

*Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar*

## MAY 2019 ~ Happy Mother's Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>5</b> <i>Last day of Sunday School</i> Confirmation Class 9:15A Women's Council 10A S. School &amp; Teen Min 10:30A Parenting Ministry 10:30A RCIA 11:30A Social Action 11:30A Expansion Update 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Expansion Update 1:30P</p>	<p><b>6</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30P <i>Finance Council 6:30PM</i> <b>Ultreya 7P</b> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>7</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P Baptismal Prep 7P</p>	<p><b>8</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> (ON BREAK) AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p><b>9</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>11</b> Pastoral Care Team 10A AG Youth Dance Class 11A Eratism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Expansion Update 6P</p>
<p><b>12</b> <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>Breakfast served after the services</i> Live Stream 10A Mass Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P</p>	<p><b>13</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30P <i>Pastoral Council 6:30PM</i> Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>14</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P Confirmation Mass 7P</p>	<p><b>15</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> (ON BREAK) AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p><b>16</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>17</b></p>	<p><b>18</b> AG Youth Dance Class 11A AGLD 1P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Farmer's Market 6:30P</p>
<p><b>19</b> <i>Farmer's Market</i> RCIA 11:30A Haiti Ministry 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P KpCLA Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters/Knights 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P</p>	<p><b>20</b> Stephen Ministry 6:30P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>21</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>22</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> (ON BREAK) AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p><b>23</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>24</b></p>	<p><b>25</b> <i>T-Shirt Saturday</i> Men's Ministry Meeting 10A AG Youth Dance Class 11A Eratism 11A AGLD 1P Rosary 4:30PM 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets</p>
<p><b>26</b> Live Stream 10A Mass <b>T-Shirt Sunday</b> Beignets Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Life Issues 7P (Conference Call)</p>	<p><b>27</b> <b>Memorial Day</b> <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>28</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P</p>	<p><b>29</b> Zumba Class 6:15P <i>Bible Study 7:00P</i> (ON BREAK) AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P</p>	<p><b>30</b> Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7:00P Zumba Class 7:15P</p>	<p><b>31</b></p>	

*Save the Date*

*Saturday, May 4 ~ First Communion ~ Our Lady of Lourdes ~ 11A*

*Sunday, May 12 ~ Mother's Day ~ Breakfast served after all the services*

*Tuesday, May 14 ~ Confirmation Mass ~ Shrine of the Immaculate Conception ~ 7P*

*Saturday May 18/ Sunday May 19 ~ Farmer's Market ~ After All Masses*

*T-Shirt weekend ~ May 25/26*

*Life*



*Notes*

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Life Issues Committee

May 2019

When Puerto Rican laborer Juan Meléndez-Colón was picked up in Pennsylvania and accused of the murder of a man he had never seen, he assumed he would soon be released. Instead, he was extradited to Florida, put on trial, and in less than a week sentenced to death on the testimony of unreliable witnesses. With limited English and few resources, Meléndez languished in prison for almost 18 years until the fortuitous discovery of the real killer's taped confession finally led to his exoneration.

Today Juan Meléndez serves as an activist for Witness to Innocence, a group of former death row prisoners and their loved ones who seek to end capital punishment by publicizing stories of wrongful convictions. In early April, Meléndez shared his story at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Atlanta, where he emphasized not only the horrors facing inmates awaiting execution but also the redemptive grace which allows humanity to flourish even in such adverse conditions.

#### **"I DON'T WANT TO DIE!"**

According to the Death Penalty Information Center, there have been 165 exonerations of death row inmates since 1973. But as Juan Meléndez pointed out, even those guilty of the crimes for which they are executed have often become very different persons by the time of their death. His fellow inmates on Florida's death row taught him to read, write, and speak English proficiently. As these friends were led off to be executed, Meléndez recoiled at his inability to save the lives of men he had learned to love.

Under such conditions, Meléndez even planned to commit suicide, bribing a trustee to supply him with a rope. But then he had a vivid dream about the freedom and love he had enjoyed as a child frolicking on the beach in Puerto Rico, and he thanked God for that grace as he awoke shouting, "I don't want to die!" Today he is convinced that it was the prayers of his mother, a Catholic deeply devoted to the Virgin of Guadalupe, which brought him through the ordeal.

#### **SIGNS OF HOPE IN GEORGIA**

The death penalty is steadily declining in the United States. For four years now, fewer than 30 executions have taken place, less than a 1/3 the number just 20 years before. In 2018, just 40 people were sentenced to death, compared to 294 twenty years earlier.

But in the 30 states which still impose capital punishment, including Georgia, abolition remains a contentious partisan issue. In March, however, a truly bipartisan group of Georgia legislators, led by a GOP representative from Snellville, introduced an abolition bill they hope to see debated in the next legislative session. As Juan Meléndez says, that is one heavenly dream he still longs to see fulfilled.

