

**ADVENT REFLECTION**

*One of my favorite writings of St. Francis is from his Letter to the Faithful and makes for a great Advent Reflection. "We must never desire to be above others, but, instead, we must be servants and subject to every human creature for God's sake. And the Spirit of the Lord will rest upon all those men and women who have done and persevered in these things and It will make a home and dwelling place in them. And they will be the children of the heavenly Father, Whose works they do. And they are spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ. We are spouses when the faithful soul is united by the Holy Spirit to our Lord Jesus Christ. We are brothers, moreover, when we do the will of His Father Who is in heaven; mothers when we carry Him in our heart and body through love and a pure and sincere conscience; and give Him birth through a holy activity, which must shine before others by example." Happy Advent and peace to all!*

-Father Frank

**Advent Opportunities**

**Advent Lunch and Reflection Series**

Each *Thursday at noon* during Advent, we will have a reflection from a member of our community in the Center Hall. Lunch will be provided, but you are also welcome to bring your own food contribution.

**Advent Penance Service**

Mark your calendars for our Advent Penance Service on *Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00PM.*

**Christmas Mass**

Monday, 12/24 4:00PM Vigil Mass  
6:00PM Vigil Mass  
10:00PM Vigil Mass  
Tuesday, 12/25 9:00AM Mass

\*There will be no daily mass  
Dec 26th, 27th, and 28th

**Office Closed**

Monday, December 24th thru  
Tuesday, January 1st

**THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM  
Sunday: 8:00 AM & 10:00 AM  
5:00PM

**Weekday Mass Schedule**

Tuesday & Thursday 5:00 PM  
Wednesday & Friday 8:00 AM

**Confessions**

Saturday 3:45PM - 4:30PM

Or by appointment

**MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS December 9-15**

**Saturday**

8AM - Susan Burnett †  
5PM - Susan Burnett †

**Sunday** - Bar 5:1-9; Phil 1:4-6,8-11; Lk 3:1-6

8AM-Susan Burnett †  
10AM-Franciscan Missionary Union  
5PM-Susan Burnett †

**Monday** - Is 35:1-10; Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday** - Is 40:1-11; Mt 18:12-14

5PM - David McElhannon

**Wednesday** - Zec 2:14-17; Lk 1: 26-38

8AM - Ingrid Rojas

**Thursday** - Is 41:113-20; Mt 11:11-15

5PM - Members of the Catholic Center

**Friday** - Is 48:17-19; Mt 11:16-19

8AM - Franciscan Missionary Union

Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their Time and Talents to help prepare and clean our Chapel for the Advent season. A special thank you to Ron and Alayne Makulo, Bill Peltier, and Pat Dwinnell for decorating. We are thankful to all for your commitment to make our Church look beautiful in preparation for the coming of our Lord Jesus.



**SPANISH MASS AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER**

The Catholic Center will be holding mass in Spanish on Monday nights at 7:30PM. This will begin on **Monday, December 10th** and continue throughout the whole year. However, mass will not be held on December 24th and 31st due to the holidays. All are welcome to join!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED**

Volunteers are needed on Sunday afternoons throughout the year to visit with Catholic patients at St. Mary's Hospital and offer Communion. This is a wonderful opportunity to serve our community and bring a bit of comfort. Please contact Jessica Chicken at [JChicken@stmarysathens.org](mailto:JChicken@stmarysathens.org)

**DELIVER CHRISTMAS JOY TO THE HOMEBOUND**



We will be preparing Christmas gift baskets for the members of the Catholic Center Faith Community who receive communion at home. Please donate Christmas/seasonal hand or dish towels, individually wrapped healthy snacks (raisins, crackers, mints) or a small unbreakable Christmas ornament. Place all donations on the stage at the Center

Hall by Tuesday, December 18, 2018. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity!

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 19 AT 7:00PM.**

In the midst of the "busy-ness" of Christmas preparation, this is an opportunity to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome to join us in the Catholic Center Chapel for a lovely evening of reflection and song. No formal singing experience required, so please join us in the joy of Christmas! spirit!



