



SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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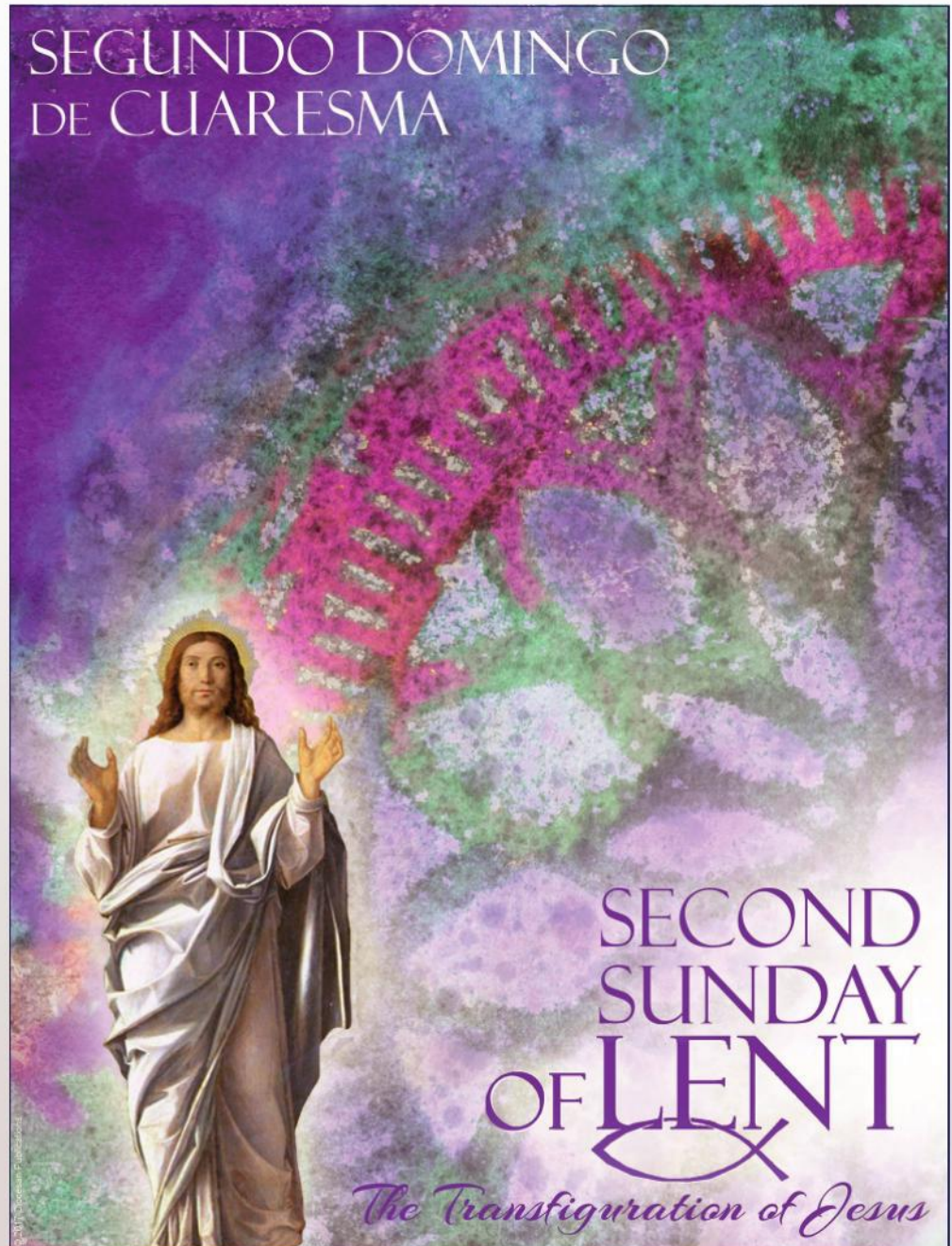
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon
Wednesday: 8:15 AM & 7:00 PM
Thursday: 7:00 PM
Friday: 12 Noon
Saturday Vigil: 4:30 PM
Sunday: 7:30 AM, 9:30 AM
11:30 AM & 5:00 PM