For more information on Juan Meléndez and Witness to Innocence, visit the group's website at <https://www.witnesstoinnocence.org/>

*The flowers that decorated our altar for the Easter celebration at Our Lady of Lourdes and Symphony Hall were in memory/honor of the loved ones listed below:*

<i>Gary Fowler</i>	<i>Glenda Washington</i>	<i>Ayls D. James</i>
<i>Richard Frank</i>	<i>Marie Teresa Cadet</i>	<i>Marva English Adams</i>
<i>Georgia Brady</i>	<i>Carmen &amp; Charles Collins</i>	<i>Edward R. McDonnell Sr.</i>
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<i>Roy &amp; Vivian DeMesme</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs Napoleon Patton</i>	<i>Henri J. DeGazon</i>
<i>Dusty Vassey</i>	<i>Mr. Mrs. Otto Taylor</i>	<i>Robert L. DeGazon</i>
<i>Le'Tonda Edwards</i>	<i>Bruce E. Patton</i>	<i>Josephine A. Johns</i>
<i>Greer Handy</i>	<i>Otto Taylor Jr.</i>	<i>James E. Marbury Sr.</i>
<i>Lionel &amp; Carol Frank</i>	<i>Rosebud Truitt</i>	<i>Ronald B. James Sr.</i>
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<i>Ursula &amp; Felice Verre</i>	<i>Darlene Perkins-Ingram</i>	<i>Foster Oates</i>
<i>Christopher &amp; Octavia Lambert</i>	<i>Uranny Forde</i>	<i>Barbara Haley</i>
<i>Clyde &amp; Veronica Alexander</i>	<i>Freda Lipscomb</i>	<i>Oscar Jack</i>
<i>Ava Grace Alexander</i>	<i>Wayne Martin</i>	<i>Bernadette Avist</i>
<i>Barbara Haley</i>	<i>Stephanie Weber</i>	<i>Carolyn Touchette</i>
<i>Jocelyn Jack</i>	<i>Cedric B. Johnson</i>	
<i>Franzette Adrian Coakley</i>	<i>Mispah Coakley</i>	





*Thank you to everyone who generously donated towards our Easter Flowers.*

<i>Susan Combre</i>	<i>Mr. &amp; Mrs. Alexander Isakov</i>	<i>Rita &amp; Joe Engelhardt</i>
<i>Marsha Combre</i>	<i>Denise Tyson</i>	<i>Ron Apollon</i>
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Our Lady of Lourdes Court 300  
is now accepting applications for 2019 Scholarship Award

***Scholarship award of \$1500+ is available!***



Award will be issued to deserving  
graduating high school seniors -or- college freshman  
from Our Lady of Lourdes Parish

***Application Criteria:***

- Be an active member of Our Lady of Lourdes Parish
- Graduating high school student entering into a post-secondary educational institution in the summer or fall of that school year –or- college freshman in such an institution
- Complete scholarship application form
- Letter of acceptance or proof of attendance to a post-secondary educational institution
- Demonstrate church and community service activities.
- Submit a typed essay of 750 words or less on the following topic  
*“How do you cultivate and maintain your Faith in today’s world.”*
- Meet required deadlines

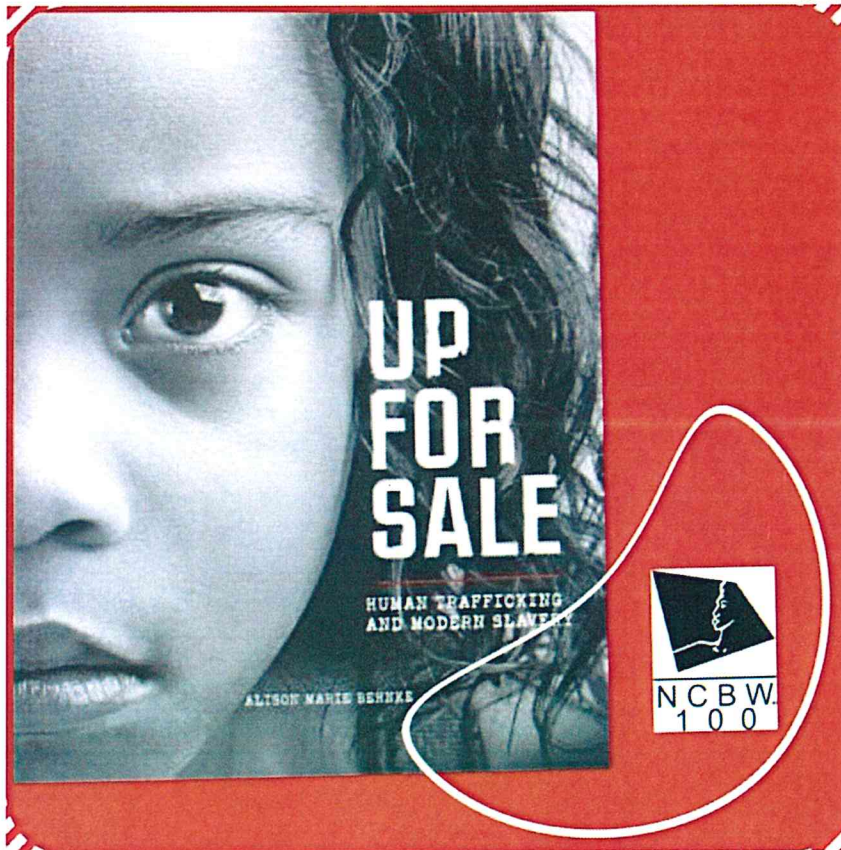
For more information or to obtain a scholarship application:  
Contact Lady Joy Jordan, Scholarship Committee Co-Chairperson,  
at [jam.123.sykes@gmail.com](mailto:jam.123.sykes@gmail.com) or 404-558-1936

**Application Deadline is May 19, 2019**

Scholarship award recipient will be announced at the  
Annual Prayer Breakfast on July 27, 2019.

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ACTIVISTS AND THOUGHT LEADERS AS WE  
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SAT, MAY 4, 2019 10:30AM - 12:30PM

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