**O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL AND JOIN THE CHRISTMAS EVE CHOIR!**

Volunteers are invited to join the choir for "Midnight Mass" on Christmas Eve. This is a wonderful way to experience and participate in Midnight Mass. We will meet in the Chapel at 8:30PM to practice. Carol singing will begin at 9:30PM, followed by Mass at 10:00PM. For more info, contact Ellen Ritchey at 706-549-3532.



**THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR**

**Sunday 12/9**

**5:00PM - Baccalaureate Mass**  
(Last Student Mass of the Semester)

8:00PM - Late Night Breakfast (Hall)

**Monday 12/10**

8:00PM - Late Night Breakfast (Hall)

**Tuesday 12/11**

7:00PM - Advent Penance Service (Chapel)

8:00PM - Late Night Breakfast (Hall)

**Wednesday 12/12**

6:00PM - Christmas Pageant Rehearsal (Chapel)

**Thursday 12/13**

12:00PM - Advent Reflection & Lunch (Hall)

6:00PM - Social Graces Women's Dinner (Hall)

**Friday 12/14**

**UGA Commencement**

**Saturday 12/15**

2:30PM - Findling/Gilreath Wedding

6:00PM - Baptism for the Fallis & Morse Families



**VISITING FRIARS**

Next weekend we will welcome Fr. Dan Kenna and Fr. Frank Sevola. They are coming to review and evaluate our Fraternal Ecology plan here at the Catholic Center. All of our ministries in Holy Name Province have gone or will be going through this review process over the next several months in preparation for our Provincial Chapter in 2020. The Ecology Plan will review our past actions and assess our present and future ministry as a Franciscan ministerial presence here in Athens. Last March a survey was completed by the staff and forwarded to the Province and this will be reassessed over the next few months. The friars will be meeting with committee members and student representatives while they are here and will be available after masses for any questions or comments you may have for them.

Thank you to all of our families who came to the RE wreath-making party!



## UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE

On behalf of the entire Catholic Center Staff, we wish all of our students good luck on their exams. We are praying for you and your success. Have a wonderful Winter Break and safe travels. Merry Christmas!



We will see you all in 2019!



## Baccalaureate Mass

In honor of our graduates we will celebrate our Baccalaureate Mass Sunday, Dec. 9 at 5pm. Please email Angie if you are graduating. Congratulations and best wishes!

### CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

If you are 22+, a graduate student, or are early in your career, you are welcome to join the Catholic Beer Club. The motto is "No agendas, just community and relationships." This event is meant to enhance and supplement other Catholic Young Adult Ministry events in Athens by creating a strong community. The next event is *Thursday, Dec. 20th (8PM) at Little Kings Shuffle Club*. Look for the Pope Francis Bobblehand. Contact Angie for more information at [csadirector@ccatuga.org](mailto:csadirector@ccatuga.org).

### CONGRATULATIONS!

The Catholic Center congratulates the following students on their graduation from UGA.

**Emily Gomes, Sara Horvath, James Kershaw, Jonathan Chelena, Connor Matthew O'Neill, Katherine Tropea, Sam Roberson, Anna Speed and Tilea West**

We wish you all the best in your future endeavors. You will always have a home here at the Catholic Center.

### Late Night Breakfast During Exams

We are hosting Late Night Breakfast on December 9th, 10th, and 11th at 8PM in the Center Hall. All students are welcome to join us for breakfast and study time.

## ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, FAITH FORMATION & OUTREACH (continued)

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS AND NOTES

#### Children's Christmas Eve 4:00PM Vigil Mass

All RE students are invited to participate in the Christmas Vigil Mass. We are looking for angel chorus members, bell ringers, readers, and Nativity pageant characters. Rehearsals will be Wednesdays (12/12, and 12/19) at 6:00PM. Contact Lynn Renna at [dre@ccatuga.org](mailto:dre@ccatuga.org) for more information.

2019 RE classes will resume on the following dates:

#### Grades 1st-8th

Wednesday, January 9th at 6:15PM

#### Pre-K and Kindergarten

Sunday, January 13th at 10:00AM

#### Confirmation students

Monday, January 14th at 6:00PM

#### Help Needed!

If you are interested in helping to start up the Nursery during Sunday's 10:00AM Mass, please contact the RE Office, 706-543-2293.