Confession:
Saturdays: 3:00 PM
Adoration
Wednesdays: 9:00 AM-6:45 PM

Horario de Misas en Español

Lunes: 7:30 PM
Jueves: 8:00 PM
Sábado: 6:30 PM
Domingo: 6:00 AM, 2:00 PM &
7:30 PM

Confesión:
Sábados: 5:30 PM
Domingos: 1:00 & 6:30 PM



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Pastor: Rev. Brian R. Sheridan, M.S. (x108)

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• Rev. Paul Rainville, M.S. (in residence x.193)

Deacons: Rev. Mr. Michael Garrett • Rev. Mr. Earl Jackson • Rev. Mr. Richard Searls • Deacons Office (x106)



ARCHBISHOP'S
ANNUAL APPEAL 2017

For those of you who have not had an opportunity to make a pledge or a gift this year, but still desire to be a part of the 2017 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please visit our website at appeal.archatl.com to make an on-line gift, or you may contact Nancy Stoehr 404-920-7600 or annualappeal@archatl.com. When each of our individual gifts is combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the archdiocese, each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the archdiocese to provide ministries and services. Thank you again for your support.

Aquellos que no han tenido la oportunidad de hacer un compromiso o una donación este año, pero que aún desean ser parte de la Campaña Anual del Arzobispo 2017, por favor visiten nuestra página de Internet appeal.archatl.com o contacten a Nancy Stoehr en el 404-920-7600 o en annualappeal@archatl.com. Cuando se combina cada una de nuestras donaciones individuales con las donaciones de otros miles de feligreses a través de la Arquidiócesis, cada contribución hace una diferencia significativa en la capacidad de la Arquidiócesis para proporcionar ministerios y servicios. Agradecemos nuevamente su apoyo.

In Our Prayers / En Nuestra Oraciones

Bulletin Sick List

We ask you to take a moment to pray for the people who are listed on this Bulletin Sick List. Please call the Parish Office to place a name on the list below. The names will be kept in our bulletin for three consecutive weeks.

Nathaniel Butler	Guadalupe Corona	Louis Caruso
Pam Harris	James Fernandez	Kimberly Gristead
Anne Jackson	Sionnie Gernaat	Tim Richmond
Vivian Lee	Sylvia Rojas	Marty Rom
Lilian Odumodu		Patty Smith
Linda Veit		

Prayer Line / Cadena de Oración

Here at St. Thomas the Apostle we have a Prayer Line Ministry. The members of this ministry are dedicated prayer warriors. If you have a prayer request that you would like to place in the care of the Prayer Line, contact Valerie Panditaratne at vpandit@emory.edu

Praying for our Troops / Orando por Nuestras Tropas

We also remember in our prayers all of those who are serving in the military. Please contact the Parish Office if you have a family member who is currently serving in the military:

- FA Austin Cyr, USCG ▪ PVT Derek Collins, USA
- LTJG Tanner Collins, USN ▪ ET2 Carolyn Deacon, USN
 - CAPT Chisom Ezeoke, USAF
 - FC2 Spencer Hanemann, USN
- HM2 Kenneth McIntosh, USN ▪ LT Jeff Ramey, USMC

Penance Service

Mark your calendars for our Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday, April 4
at 7:00 p.m.
Main Sanctuary

Servicio Penitencial:
Martes, 4 de abril
a las 7:00 p.m. (iglesia)

Additional Dates available at other parishes in the area.
See Page 6.

Otras parroquias en el área también ofrecen
fechas adicionales. Ver Página 6.

GOT ROSARY?

Please join the *Fideles Men* in the Parish during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Faith-sharing, and Scriptural Rosary of our Most Blessed Mother each Tuesday Morning in the Main Sanctuary, beginning at 7:00 a.m.

Men, if you are interested in learning more about Fideles, contact cell leader Joe Yorio at 678-237-3469.



