

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

DECEMBER 2018 ~ MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3rd Sunday of Advent Simon's Call Collection KPCLA Bake & Craft Sale Women's Council 10A S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Social Action & Simon's Call 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>3 Ultreya 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>4 Election Run-Off Day Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P</p>	<p>5 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>6 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>		<p>1 World AIDS Day Yoga by Chandra 8:30A Lector Prep 10:30A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Kaploke/Senon Wedding 2P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>9th Sunday of Advent Lourdes Lunch Collection St. Pius X Visit 9A Live Stream 10A Mass S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A KPCLA Meeting 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>10 Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>11 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>12 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>13 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Advent Penance Service 2P <i>@ St. Anthony of Padua</i> ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Belgeets</p>
<p>16 3rd Sunday of Advent Belgeets St. John the Evangelist Visit 9A Lourdes Lunch Collection Sunday School 10:30A Teen Ministry 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Haiti Ministry 11:30A Health Promotions 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>17 Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>18 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>19 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>20 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>21 OFFICE CLOSED</p>	<p>22 Yoga by Chandra 8:30A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>23 4th Sunday of Advent Live Stream 10A Mass Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P O.L.I. Alumni 2P Life Issues 7P (Conference Call)</p>	<p>24 Christmas Eve <i>4PM ~ Family Mass</i> <i>7PM ~ Children's Mass</i> <i>Midnight Mass @ Ebenezer Sanctuary</i> Music Program at 11:30PM</p>	<p>25 Christmas Day <i>10AM Eucharist</i></p>	<p>26 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>27 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>28 Church Office Closed</p>	<p>29 Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>30 The Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary & Joseph</p>	<p>31 New Year's Eve Church Office Closed <i>Watchnight Mass 11:30P</i></p>					

Christmas Mass Schedule

Saturday, December 15~ Advent Penance Service ~ 2P ~ St. Anthony's Catholic Church
Monday, December 24~ Family Mass ~ 4P & Children's Mass ~ 7P
Tuesday, December 24, Midnight Mass ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary (Music Program at 11:30P)
Tuesday, December 25 ~ Christmas Day Mass ~ 10A
Monday, December 31~ Watchnight Mass ~ 11:30P
Tuesday, January 1, 2019 ~ New Year's Day ~ No Masses here at Lourdes
Church Office Re-opens ~ Thursday, January 3, 2019 ~ 9A

Life



Notes

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee

December 2018

2018 has not been a banner year for Catholic clergy in the United States. Reports of abuse and cover-up have tarnished the reputations of our priests and bishops as a whole, not only wrongdoers but those who have been faithful in their service. Restoring trust in our ordained ministers is likely to be a lengthy process.

But one group within our clergy had good reason to celebrate this year. A gathering in New Orleans in July marked the 50th anniversary of the restoration of the permanent diaconate in America. Though the number of our priests declined during that period, ordinations of deacons—mostly older, married men—steadily increased to over 18,000, including 235 currently active in the Atlanta archdiocese, three of them here at Lourdes. As Archbishop Gregory Aymond said in July, these men are charged with serving as the “conscience” of Catholicism, especially in service to the poor or marginalized.

SERVING LIFE AND JUSTICE

The guidelines for America’s Catholic deacons highlight the deacon’s call to practice “the social dimension of the Gospel, its concern for human life, for justice in the marketplace, and for peace in the world.” How this should be done, the guidelines say, depends on the role each individual deacon plays in “the family, neighborhood, and workplace.”

The ministry of Scott Ross in Manassas VA illustrates the commitment of many of our deacons. Ross is a family physician whose application for the diaconate was originally rejected. But with his wife’s encouragement, he persisted, and after his 2014 ordination he helped transform a former abortion clinic into a free medical facility for the city’s poor.

“The diaconate allows me to help people with spiritual issues,” Ross told the *Arlington Catholic Herald*. “My medical profession helps me to help people with their physical needs and issues. I think here at the Mother of Mercy Free Medical Clinic, they’re really brought together in service.”

AN EVOLVING MINISTRY

In 2016, Pope Francis set up a commission to examine the possibility of opening the diaconate to women as well as men. The ongoing study focuses on the role female deacons played in the New Testament and early Christian history.

Even now, though, the diaconate of service is not restricted to those who are ordained. Instead, as the guidelines for deacons state, each deacon’s ministry is expected to “shape the vitality and genuineness of the exercise of the corporal and spiritual works of charity in the life of the believing community.” Not just the individual deacon but the Catholic Church as a whole should be a “servant people sent into a needy world.”

For information about the permanent diaconate in the Atlanta archdiocese, visit the formation website at <http://www.atlantadiaconateformation.com/>