

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

## JUNE 2018 ~ Happy Father's Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3 Corpus Christi</b> Women's Council 10A Social Action 11:30A Simon's Call 12P SYDP Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	<b>4</b> Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>5</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P <b>Baptismal Prep 7P</b> <b>Lector Prep 7P</b>	<b>6</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <b>Starbucks</b> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta, GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>7</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>1</b> <i>Eucharistic Congress</i> <i>Mass 6:30P</i> <i>Georgia International Convention Center, College Park</i> YAAG Meet & Greet 7P	<b>2</b> <i>Eucharistic Congress Mass 8:30A</i> Lourdes Walking Club 9A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>10 Graduation Weekend</b> Farmer's Market SYDP Meeting 12P KPC/KPCL/A Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Open Rehearsal 2:30P	<b>11</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30PM <i>Pastoral Council 6:30PM</i> Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>12</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>13</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <b>Starbucks</b> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>14</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>15</b> YAAG Meet & Greet 7P  <i>Men's Ministry</i> <i>Movie Night for Edgewood 7:30P</i>	<b>16</b> Lourdes Walking Club 9A AG Youth Dance Class 10A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist
<b>17 Father's Day</b> <i>Breakfast served after all services in the cafeteria</i> SYDP Meeting 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	<b>18</b> Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>19</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>20</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <b>Starbucks</b> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>21</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>22</b>	<b>23 T-Shirt Saturday</b> AG Youth Dance Class 10A Eracism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist <b>Bookstore &amp; Beignets</b>
<b>24 Nativity of John the Baptist</b> <b>T-Shirt Sunday</b> <b>Bookstore &amp; Beignets</b> Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (conference Call)	<b>25</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30PM Zumba Class 7:15P <i>Taize Prayer 8PM</i>	<b>26</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	<b>27</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> <b>Starbucks</b> 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>28</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (Last Day ~ Summer Break) Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist

*Save the Date*

*Friday, June 1 & Saturday June 2 ~ Eucharistic Congress ~ Georgia International Convention Center, College Park*

*Sunday, June 9 ~ Men's Day of Reflection ~ 8:30A at Lyke House The Catholic Student Center*

*Saturday, June 9 & Sunday June 10 ~ Graduation Weekend ~ All Masses*

*Sunday, June 10 ~ Health Promotions Ministry Farmer's Market ~ After 8A, 10A & 12P Masses*

*Sunday, June 17 ~ Father's Day ~ Breakfast served after all the Masses*

*T-Shirt weekend ~ June 23/24*

*Life*



*Notes*

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Life Issues Committee

June 2018

In recent months, *USA Today* highlighted two related and alarming trends. In March the paper reported that the rate of teen suicide in America is soaring. "The suicide rate for white children and teens between 10 and 17 was up 70% between 2006 and 2016," according to CDC data. "Although black children and teens kill themselves less often than white youth do," added the report, "the rate of increase was higher – 77%."

Then in May, *USA Today* headlined a study sponsored by international health provider Cigna: "Young Americans are the loneliest, surprising study from Cigna shows." While only adults were surveyed, researchers were amazed that the youngest (ages 18-22) were most likely to report social isolation, a lack of meaningful relationships, and a feeling that no one understands them. Though the study's findings "don't draw any direct links to increased rates of suicide among teens," says Cigna's CEO, "it's clear addressing loneliness will help solve other problems."

#### **MORE SOCIAL MEDIA, FEWER HUMAN RELATIONSHIPS**

But don't young people today connect with others through social media? The Cigna study found that respondents who most often use social media were as likely to be lonely as those who rarely go online. "I have students who tell me they have 500 'friends,' but when they're in need, there's no one," commented one expert, adding that too much online socializing "often leads people to spend time alone on computers in their homes, leading them to gain weight and shun face-to-face interaction."

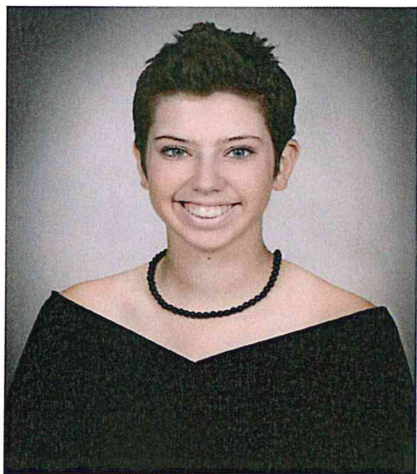
Even when troubled teens express suicidal feelings online, others find it hard to respond appropriately. One Baltimore girl reportedly posted, "Alright, so I will literally pay anyone to shoot me in the head. Who wants a go at it? Please" – yet she closed with a smiley face emoji. Online readers might write off such a comment as macabre humor.

#### **REINFORCING FAMILY (AND CHURCH FAMILY) TIES**

Though Pope Francis praises social media as a "gift from God," he critiques "the radical loneliness" that replaces human interaction with accumulating online followers. Personal involvement with our own families, the pope insists, "rescues us from indifference and loneliness and teaches us the essentials of life" – adding that "as the family of God, the Church has the same role and must evaluate how to live this out." Noting that suicide was rare among African American youth in the past, *theGrio* commentator George M. Johnson confirms the pope's point: "We traditionally had much lower rates due to stronger community ties often linked to the Black church." Amidst today's troubling trends, that is a link which clearly needs to be reinforced.

Read the Cigna report at <https://www.cigna.com/newsroom/news-releases/2018/new-cigna-study-reveals-loneliness-at-epidemic-levels-in-america>

Congratulations to these **two** students from Our Lady of Lourdes who graduated from Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School. The senior class received more than **\$15 million dollars** in college scholarships, not including HOPE.



**Eden Rorabaugh**



**Alayna White**

### ***Have you considered Catholic high school for your child?***

Once again the Archdiocese of Atlanta is offering **WELCOME GRANTS** to Catholic students who have not yet applied to Our Lady of Mercy Catholic High School. This grant significantly reduces tuition for the child's first two years at our school. Students may receive this grant plus additional financial aid if qualified.

(in other words, students can receive *at least* a \$4,000 discount)

Mercy is the recipient of 5 grants and they are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Applications will be accepted starting June 1st at **[www.welcomegrantsatl.com](http://www.welcomegrantsatl.com)**.

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