Jamaican Outreach Mission

One of my greatest dreams in life has always been to do missionary work. When I finally received my U.S. residency, I knew the first thing I wanted to do was join the mission trip to Kingston, Jamaica. I was eager to help, to serve others, and make a difference in their lives; little did I know they would be the ones changing mine. When I arrived at the Bethlehem children's center I was surprised to see how much the children yearned to be carried. The first little boy I picked up, Bob, embraced me in a tight hug and started showering me with kisses. I was taken aback by the sincerity of his embrace, he was greeting me as if we were best friends.

He didn't stop to ask who I was, what titles I had, or judge what clothes I wore. Bob loved me for me, for who I was as a person. He expressed his affection so effortlessly. Something I had so much trouble doing. I would tell my friends and family I loved them, but I rarely expressed it physically like he did.



During meal time I was helping feed another little boy named Samuel. I expected having to nag him to eat his food, like my sisters back home, but that was not the case. Samuel didn't even inspect the food I was giving him but happily gobbled everything on the spoon. Another little boy saw Samuel's food and stared at it wanting. The little boy had mucus smeared all over his face and his strong scent

indicated he needed a diaper change. I told him to wait until his turn came, this was Samuel's food, but his would come soon. However, Samuel would not have it. He understood his friend was hungry and urged me to feed him now. He didn't care that his friend smelled bad or that he had foam coming out of his mouth, he just knew he needed to be fed. Reluctantly, I shared a spoonful of food with Samuel's friend, Samuel clapped and shrieked in happiness. I was so ashamed and embarrassed at myself. I was so concerned about the little boy's appearance that I failed to empathize with his needs. Samuel didn't have much but the little he had he was eager to share; I had so much to learn from him.

I no longer say I'm going on a service trip, but a learning trip. I go back to these children so they teach me how to love unconditionally and how to be genuinely happy. They are our greatest teachers.

Jessica Rodriguez



Next weekend, March 18-19, we collect:

Spaghetti:
Largest boxes possible.

Dry Beans:
Great Northern or Pinto. Largest bags possible.

Come help us pack on Sunday, March 19 from 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. in the Social Hall.

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Lenten Collection

PSR Jamaica Collection
Parents Please Help your Child to remember to bring the following items to catechism class, during Lent, for our "PSR" Jamaica collection...

Week Two

March - 12, 13, 15, 16

- Bath Soap
- Diapers size 4 through adult
- Reusable Grocery Bags



Stations of the Cross

Fridays in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

Friday 3/17:

- Stations led by Women's Auxiliary

Friday 3/24:

- Stations led by Knights of Columbus

Friday 3/31:

- Stations led by Youth Ministry

Friday 4/7:

- Stations led by Hispanic Ministry

Lenten Fish Fry:

Items Offered:

- Fried Tilapia
- Baked Salmon
- Rice Pilaf / Macaroni & Cheese
- Green Beans / Hush Puppies /
- Cole Slaw

Prices:

- Tilapia Plate: \$7.00
- Salmon Plate: \$10.00
- Tilapia Dinner for 4: \$25.00
Additional kids: \$3.00 each

Lenten Fish Fry Fridays during Lent



5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Venta de Pescado:

Se ofrecerá:

- Tilapia (mojarra) frita
- Salmón horneado
- Arroz Pilaf / Ejotes / Mac & Cheese / Ensalada de Repollo
- Hush Puppies (Bolitas de masa de maíz fritas)

Precios:

- Plato de Tilapia: \$7.00
- Plato de Salmón: \$10.00
- Cena para 4 Tilapia: \$25.00/
Niños adicionales: \$3.00 c/u

Lost & Found:

Your stuff misses you!
Please come to the office if you
Think you have misplaced any
belongings while here at church.
Currently we have:
Keys - cell phones (battery
dead) – Bibles – Rosaries.

Call 770-432-8579 Ext. 0 to
inquire about these items.

**Saint Vincent de Paul
Pantry**

The following donations are
needed:
Cooking Oil, Grape or
Strawberry Jelly, Canned Fruit,
Shampoo, Pancake Syrup &
Laundry Soap.
Please leave donations in the
plastic bins located in Commons
Area.

**CASINO NIGHT:
Save the Date!**

Saturday, April 22, 2017.

