

REFLECTION

Believe it or not, today we celebrate the end of Christmas and the beginning of Ordinary Time. Today the life of Jesus is marked by baptism and the beginning of his ministry. A voice from heaven affirms and encourages: "You are my beloved son; with you I am well pleased."

My dear friends, affirmation and encouragement can never be underestimated in our lives. All of us have felt at some time the pain of a negative and critical comment. It is so easy to see the undesirable in another. When we feel anxious and depressed about what is happening, positive and encouraging words begin to lift us out of the sluggishness and leads us to see things a little differently. When we encourage another, we tell that person something positive about who they are and our relationship with them. We affirm their gifts telling them honestly but with love and care that they are valued for who they are.

In our baptism, as in the baptism of Jesus, we celebrate God's welcoming love, a love that precedes anything we may have done. Each day God's love for us is renewed and speaks to us about who we are, how much we are loved and encourages us to be who we are and the gift of who we will become. God in His certainty assures us that regardless of what may happen he will not forget us. God will hold our hand, even carry us if necessary, through the dark valleys and mountains that we face.

We know we are unsure of the future. We need to be reminded daily of God's promises and baptismal covenant with us, especially when our world tells us that there is little hope and we do not understand what is happening. We are all held as beloved in God's eyes even when we don't feel we deserve that compassion and understanding. Always know there is One who understands and stands with us always. That is affirmation and encouragement! God speaks today in the Gospel, not just for Jesus but for all His followers. He tells us he will hold our hand to comfort and encourage us through our doubt and confusion, directing us, as His beloved, so that we may return to Him to live and love as His Son lived and loved.

May this be our grace this day and always.

-Father Frank

THIS WEEK'S MASS TIMES

Daily Mass

Monday, 1/14	2:15PM 7:30PM (Sp)
Tuesday, 1/15	No Mass
Wednesday, 1/16	7:30AM
Thursday, 1/17	5:30 PM
Friday, 1/18	7:30 AM
<b>St. Joseph</b> (weekdays)	8:30 AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

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

Confessions

Wednesday: 3:30PM  
Saturday: 3:45PM - 4:30PM

St. Joseph Confession

Wednesday: 8:00AM  
Saturday: 9:00AM  
6:45-7:30 PM

MASS READINGS & INTENTIONS  
January 12th-18th

<b>Saturday</b> - 1 Jn 5:14-21/Jn 3:22-30 5PM Kathy Dominguez †
<b>Sunday</b> - Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4 -7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 (21) 8AM Erwin Klostermann † 10AM Camilla Mims † 5PM Armando Rois-Mendez †
<b>Monday</b> - Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20 12:15AM Catholic Center Members
<b>Tuesday</b> - Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:21-28 (306)
<b>Wednesday</b> - Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39 7:30AM Franciscan Missionary Union
<b>Thursday</b> - Heb 7:25-8:6/Mk 3:7-12 5:30PM John Duffett
<b>Friday</b> - Acts 22:3-16/ 9:1-22/Mk 16:15-18 7:30AM Franciscan Missionary Union

IMPORTANT: DAILY MASS TIMES CHANGING

Our Daily Mass Schedule changes will begin **Monday, January 14, 2019.**

Monday -	Mass 12:15PM, 7:30PM (Spanish)
Tuesday-	No Daily Mass
Wednesday-	Mass 7:30AM Reconciliation 3:30PM
Thursday-	Mass 5:30PM
Friday-	Mass 7:30AM



**St. 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 University we are going to initiate the following changes for daily mass beginning this Monday, January 14th, 2019. Also, I will not be in the office on Tuesdays. Thank you for your understanding.  
Peace, Fr. Frank.

## THIS WEEK'S CALENDAR

### Monday 1/14

3:30 PM Fundraising Meeting (Library)  
 5:45 PM Confirmation Class (Hall)  
 6:00 PM St.J Women's Reflection (Chapel)

### Tuesday 1/15

9:00 AM Tailgate Tuesday (Kitchen)  
 6:00 PM OSF (Library)  
 6:30 PM RCIA (Hall, TV)  
 8:00 PM Seeking Water (Chapel)

### Wednesday 1/16

11:30 AM Silver Angels Luncheon (Hall)  
 6:15 PM Religious Education  
 8:00 PM Ignite (Hall)

### Thursday 1/17

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (TV)  
 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (TV)  
 5:15 PM Finance Council (Library)  
 7:00 PM CSA Bonfire (Garden)  
 8:00 PM Catholic Beer Club (Creature Comforts)

### Friday 1/18

8:00AM Breakfast Club (Hall)

### Sunday 1/20

10:00 AM Religious Education  
 2:30 PM Mission Trip Meetings (Library)  
 11:00 AM Baptism Prep Class (Library)  
 6:00 PM Sunday Night Dinner (Hall)

## 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 : *Thursday, January. 17th (8PM) at Creature Comforts*. Look for the Pope Francis Bobblehand. Contact Angie for more info at [csadirector@ccatuga.org](mailto:csadirector@ccatuga.org).



