

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

**FEBRUARY 2019 ~ BLACK HISTORY MONTH**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>3</b> Confirmation Class 9:15A Women's Council 10A S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	<b>4</b> Pastoral Council 6:30P Stephen Ministry 6:30P Ultreya 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>5</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy Course 6:30P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P	<b>6</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 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>8</b>	<b>9</b> Pastoral Care Team 10A Eracism 11A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Social Action - "How do I get involved" 6:30P
<b>10</b> Live Stream 10A Mass S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KFC/LA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters/Jr. Knights Meeting 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	<b>11</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>12</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy Course 6:30P	<b>13</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>14 St. Valentine's Day</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Health Promotions - 'Dementia Workshop' 10A AG Youth Dance Class 12P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets
<b>17</b> Beignets No Sunday School 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Haiti Ministry 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	<b>18</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P	<b>19</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy Course 6:30P	<b>20</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 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</b> Eracism 11A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Italian Experience Fundraiser 6:30P
<b>24</b> Live Stream 10A Mass Italian Experience Fundraiser 9A Confirmation Class 9:15A S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (Conference Call)	<b>25</b> Zumba Class 7:15P Taizé Prayer 8P	<b>26</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy Course 6:30P	<b>27</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> Starbucks 650 Ponce De Leon Ave Atlanta GA. 30308 AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	<b>28</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P		

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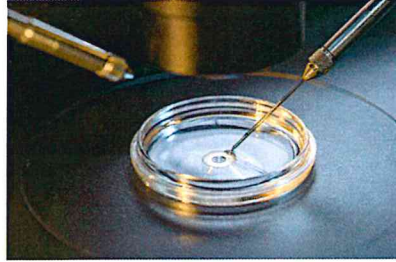
*Saturday, February 9 ~ Social Action Meeting "How do I get involved" ~ 6:30P*

*Saturday, February 16 ~ Dementia ~ Friendly Workshop ~ 10A*

*Saturday, February 23/Sunday, February 24 ~ Jr. Knights & Jr. Daughters Italian Experience Fundraiser ~ After All Masses*

*Life*

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Life Issues Committee



*Notes*

February 2019

As 2018 drew to a close, a Chinese researcher named He Jiankui announced a breakthrough he hoped would be celebrated. Dr. He said that before implanting two human embryos created in his lab, he had used a new genome editing tool to alter them so that the twin girls would be born with a resistance to HIV infections. The experiment, Dr. He claimed, succeeded with no adverse effects on other genes.

But other genetic researchers were appalled, branding the project “scary” and Dr. He’s actions “completely insane.” As the *New York Times* reported, some critics warned that such gene editing might inadvertently alter other genes in unpredictable ways, while others foresaw “a slippery slope to a future in which babies are genetically engineered for traits — like athletic or intellectual prowess — that have nothing to do with preventing devastating medical conditions.”

#### AN UNREGULATED INDUSTRY

Unlike China, the United States bans the genetic modification of human embryos. But America’s \$5.8 billion fertility industry is otherwise largely unregulated and currently offers “designer baby” services outlawed elsewhere. Through a process called preimplantation genetic diagnosis, or PGD, the *Washington Post* reports, embryos created at American fertility clinics can be screened for characteristics clients find desirable. Prospective parents today may call not only for a specific sex but for particular hair and eye colors, skin tones, and even height. Embryos which do not meet client specifications are routinely discarded rather than implanted in the womb.

#### CHILDREN OF GOD

This widespread destruction of embryonic human life is among the reasons Catholic teaching opposes *in vitro* fertilization (IVF). Our bishops explain that when “new life is not engendered through an act of love between husband and wife, but by a laboratory procedure performed by doctors or technicians,” children are treated “in their very coming into being, as less than human beings.”

Since the world’s first “test tube baby” in 1978, over 8 million children have been born as a result of IVF. Catholics recognize that most couples have not resorted to IVF to tailor-make babies but “because the man and woman involved are usually married and trying to overcome a ‘medical’ problem (infertility) in their marriage.” So our bishops caution us: “Children conceived through this procedure are children of God and are loved by their parents, as they should be. Like all children, regardless of the circumstances of their conception and birth, they should be loved, cherished and cared for.”

Read the US bishops’ document *Begotten Not Made: A Catholic View of Reproductive Technology* at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/reproductive-technology/begotten-not-made-a-catholic-view-of-reproductive-technology.cfm>



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LIVING WITH  
ALZHEIMER'S  
DEMENTIA  
IN THE U.S.



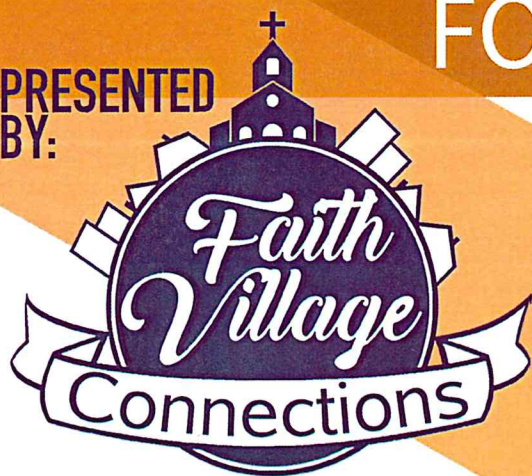
6<sup>th</sup> LEADING  
CAUSE OF DEATH FOR  
AFRICAN AMERICANS  
>65

Georgians  
with  
Dementia  
**140,000**

# DEMENTIA-FRIENDLY WORKSHOP

## FOR CHURCH LEADERS

PRESENTED  
BY:



1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

**\*LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED\***

**FREE MEMORY SCREENINGS OFFERED**

**WHO: OPEN TO ALL**  
(i.e., Lay leaders, Servant leaders  
Auxiliary leaders, Ministers)

**WHEN: FEBRUARY 16th**  
**10 am – 2 pm**

**WHERE: OUR LADY OF LOURDES**  
**CATHOLIC CHURCH – KATHARINE DREXEL HALL**  
**25 Boulevard NE, Atlanta, GA 30312**

FOR QUESTIONS  
CALL

**404-549-4504**

**COLLABORATIVE PARTNERS:**



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Our Lady of Lourdes

## Old Ship of Zion Display

February 2019

At Lourdes, we remember our faithful departed in a special way the first weekend of African American History Month.

We're in need of funeral program covers of your loved one(s) who have passed since March of 2018 to add to our display. If your loved one was buried away from Lourdes, we would love to include them in the display as well.

We're requesting if you could provide a soft copy of the funeral program to the attention of Lisa Berkley/Marion Lewis no later than February 1, 2019. It will be copied in Parish Office and returned to you.

Thank you so kindly for your support of this Initiative.

**We are active**

**We are committed**

**We are LOURDES**

Be active. Your time, your talent, your Church.