The Saint Thomas the Apostle
Women's Auxiliary will once
again be hosting CASINO
NIGHT, this year on April 22.
Mark your calendars!

**Parish School of Religion (PSR) News:**

There are only few PSR classes left... Last class this year will be the last week in March for everyone:

- March 26 for Sunday classes
- March 27 for Monday classes
- March 29 for Wednesday classes
- March 30 for Thursday classes

Watch for registration forms for the 2017-18 PSR year to be sent home with your child in March. To assure that your family gets the time and day you need for next year PLEASE turn in forms before July 1, 2017.

Save the Date for VBS. Pre-Registration Forms will be sent home with pre-school and elementary students during March. The last day to register for VBS is Friday, May 19.



VBS: June 12-16
9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Gentlemen of Saint Thomas the Apostle:

- Are you a practical Catholic at least eighteen years old?
- Are you seeking new opportunities to serve your Parish and your community, grow in your faith, make new friends, and have some fun along the way?
- Then you should consider joining the Knights of Columbus!

We're conducting an Order-wide recruiting drive this month and would like to offer you the opportunity to join us. You'll be able to meet some of us after Masses next weekend, March 18-19, to learn more about us and what we do. We look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and showing you the benefits of becoming a Knight of Columbus.

For more information, please contact Bill Bauer—Grand Knight.

**Saint Thomas's Little
Shop**

If you are looking for
religious items, booklets,
etc. our Parish Office offers:

- Rosaries
- Rosary booklets
- Prayer books
- Bibles (English and Spanish)

Please stop by during office hours.

Objetos religiosos de venta
en la Oficina Parroquial:

- Rosarios
- Libros de oraciones
- Biblias

A la venta durante horas
de oficina.

This Week in our Parish**MONDAY, MARCH 13**

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† GEORGE PATRICK GARGER
4:30 PM PSR
6:30 PM MONDAY NIGHT SP CHOIR
7:00 PM PASTORAL COUNCIL
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
7:00 PM PSR
7:00 PM STEPHEN MINISTRY
7:30 PM MISA
† BACILIO GERARDO TOSCANA
7:30 PM PROLIFE
8:30 PM CORO EVANGELIZACIÓN
8:00 PM CREDO CHOIR

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

7:00 AM FIDELES ROSARY
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
12:00 PM MASS
† CAROL SHEA
7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
7:00 PM CREDO CHOIR
7:00 PM ENG RCIA
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:00 PM SVDP SOCIAL
8:00 PM EVANGELIZATION CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

8:15 AM MASS
† JOANN MANGAN
9:00 AM ADORATION
9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
6:45 PM BENEDICTION
7:00 PM LIVE LENT!
7:00 PM LT BIBLE STUDY
7:00 PM MASS
7:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
7:00 PM PSR
7:30 PM LIFE TEEN BAND
8:00 PM ROSARY FOR LIFE
8:30 PM SMALL FAITH COMMUNITIES

THURSDAY, MARCH 16

9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
10:00 AM BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM STORY TIME
5:00 PM BROWN REHEARSAL
7:00 PM ADULT CHOIR
7:00 PM MASS
7:00 PM PSR
8:00 PM MISA
† SABINO CASTILLO
† AUDELINA PIZA
† DINA PIZA



"BE NOT AFRAID"

St. John Paul II



Habitat for Humanity (H4H)

Saint Thomas the Apostle Parish is a long time member of the Cobb Interfaith Habitat Coalition.

A HUGE thanks to all of you who have financially supported and/or volunteered with our Ministry. This year's build will begin earlier than usual-on April 29.

Here are several ways YOU can help.

1-Financial donation

In the past we have asked for \$40 but any amount would be greatly appreciated. Please make your checks out to St. Thomas and put Habitat or H4H in the memo line. There will be envelopes available.

2-Volunteer

We are looking for a few people to help on the build weekends. The time is typically 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact Laura McIntosh, 678-332-6619 or lmcintosh1843@bellsouth.net.

EDGE: MIDDLE SCHOOL RETREAT

All 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Welcome!

