

Our Lady of Lourdes Monthly Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 T-Shirt Sunday Women's Council 10A Social Action 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	2 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	3 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK) Zumba Class 6:15P Lector Prep 7P	4 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	5 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A (ON SUMMER BREAK) Choir Auditions 7P	6	7 Lector Prep 10:30A Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
8 Live Stream 10A Mass KPCLA Meeting 12P KPC Meeting 12P Jr. Daughters/ Knights Meeting 1:30P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Open Dancers Rehearsal 2:30P	9 <i>Pastoral Council 6:30P</i> <i>Ultreya 7P</i>	10 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A <i>(Welcome Back)</i> Zumba Class 6:15P Baptismal Prep 7P	11 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	12 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A <i>Finance Council 6:30P</i> Choir Rehearsal 7P	13	14 Choir Retreat 9A Pastoral Care Team 10A Ercicism 11A Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Farmer's Market
15 Farmer's Market Journey of Faith (RCIA) 11:30A Haiti Ministry 11:30A St. Vincent de Paul 12P Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P	16 Stephen Ministry 6:30P	17 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	18 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	19 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7P	20	21 AG Youth Dance Ministry 1:30P ASBS Meeting 3P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist Beignets & Coffee
22 Live Stream 10A Mass Beignets & Coffee Health Ministry Meeting 11:30A Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P Dancers Rehearsal 1:30P Lay Dominicans 2P Life Issues 7P (Conference Call)	23 <i>Tuizé Prayer 8P</i>	24 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Zumba Class 6:15P	25 Zumba Class 6:15P AGLD Rehearsal 7:15P	26 Lourdes Lunch 11:30A Choir Rehearsal 7P	27	28 Children's Fitness Program 9A AG Youth Dance Ministry 1:30P Ercicism 11A Paint & Sip Fundraiser 3P Rosary 4:30P 5:00PM Eucharist
29 Pregnancy Care Fundraiser BUILD Group Presentation 11:30A AIDS WALK 11:45A Youth Choir Rehearsal 1:30P	30					

Save the Date

T-Shirt weekend ~ Sunday, September 1

Adult Choir Auditions ~ Thursday, September 5 ~ 7P

Farmer's Market ~ Saturday, September 14/ Sunday, September 15 ~ After All Masses

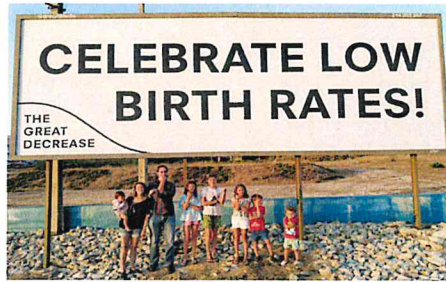
Children's Fitness Program ~ Saturday, September 28 ~ 9A

KPCLA's Sip & Paint Fundraiser ~ Saturday, September 28 ~ 6:30P

AIDS WALK ~ Sunday, September 29 ~ 11:45A at Piedmont Park

Life

Our Lady of Lourdes
Life Issues Committee



Notes

September 2019

At the end of July, the CDC confirmed that the US fertility rate continued its fall to an all-time low in 2018. America's total fertility rate, or average number of children born per woman, now stands at 1.7, well below the population replacement level of 2.1, with birth rates falling most dramatically among younger women. Similar demographic trends are evident in Europe and most developed countries, while higher birth rates today are seen primarily in countries on the African continent.

Joining other celebrities, Britain's Prince Harry recently boasted that concern for the natural environment obligates him to keep his own family small. Speaking for many young adults, University of North Carolina student Ramishah Maruf admitted there are other reasons she is hesitant to have children at all. "They're extremely expensive, for one. America's parental leave and pay policies during it are less than ideal," she told her college paper. "And at the moment," she added, "all I want to think about is my career."

A CRUEL AND HYPOCRITICAL MOVEMENT

While the belief that children are a burden not only to the planet but to their own parents seems to be growing in popularity, it is not universally accepted. In the photo above, a proud family in Portugal gathered with their six children under a billboard erected by a Dutch advocacy group hostile to their lifestyle. Such families are heroes to Soviet-born journalist Karol Markowicz, who describes the "new anti-natal movement" as "cruel and hypocritical."

In a recent *New York Post* op-ed, Markowicz recalls that French President Emmanuel Macron once attributed high African birthrates to ignorance on the part of the continent's women. He was greeted by "a deluge of social-media posts showing highly educated women the world over with their large families," while "African activists . . . bristled at the childless Macron all but insinuating that the world would be better off with fewer black children."

THE CENTER OF TRUE DEVELOPMENT

In his acclaimed encyclical on human development, *Caritas in Veritate*, Pope Benedict warned that "formerly prosperous nations are presently passing through a phase of uncertainty and in some cases decline, precisely because of their falling birth rates." That decline results not just from a shrinking workforce, he said, but from a loss of incentive to sacrifice for the future. "Openness to life," he explained, "is at the center of true development. When a society moves towards the denial or suppression of life, it ends up no longer finding the necessary motivation and energy to strive for the true good of humanity" and instead devotes its resources to fulfilling "selfish desires," often at the expense of the poor.

Though he once quipped that Catholics need not "be like rabbits," Pope Francis has also pointed out that "a large family is a school of solidarity and sharing." That is a lesson beautifully exemplified by the many large families who have been pillars of Our Lady of Lourdes parish.

Pope Francis speaks on large families at <https://www.catholicnewsagency.com/news/large-families-are-schools-of-solidarity-and-sharing-francis-affirms-94084>

SAVE THE DATE



"Trailblazers: The Struggle and the Promise"

– a dedication of bronze sculptures in honor of the first African American matriculants and the first African American graduate of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

DATE & TIME

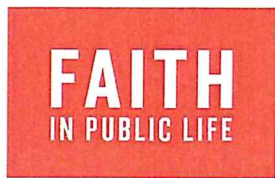
Wednesday, September 4, 2019

3 p.m. Unveiling and reception honoring Ford C. Greene, Ralph A. Long Jr., Lawrence M. Williams, Ronald L. Yancey, EE 1965, and donors Betsy and Bo Godbold, IE 1965.

LOCATION

675 Cherry St. NW, Atlanta, GA 30332

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Resist Dehumanizing Immigrant Neighbors

This month we've seen escalated threats of violence, racist rhetoric and policies that are hurting our communities by targeting our immigrant brothers and sisters. Now we are compelled to act.

Faith in Public Life Georgia invites you to gather with us and our crucial partners in the Sanctuary Coalition on September 14th to learn how you can put feet to your faith and stand in solidarity with our immigrant neighbors. We will talk through the most current messaging and map out specific ways you can play an active role in fighting with our immigrant and refugee communities.

WHAT: Saturday, September 14th, from 5-7 p.m.

WHERE: St Bede's Episcopal Church,
2601 Henderson Mill Rd, Atlanta, GA 30345

WHO: Faith in Public Life and the
New Sanctuary Movement of Atlanta