## TIME, TREASURE, AND TALENT

As the new year begins, the Catholic Center is looking forward to what the Spring Semester holds for our church, community, and students. During this semester and many to come, we know there are changes we, as a community, would like to make, such as advancing our facilities, activities, and ministries.

We kindly ask you today to prayerfully consider the amount you give to the church. It is so easy to fall into the pattern of giving the same amount. Unfortunately, the cost to maintain the Catholic Center grows year after year, so we cannot continue to grow without an increase in your donations.

Please keep in mind the changes you wish to see at the Center and prayerfully consider increasing the amount you give back. Through your contributions we will be able to offer more programs and initiatives which will enable us to fulfill our call to be disciples of the Gospel and be catalysts for change within our community. Thank you for your generosity and may you be blessed through your giving!

## SILVER ANGELS LUNCHEON AND BINGO

The Silver Angels will have a Potluck luncheon on **Wednesday, January 16th** in the Catholic Center Hall at 11:30am followed by our annual Bingo. All are welcome to bring a dish to share and meet other Catholic Center members. If you have any questions, contact Elena Lyons at [30elenalyons@gmail.com](mailto:30elenalyons@gmail.com).



## VOLUNTEER TO TUTOR AT OASIS CATOLICO

Oasis Catolico Santa Rafaela, run by the Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a ministry to Hispanic families in Athens. Students are needed to serve as tutors to children Pre-K through grade 3 after school at Oasis. Visit the Oasis Tutoring website at [www.oasistutors.org](http://www.oasistutors.org)



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## GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP BIBLE STUDY

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

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 41st annual **HUMAN RACE 5K** UGA Catholic Center

Come out to **ONE OF THE LONGEST RUNNING 5K'S IN GEORGIA**, The 41th Annual 5K Human Race at the Catholic Center.

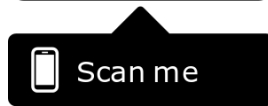
**Proceeds Will Benefit** the Catholic Student Association Ministries and Activities.

#### **NOW - Early Bird Special!**

\$20- 1 Person

\$80- "Family Deal" (up to 5!)

Hold the Camera open on your phone and the link will pop up!



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## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### RE Class Schedule:

**Grades 1st-8th-**Wednesday at 6:15 PM  
**Pre-K and Kindergarten-** Sunday at 10:00 AM  
**Confirmation students-**Monday at 6:00 PM



### Help Is Needed!

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

We are hoping to establish a *nursery* during Sunday's 10:00AM Mass.



Additionally, we need volunteers to aid as *catechists*!

**If you are called to help, please contact Lynn Renna at 706-543-2293.**

## STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

### LOOKING AHEAD

**Even if you have never attended on of our student events before, we welcome you to come and join the community this semester. We would love to see you!**

**Ignite**, our Freshmen Ministry will be meeting every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30PM , starting January 16.

**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](mailto:csinksen@ccatuga.org).

**Bible Studies** are continuing and we would love for you to participate. If you are interested in leading, please contact Angie at [csadirector@ccatuga.org](mailto:csadirector@ccatuga.org).

## COLLEGE WOMEN'S

PAINT NIGHT

31 JANUARY 2019 | 7 PM |

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN CANVAS

## BLOOD DRIVE

JANUARY 28 | 2:30 TO 7 PM

OUR FRESHMAN PROGRAM

IGNITE

WEDNESDAYS AT 8 PM

## WELCOME BACK BONFIRE

JANUARY 17 | 7-9 PM



## SEEKING WATER

TUESDAYS AT 8 PM



## JANUARY 13, 2019 BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### Financial Giving's

Thank you to all those who give of your Treasure to the Catholic Center and other ministries.

Financial information will be uploaded to our new website by Friday, January 18th. Thank you for your understanding as we transition to the new website.

#### January 6th, 2019

Offertory	\$11,894.34	Alms	\$450.03
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#### November, 2018 Monthly Re-Cap

Offertory	\$33,278.28
Alms	\$811.19
Donations	\$5,222.50
Football Parking	\$700.00
Hire A Student	\$300.00
Mr. Catholic	\$1,908.18
Oasis Ministry	\$500.00
Parent Fundraiser	\$410.88
Rebates	\$24.30
Rentals	\$400.00

#### Second Collections November 2018

Archdiocesan Seminarian	\$607.00
Catholic Charities	\$300.00
Florida Relief	\$600.00
Human Development	\$459.00
Latin America	\$25.00
Religious Retirement	\$10.00

### 2018 Archbishop's Annual Appeal

On behalf of Archbishop Wilton Gregory, Father Frank Critch, and the many beneficiaries of the Annual Appeal, thank you for faithfully donating to the 2018 Appeal.

Goal: \$52,600.00

Total Pledged & Received: \$46,709.00

**Amount Received: \$40,583.98**

Over/(Under) Goal: (\$5,891.00)

Percent of Goal Pledged: 88.8%

#### 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, and Michael Torpy.

**With Deepest Sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Camilla Mims.**

#### **Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January 2019**

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

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### 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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