When: April 1-2, 2017
Life Teen Camp Hidden Lake
 830 Hidden Lake Rd
 Dahlonega, GA 30533

April 1-2
Cost: \$80.00
Only 45 spots!

Time: Meet at Church Saturday, 4/1, at 7:30 a.m.

EAT BEFORE YOU COME!

Pick-up Sunday, 4/2, after 5:00 p.m. Mass at Church

- Must Leave a Deposit with Permission Form of \$40.00 to save Spot! NON-REFUNDABLE
- Deadline to turn in Form and pay in full by Wednesday, March 29, 2017.
- Please bring individual wrapped snacks enough to share with 10 people.

Questions? / ¿Preguntas?:
 Danny Hernandez (EDGE Coordinator)
 678-626-3937 (Office)
dhernandez@stthomastheapostle.org

This Week in our Parish

Updated on March 6, 2017

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- 9:00 AM PRESCHOOL
- 12:00 PM **Mass**
 † **DOLLY GRIM**
- 2:00 PM BROWN WEDDING
- 5:30 PM FISH FRY
- 7:00 PM CORO DE NIÑOS
- 7:00 PM STATIONS OF THE CROSS
- 7:30 PM CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 PM ASAMBLEA DE ORACIÓN

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

- 8:00 AM MEN'S PRAYER GROUP
- 8:00 AM SUNDAY AM CHOIR
- 9:00 AM HANDS ON MASS
- 9:00 AM JAMAICAN BOX FOLDING
- 10:00 AM MARÍA NIÑA
- 1:00 PM SP HANDS ON MASS
- 3:00 PM CONFESSION
- 4:00 PM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 4:30 PM **Mass**
 † **BEN LANGFORD**
- 5:00 PM CATEQUESIS DE ADULTOS
- 5:00 PM ESTUDIANTINA CHOIR
- 6:30 PM **Misa**
 ANN DOMINGUEZ
 RAFAEL RIVERA
- 7:00 PM NOCHE MEXICANA (AWAY)
- 8:00 PM ADORACIÓN CORO

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

- 6:00 AM **Misa**
 † **ESTHER ASCENCIO**
- 6:30 AM FOOD DRIVE PACKING
- 7:30 AM **Mass**
 † **JOSEPH JOSEPH**
- 9:30 AM **Mass**
 † **DONALD JAYNE**
- 9:30 AM PSR
- 10:00 AM RCIA
- 11:00 AM LEGION OF MARY
- 11:30 AM **Mass**
 † **CHRISTOPHER UGOKWE**
- 11:15 AM PSR AND FIRES
- 11:15 AM PARENT BAPTISMAL CLASS
- 11:30 AM PRE-EVANGELIZATION
- 12:30 PM APO MEETING

SUNDAY, MARCH 19 (CONT)

- 2:00 PM **Misa**
 SANTIAGO ONOFRE
 AZUCENA MARTINEZ
- 2:00 PM RCIT
- 4:00 PM DIVINA VOLUNTAD
- 5:00 PM **Mass**
 PEOPLE OF STA
- 6:00 PM LIFE TEEN NIGHT
- 6:30 PM PRE-EVANGELIZACIÓN
- 6:30 PM THE ONE THING IS THREE
- 7:30 PM **Misa**
 FRANCISCO MATA TORRES

Weekly Donations Report

Reporte de Donaciones Semanales

Offertory Actual /Ofertorio Actual
March 4-5, 2017 vs. Last Year

	FY 2017	FY 2016
Budgeted	\$36,750	\$35,769
Weekly Actual	\$53,090*	\$39,317
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$16,340	\$3,548

* Includes the Ash Wednesday collections.

