

DECEMBER 30, 2018 - THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH

THE CATHOLIC CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

REFLECTION

This weekend we celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family. Today in the Gospel we read the story of Jesus being lost in the temple and the fear of loss that Joseph and Mary feel. How many of us have been in the same place? Mary and Joseph did not escape the tensions, anxieties and worries which are the ordinary ups and downs of family life. It shows that family life is a full-time job and a difficult one for everyone concerned. Living together and rubbing shoulders with one another demands love, loyalty, respect, reverence, self-denial and generosity. Few are born to do the great work of the world, but the work that all can do is to make a small home circle brighter and better. A happy home moves beyond the bricks and siding and has its foundations in Christ, who is love.

God can make the family a conduit of grace if we spend time as family in prayer, being present, and recognizing the presence of God in each other. If prayer has not been part of the fabric of home life or if it has been neglected, the new year is an ideal time for a fresh start. If we enter the new year determined to improve the quality of our family life, we will have taken something valuable from our recent celebration of the birth of Christ. If we follow in the footsteps of the Holy Family, we will begin to perceive the mystery of the Incarnation, giving birth to each other through a holy activity, being present to each other and becoming witnesses of the Gospel through our love for each other. Each year is a new beginning. May we move beyond our fears and anxieties and be a people of faith, living in hope, embracing love in the gift God has given us through our families, those we have been born into and those we have adopted along the way.

To all our families...Happy Feast Day! - Father Frank

IMPORTANT: DAILY MASS TIMES CHANGING

Our Daily Mass Schedule changes will begin

Monday, January 14, 2019.

Monday –Mass 12:15PMTuesday –No Daily MassWednesday –Mass 7:30AMReconciliation 3:30PMThursday –Mass 5:30PMFriday –Mass 7:30AMSt. Joseph Catholic Church will still have 8:30 AM Mass Offered each morning, Monday through Saturday.In responding to the needs of the community and the schedule of the

In responding to the needs of the community and the schedule of the University we are going to initiate the following changes for daily mass beginning January 14th, 2019. Also, I will be taking off Tuesdays. Peace, Fr. Frank.

Thank you for your understanding.

ACTIVITIES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, FAITH FORMATION & OUTREACH



BAPTISMS

Dunkin Joseph Kindamo Leandreo Aberto Rubio Elizabeth Phyllis Dolezal Clark Noble Nielson Liam Javier Gonzalez Finley Victoria Cowan Landry Kate Reeves Emma Kay Reeves Andrew Langford Costas Charles Jessie Glisson Nevada Michelle Allison Tanner Ryan Huff Gavin Alistair Lunde Christopher Ordonez-Franco Jonah Alexander Upegui Alexander Joseph Jones

PROFESSION OF FAITHS

Jill Ann (Dorman) Booms Spencer Daniel Hall Trevor O'Brien Anglin Dustin Shawn Bailey Jill Ann Dorman Rebecca Claire Byrne

FUNERALS

William John O'Neill Kimberly Ann Quigley Elizabeth Francis Wrzesniewski Evelyn Downs Green John Francis Flood, Jr. Margaret P. Bell

WEDDINGS

Booms/Dormans Reeves/Hansford Solomon/Medina Crowley/Hahn Hoang/Haley Williams/Arguello Guss/Pike Holly/Stier

Eden Lorraine Carrion Maurer Nichole English Isabella Grace Ramirez-Roca Riley Marie Coccari Cecilia Thérèse Bradburn Holiday Genevieve Ross Jonah Smilley Walker Jueun (Clara) Lee Melissa Costa Maia Melisa Kelly Staines Retterbrush Leonie Bertucci Gabriella Alvarado Emma Grace Freeman Alan Antonio Benavides Mendoza Lucian Patrick Jordan Phoebe Louise Fallis Mark William Lynch

Collier Westbrooke -Middleton Zachary Lee Nesbit Kathryn Lyn Scotka Alan Eugene Stewart Mary Sue Thrasher Jennifer Anne McGrath Jocelyn Hunter Vaugh (Deal) Jonathon & Hannah Justain

Michael Christopher Daniel Thomas Joseph McNeeley Edith Fay Putz Maury Albert Maher Elizabeth Ann DePaolo Rodger Taylore Carroll Theresa Mauragas

> Bradburn/Butler Aylor/Lemen Wheeler/Klaes Deal/Vaughn Walker/Harrison Cruz/Romero Barnett/Dixon Pitts/Anderson Harris/Orlando Atkinson/Gilreath

THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

12-24 through 1/1 Office Closed Tuesday 1/1 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Thursday 1/3 7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (TV) Saturday 12/5



Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Holy Day of Obligation Tuesday January 1st 9:00 AM

St. Joseph Catholic Church: Monday, December 31st 7:00PM

<u>GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL</u> <u>FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY</u>

We will have the first meeting of its winter/spring study on Mon., Jan. 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. Newcomers are always welcome. For more info, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or



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Due to the Atlanta Diocesan social media policy, the Catholic Center will be transitioning to a new Facebook page, The Catholic Center at UGA. Please go "like" our new page to stay up to date on all of our ministries, view

SUCCESSFUL HOMEBOUND BASKETS

Special thank you to our Catholic Center faith community for the generous donations

of Christmas towels, healthy snacks, ornaments, and Christmas stockings. They are so appreciated by our homebound! The Christmas joy was delivered to the Oaks, Whispering Pines, Winterville, Grandview, and homes. Your kindness and generosity brought many smiles. May God bless you during this holy season.



