

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

MARCH 2019

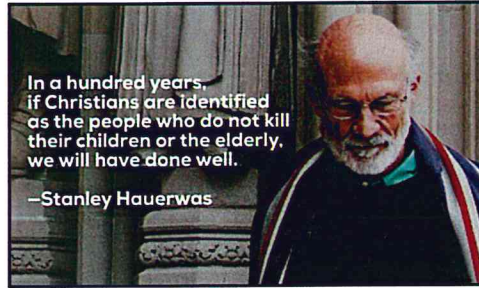
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>3 Feast of St. Katharine Drexel AAA – Commitment Women's Council 10A S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>4 Stephen Ministry 6:30P PRE-LENTEN REVIVAL 7PM Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A PRE-LENTEN REVIVAL 7PM Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>6 ASH WEDNESDAY Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service 7:00P</i> Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary 407 Auburn Ave Atlanta, GA Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p>7 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>8 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" <i>Stations of the Cross 7P</i> <i>(Men's Ministry)</i></p>	<p>9 AAA – Follow-up Pastoral Care Team 10A Eradicism 11A AG Youth Dance Class 12P First Reconciliation 3P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>10 Daylight Saving Begins 1st Sunday of Lent AAA – Follow-up Live Stream 10A Mass Confirmation Class 9:15A S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A KPCLA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters/Knights Meeting 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>11 Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>12 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</p>	<p>13 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P (ON BREAK)</i> AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>14 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P AGLD Rehearsal 7P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>15 Teen Ministry Retreat Weekend "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" <i>Stations of the Cross 7P</i> <i>(Simon's Call)</i></p>	<p>16 Teen Ministry Retreat Weekend AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>17 St. Patrick's Day Parenting Ministry Raffle Sale 2nd Sunday of Lent Teen Ministry Retreat Weekend S. School 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Haiti Ministry 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p>18 Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy Course 6:30P</p>	<p>20 1st Day of Spring Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P (ON BREAK)</i> AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>21 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>22 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" <i>Stations of the Cross 7P</i> <i>(Teen Ministry & Journey of Faith/RCIA)</i></p>	<p>23 Eradicism 11A AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Belgenets</p>
<p>24 Live Stream 10A Mass 3rd Sunday of Lent Belgenets 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)</p>	<p>25 Zumba Class 7:15P Taizé Prayer 8P</p>	<p>26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Stephen Minister Training 6P Zumba Class 6:15P Dave Ramsey Financial Literacy Course 6:30P</p>	<p>27 Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P (ON BREAK)</i> AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p>28 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p>29 "Lenten Fish Fry 6P" <i>Stations of the Cross 7P</i> <i>(Stephen Ministry)</i></p>	<p>30 AG Youth Dance Class 12P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist</p>
<p>31 4th Sunday of Lent Girl Scout Cookies Fundraiser S. School & Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P</p>						

Save the Date

Monday, March 4 and Tuesday, March 5 ~ Lenten Revival ~ 7P
Wednesday, March 6 ~ Ash Wednesday Ecumenical Service ~ Ebenezer Horizon Sanctuary 7P

Life

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee



Notes

March 2019

In January, New York state political leaders celebrated the passage of the Reproductive Health Act, a law which, in the words of Cardinal Timothy Dolan, “allows for an abortion right up to the moment of birth; drops all charges against an abortionist who allows an aborted baby, who somehow survives the scissors, scalpel, saline and dismemberment, to die before his eyes; mandates that, to make an abortion more convenient and easy, a physician need not perform it; and might even be used to suppress the conscience rights of health care professionals not to assist in the grisly procedures.”

Sadly, both Vermont and New Mexico promised to follow suit, and a similar proposal in Virginia was drawing support until its legislative sponsor admitted publicly that it would permit the termination of a full-term baby whose mother had already begun labor. The state’s governor added what sounded like an outright endorsement of infanticide.

CROSSING THE THRESHOLD OF RESPECT FOR LIFE

These disturbing developments are occurring at a time when the actual practice of abortion is declining in the United States. In fact, recent data from Planned Parenthood’s Guttmacher Institute indicate our abortion rate is currently lower than it was in 1973, the year the *Roe v. Wade* decision made it legal. Not only that, but an increasing percentage of unplanned pregnancies are now carried to term.

Nonetheless, as Pope Francis wrote recently, Catholics realize that “the threshold of basic respect for human life is being crossed, and brutally at that, not only by instances of individual conduct but also by the effects of societal choices and structures,” including campaigns to normalize abortion as well as euthanasia of the sick and elderly, “grave evils that contradict the Spirit of life and plunge us into the anti-culture of death.”

A THERMOSTAT, NOT A THERMOMETER

In his “Letter from Birmingham Jail,” Martin Luther King pointed out that the early Christians were able to end the practice of infanticide in the ancient world because “the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the ideas and principles of popular opinion; it was the thermostat that transformed the mores of society.”

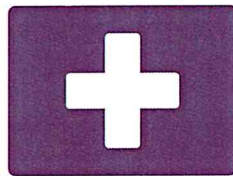
Dr. King’s words are echoed by Duke University’s Stanley Hauerwas—dubbed America’s Best Theologian by *Time* magazine. Christians, he reminds us, “are witnesses to a Christ who is known only through witnesses,” and today especially, our highest form of witness is to be “identified as people who do not kill their children or the elderly” even as we see so many distressing signs that “that’s clearly coming.”

Cardinal Dolan discusses New York’s abortion law at <https://www.bridgeportdiocese.org/cardinal-dolan-responds-to-new-york-abortion-expansion-law>

HELP NEEDED

LENTEN HYGIENE KITS

Our Lady of Lourdes Teen Ministry is creating hygiene kits for those in need for their Lenten Service Project.



The following **travel size** products are needed:

- Comb/Brush
- Deodorant
- Disposable Wipes
- Disposable Razors
- Feminine Hygiene Products
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lotion
- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Shaving Cream/Gel
- Soap
- Sunscreen
- Tissues
- Toothbrush/Toothpaste



**Donations are being collected
each Sunday, from March 3-31, 2019.**



For more information, please contact Samantha Smith,
Teen Ministry Coordinator, at lourdesteens1912@gmail.com

DEAN'S LECTURE

IS *God's Charity* BROAD ENOUGH FOR BEARS?



Sister Elizabeth A. Johnson

Prof. Emerita at Fordham University
and Author of *She Who Is*

Wednesday, March 27

11:00 a.m. • RARB 252

Lunch provided for those
who register by March 20

Register by March 20 at <https://bit.ly/johnson327>

Noted feminist theologian **Elizabeth A. Johnson, C.S.J.**, will take up a question first posed by 19th-century naturalist John Muir, moving it into the 21st century as she explores human relationship to the natural world within the context of the ecological crisis our planet now faces. Drawing from evolutionary science and Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si'*, Johnson presents the challenge of loving Earth and its species as an intrinsic part of faith in God, and of acting for ecojustice as essential to Christian spirituality.



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