FY2017 Offertory Projected vs Actual to Date
And Last year Comparison

Budgeted	\$1,323,000	\$1,287,684
Actual.....	\$1,353,661	\$1,325,059
Surplus/(Shortfall).....	\$30,661	\$37,375

Operating Financial Statement

For the 7 months ending 1/31/2017

Operating Revenue.....	\$1,787,520
Operating Expenses	(\$1,664,215)
Operating Revenue over Expense	\$123,305

Total Assessments \$1,004,224
still owed to Archdiocese as of 1/31/17

Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2017 (Week 2)
Llamado Anual del Arzobispo 2017 (Semana 2)

Goal (Meta).....	\$162,200
Total Pledged (Compromisos totales).....	\$35,321
Paid to date (Pagos recibidos)	\$23,972
Surplus/(Shortfall) to Goal	\$138,228
Percent Paid to Goal (Porcentaje pagado).....	15%
Number of Donors (No. de Donantes)	143

Children's Offertory
Ofertorio de los Niños
March 4-5, 2017

Total\$862.33

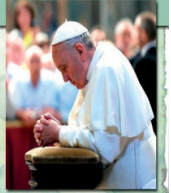
♥ I obey to my paeents (Obedezco a mis papas) ♥ I shared a snack with my friend (Compartí comida con mi amigo) ♥ I shared toys with my sister (Compartí juguetes con mi hermana) ♥ I did not eat meat on lenten Friday (No comí carne en viernes de cuaresma) ♥ I ate all my food (Me comí toda la comida) ♥ I help my Mom taking care of my little brother (Ayudé a mamá cuidando a mi hermanito) ♥ I took out the trash (Saqué la basura) ♥ I prayed for all priests (Pedí en mi oración por los sacerdotes) ♥ I fed my dog Lulu (Le di de comer a mi perrita Lulu) ♥ My Mom got an e-mail from the teacher, saying that I was a good helper (Mami recibió un mensaje de la maestro, diciendo que ayudo mucho) ♥ I brought food donations for those who have nothing to eat (Doné alimentos para aquellos que no tienen qué comer) ♥ I studied my rocks and won a gold medal! (Estudí mis rocas y gané una medulla de oro) ♥

Offering envelopes are available in the Commons Area.
Ask your child to write his/her good deed of the week and encourage him/her to deposit the envelope in the special basket near the altar, during the offertory.
Help them plant the seeds of a generous heart!

Pope Francis Monthly Prayer Intentions

Support for Persecuted Christians.

That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church.



Around the Archdiocese

Penance Services in our Deanery Area

Consider the following dates for additional Penance Services in our area:

- **March 16** Transfiguration (Marietta)
- **March 22** Holy Family (Marietta)
- **March 23** Saint Clare (Acworth)
- **March 27** Saint Joseph (Marietta)
- **March 28** Saint Michael (Woodstock)
- **March 30** Saint Catherine (Kennesaw)
- **April 5** Saint Ann (Marietta)

Fortunate and Faithful Families Lenten Mass and Meeting

Sunday, March 26 at 11:00 a.m.

The Shrine of the Immaculate Conception

Topic: "Building Bridges of Hope and Love in a World of Uncertainty and Division." Henry Gracz will be the presenter. Discussion following the presentation. This gathering is specifically planned for parents and families with LGBT members but is open to all allies and friends of Fortunate and Faithful Families. Please join us for this time of spiritual nourishment and fellowship on your Lenten journey. For further information, go to our website ffat1.org

5th Annual FREE Health Fair

Saturday, April 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12 Noon.

St. Joseph Church (Marietta, GA)

Adults (18 years of age and older) will be screened for: Blood Pressure, Cholesterol, Glucose, BMI, Weight Management, Vision and Dental.

Exhibitors from Wellstar will have a variety of health related information.

IGNATIUS HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT CENTER

6700 Riverside Dr NW Atlanta, GA 30328

During the Holy Season of Lent, Ignatius House offers a variety of experiences to S-L-O-W D-O-W-N and Encounter God at this sacred place of peace and quiet. Consider a Day of Reflection or a Weekend Retreat or an Enrichment Book Study.

- Every Wednesday in Lent 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. A Day of Reflection
- Tuesdays 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. March 7- April 11 "Fully Awake & Truly Alive"
- Silent Weekend Retreats

- o March 17-19 Spring Awakening-New Life
- o Matthew Linn, SJ March 24-26 Living Life Fully in Light of Eternity
- o April 7-13 Individually Directed

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