DANCING WITH SISTER MOON: CELEBRATING 60 YEARS AS A FRANCISCAN COMMUNITY AT UGA

In early August 2019, Fr. Frank was discussing ways to celebrate 60 years as a Franciscan community at the Center and for some

reason (maybe because I was standing there?) making a quilt was mentioned. I think he pictured a bucolic group of people (probably women) quietly sitting in a circle stitching together a tapestry. While the idea of community coming together to create a celebration piece certainly has merit, having it ready for the Feast of St. Francis meant it should have been started at least a year in advance. When I asked if I could make the quilt, he agreed.

I wanted to create a quilt filled with joy and movement. I took my inspiration from the Canticle of the Sun. The quilt depicts a person dancing with joy. This could be St. Francis, one of the friars who have served at the Catholic Center, the many students who have attended UGA, you, or me. Because there is no Catholic Center without community, I created fabric that contains names of members of the Catholic Center: founding families, long-time members, students here for a short time, people living, and those deceased. I included the chapel spire to help identify our community, and used a stained-glass border to mirror the windows in the chapel.

The design, piecing, and quilting of the piece was done entirely by me. There are close to 100 hours of work in this quilt. I found myself spending the time I was sewing in prayer, using the rhythm of the sewing machine as a mantra. It became a holy pause. An opportunity to dig down into the essence of what this community has meant to me over the last 28 years and pour that into pieces of cotton fabric, cut apart and put back together. The same, yet different. I hope this work of my hands is holy work and that those who see this quilt are filled with the joy that comes from dancing with Sister Moon and all that is holy.



Anne Marie Vencill

Editor's Note: Anne Marie is an award winning quilter whose quilts have been displayed at the Classic Center and the Lyndon House. One of her quilts won Honorable Mention at the 2016 Lyndon House Juried Art Exhibit.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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 Is Needed!

What better way to give of your time and talents than serving the families of our members?



If you are interested in helping establish a nursery during Sunday's 10:00AM Mass, please contact the RE Office, 706-543-2293.

STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

LOOKING AHEAD

Ignite, our Freshmen Ministry will be meeting every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30PM

Seeking Water, the praise and worship ministry, will be meeting every Tuesday from 8:00-9:00PM

Sanctify, a Catholic Center Retreat, will be on February 15th-17th at Camp Hidden Lake registration is still open and all are welcome. See the Facebook page or website for instructions to Register.

GSYPF bible studies meet every Monday at 7PM. If you are interested in joining please contact *csinksen@ccatuga.org*

Bible Studies are continuing and we would love for you to participate. If you are interested in leading,

NO SUNDAY NIGHT MASS OR DINNER

Our first 5PM Student Mass will be January 13th. We will see you then. Have a nice break!

DECEMBER 30, 2018 - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

These simple and profound words of St. Peter Claver call us to action. Much like the theme for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal, "Go, Therefore, and Make Disciples" they remind us to act upon the love of the Lord and openly share those actions of love with others. As we look to this year's appeal, please reflect on that call of love and participate again, or for the first time, in this year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

To be included in the 2018 individual tax statements, the Internal Revenue Service requires that member gifts and pledge payments to the 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal must be postmarked by December 31, 2018. Donations postmarked after, though still applicable to the 2018 goal/rebate purposes, will be reflected on 2019 individual tax statements.

If you would like your donation to the Appeal to reflect on your 2018 tax statements, we encourage you to ensure it is postmarked by Dec. 31st or make our year-end-gifts to the Appeal online at www.donate.archatl.com.

Once on the website, in the middle of the page <u>Click Here</u> for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. Remember to designate the Catholic Center as our Parish by choosing, "University of Georgia Catholic Center."

For Credit Card payments over the phone, please call

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Financials

All offertory information from Sunday, Dec. 23rd and November's monthly recap will be printed in the January 6th bulletin.



The Catholic Center Staff would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year.

<u>We Lift Up In Prayer</u>

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, Rosemarie Russo, 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 especially Theresa Mauragas, Alexander Dolhancyk, LTC Kevin Hermann.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for December That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with

SACRAMENTS

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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OFFICE HOURS Mon. - Thurs. 10-4PM Friday 10-2PM

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