue** before our country today: the future of a very important group of young immigrants called the “Dreamers”.
- Dreamers are the 1.8 million young people who were brought to the United States as children by their parents **through no fault of their own**. They often know America as their only home.
- Dreamers are **woven into the fabric of our country** and of our Church, and are, by every social and human measure, American. They are contributors to our economy, veterans of our military, academic standouts in our universities, and leaders in our parishes.
- They live out their daily lives with hope and a determination to flourish and contribute to society. They should not have to live their lives in **constant fear of deportation**, which brings with it separation from their families and real dangers of violence and poverty in their countries of birth.
- It is both our moral duty and in our nation’s best interest to protect Dreamers and allow them to reach their God-given potential. Some enjoy limited legal protection now, but those protections will begin to **expire on March 5**.
- Congress is deadlocked over this important issue, and so I urge you to take a few moments on this coming **Monday, February 26**, to join with Catholics across the country in calling their Senators and Representatives to urge them to give Dreamers protection and a path to citizenship.
- To make this easier, you will find **an insert in your bulletin** with all the information you’ll need, including the toll-free number to call to reach Congress, and a message you can share with your legislators.
- Thank you for taking action on behalf of our immigrant brothers and sisters, who are among **the vulnerable in our society**.