Thank you to everyone who helped make Mr. Catholic Center a night to remember! This year's fundraiser raised over \$1000 for CSA Activities and Ministries. The contestants were judged on: entrance walk and introduction, talent, outfit of choice, and Q & A. The winner was determined by a combination of the money they raised, judges' scores, and audience's scores.

#### Congratulations to Kyle Stubler

**Mr. Catholic Center 2018**, Reed Carlson for Pastor's Choice, Tripp Koenig for Jester (audience favorite), and Esteban Lee for Mr.



Congeniality (most money raised).



DECEMBER 9, 2018 - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT



**2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal Update**

If you still have a pledge balance to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal, please complete your payments as soon as possible. For IRS purposes, gifts must be postmarked by December 31, 2018 in order to be included in your 2018 tax letter.

Please consider completing your pledge online.

For those who make charitable contributions at the end of the year, please consider gifts to your parish and to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

On behalf of Archbishop Gregory, Father Frank, and our parish staff, thank you for supporting your neighbors in north and central Georgia.

Every gift is important and appreciated.

**Status as of 12/5/2018**

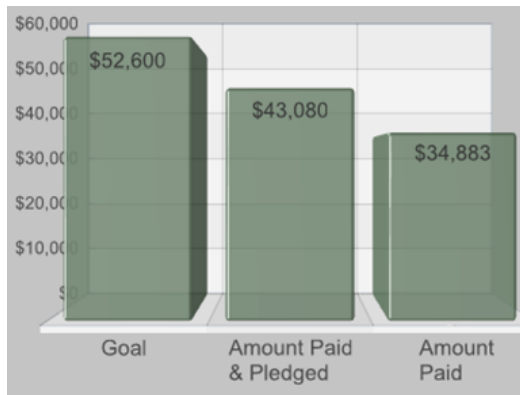
Goal: \$52,600.00  
 Total Pledged & Received: \$43,080.00  
**Over/(Under) Goal: (\$9,520.00)**  
 Percent of Goal Pledged: 81.9%  
**Amount Received: \$35,607.76**  
 Percent of Goal Received: 67.7%

Average Gift Amount: \$224.38

Number of 2018 Donors:

**192**

Number of 2017 Donors: **259**



**Offertory December 2, 2018**

Offertory	\$1297.96	Alms	\$395.00
<b>#iGive Catholic Donations</b>			
Campus Ministry Outreach & Activities	\$462.00		

**October, 2018 Monthly Re-Cap**

Offertory	\$34,049.95	Alms	\$943.00
Donations	\$2,195.00	Parent Fund	\$410.88
Building Fund	\$50.00	Football Parking	\$240.00
Mr. Catholic	\$60.00	Rentals	\$1,000.00

**Second Collections October 2018**

Latin Am./E. Eur./World Missions	\$453.00
St. Vincent	\$300
Catholic Relief	\$21.00

Financial information is now uploaded to the our website.

**We Lift Up In Prayer**

Diane Ambrose, Rosilyn Andrews, Francis Todd Baker, Jill Bittle, Shirley Bundy, Vickie Burroughs, Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey Capizzi, Katie Beth Carey, Brenda Critch, Betty DeGuilo, Norma d'Azzo, Elena Dekazos, Steve Duncan, Jill Ennis, Valerie Fagan, Michele Flaherty, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Denise Gannon, Carol Garbon, Roxanne Gil, Phyllis Ginn, Gregory Glander, Pat Goggin, Ann Johnson, Richard Lynch, Adam Martin, Kate McCall, Camilla Mims, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Karen O'Boyle Pagoda, Myra Pawlowski, Lee Prendergast, Denise Quinn, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, David Salum, Marge Smith, Martha Tucker, Grant Tyner, Larry Quattrocchi, Mary Lou Zeitler, Agnes and Dennis Adrian, Sister Barbara Daniels **With Deepest Sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones.**

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December**

That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time.

**THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT UGA**

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**BAPTISM:** Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (Godparents welcomed). Classes are held every month.

**MARRIAGE:** Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance for preparation.

**RCIA:** A program for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith

**To schedule all Sacraments, please contact the office.**

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