

Weekly Calendar

CLOSED MARCH 11-15

Due to construction, the chapel, office, and all Catholic Center property will be closed.

Saturday 3/16

9:00 AM Lenten Retreat (Hall)

11:00 AM Baptism (Offsite)

Sunday 3/17

No Religious Education

6:00 PM Sunday Night Dinner (Hall)

Looking Forward

Monday 3/18

7:00 PM GSYPF Bible Study (TV)

Tuesday 3/19

9:30 AM Tailgate Tuesday (Kitchen)

6:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study (Li)

7:00 PM Adoration (Chapel)

7:00 PM RCIA (Hall)

8:00 PM Seeking Water (Chapel)

Wednesday 3/20

11:30 AM Silver Angels Lunch (Hall)

6:15 PM RE 1st - 8th Grade (Hall)

8:00 PM Ignite (Hall)

Thursday 3/21

7:00 AM Men's Bible Study (TV)

10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (TV)

12:00 PM Lenten Potluck Lunch (Hall)

6:00 PM Women's Dinner (Hall)

6:30 PM Adult Confirmation Class (Li)

Friday 3/22

8:00 AM Breakfast Club (Hall)

1:30 PM FVM Lunch & Talk (Hall)

6:00 PM Stations of the Cross (Chapel)

6:30 PM Soup Supper (Hall)

FRANKLIN FRIDGE DONATION DRIVE

Food insecurity is a real problem on our university campus, with an estimated nearly one quarter of undergraduate students experience food insecurity during their time at UGA.

In March 2017 advisors in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences, created the Franklin Fridge located in Brooks Hall. Franklin Fridge is a free, no questions asked, food resource for students. As word spread, the number of students has increased to more than 20 per day at present.

As part of the Lenten practice of almsgiving, the Catholic Center is collecting food items to help stock our fridge. There will be boxes located in the church and on the stage in the Center Hall.

Recently, a student left this note: "Thank you guys very much! I wouldn't have eaten today without this!"

Requested items for Franklin Fridge: Protein Bars, Fruit & Grain Bars, Juice Boxes, Fruit Cups or Fruit Pouches, Crackers & Peanut Butter, Crackers & Cheese, Trail Mix, Fruit Snacks, as well as monetary donations that allow the purchase of fresh fruit, cheese, and yogurt .

Religious Education

Wednesday Classes will resume:

March 20

Sunday Classes will resume:

March 24

Confirmation Class will resume:

March 25

During this Lenten Season, don't forget to construct your family Rice Bowl together and place it where it will be a daily reminder of Jesus and what you can do for others who are in need and hungry.

If you have not paid your RE tuition for the school year of 18-19, please make your payment by Sunday, March 17.

Confirmation Retreat:

Saturday, March 30

9:00-11:00 AM Center Hall

Confirmation Rehearsal:

Saturday, March 30

11:00 AM Chapel

Confirmation Mass:

Saturday, April 6

5:00 PM Mass

WELCOME BR. CASEY COLE, OFM!

We are excited to welcome Br. Casey Cole to the Catholic Center. He will join us shortly after his ordination on June 22 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Durham, NC. Br. Casey Cole grew up in Lancaster, PA. He earned a bachelor's degree in religious studies with a minor in poverty studies from Furman University. Br. Casey says, "Communal life offered a joy and challenge that rejuvenated me after a full day's work, and fulfilled me more than I could have imagined." He also spent a summer volunteering at the St. Francis Inn and St. Francis Church in Virginia. He completed his internship at Immaculate Conception in Durham, and is currently living in Chicago, where he is completing a Masters of Divinity degree at the Catholic Theological Union. Br. Casey's blog is BreakingintheHabit.org.

Graduate Student and Young Professional Fellowship Bible Study (GSYPF)

We will NOT meet on Monday, March 11 due to UGA's spring break. The next discussion will be on the Monday, Mar. 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the Center. For more information, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

March Women's Dinner Moved to 3/21

There is still time to RSVP for the March 21 Women's Dinner at 6:00PM in the Center Hall. All Catholic Center women over 21 are invited. The cost of the dinner is \$12. Please RSVP by Monday, March 18 to the Catholic Center office at 706-543-2293.

SILVER ANGELS

The Silver Angels, a social and service group for members age 50+, will have their March meeting and potluck luncheon in the Center Hall on Wednesday March 20 at 11:30 AM. Thank you to Mary Gould for coordinating a representative from the Morton Theatre who will provide our programming. We hope to see you there for food, discussions and fun.

Catholic Beer Club

If you are a graduate student or young professional (22+), you are welcome to join us on March 21 at Akademia Brewing from 8:00-10:00 PM. For more information, please contact Angie Hall at csadirector@ccatuga.org.

Women of Jerusalem

Women of Jerusalem will be presented on Monday, April 15 in the Chapel at 7:00 PM. If you are interested in participating in this Lenten dramatization, please contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org.

Learn About Franciscan Volunteer Ministry

Lizzy Heurich, Associate Director at FVM, is coming to Athens to explain more about doing a year of full time volunteer work with the Franciscans. She will be doing a presentation on Friday, March 22 at 1:30 PM and will stay until 4 PM. Lunch will be served.

Men's Bible Study Group

The Men's Bible Study group meets on Thursdays at 7AM in the TV room of the center hall. We invite anyone interested to come join us for friendship and a lively discussion. We are currently reading and discussing Mere Christianity by CS Lewis. If you are interested, please stop by or contact Glenn Farrar at: gm_farrar@icloud.com or 706-254-8090.

5K Human Race

Thank you so much to everyone who participated in the 41st Annual 5k Human Race! We received over \$23,000 in donations! Thank you to all of our sponsors, especially Ginny Browning, WaterMan Spring Water, ThermoPro, Julie Barkley, the Hartner family and to all volunteers who helped put on a successful race. Financial details of the race will be posted to our website upon completion.

Student Announcements

Catholic Stickers are \$2 each and can be purchased at the front desk during regular office hours!



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

Ignite, the Freshmen Ministry, will be meeting every Wednesday from 8:00-9:30PM. This week we will be having praise, worship, and Adoration.

Bible Studies are continuing and we would love for you to participate.

If you would like more information about any of these events, please contact Angie Hall at csadirector@ccatuga.org.

Spring Break Mission Trips

Students and staff from the Catholic Center will be participating in mission trips this week! They will be living out the Gospel's call to serve Christ in the poor and participate in works of mercy. One group will be heading to Juncos, Puerto Rico with the organization Rebuilding Hope to help children in the Casa de Todos Orphanage. The other mission trip will take place at the Pine Ridge Native American Reservation in South Dakota. This group will be serving with the organization Tipi Raisers, and will be doing home repairs for Lakota families around the reservation.

Please pray for all of our students and staff as they serve this week.

March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

Financial Giving

Thank you for giving your treasures to the Catholic Center and other ministries.

February 3

Offertory \$12,304.85 Alms \$339.00



Please keep our Mission Trip students in your prayers as they travel to South Dakota and Puerto Rico!

South Dakota

Group Leaders: Jessica Fox and Sr. Uyen-chi Dang
Students: Alex Carlin, Beth Newbold, Eileen Clark, Elena Lopez, Grace Coalson, Jenna Hughes, Mackenzie Tilton, Max Pool, and Megan Phelan.

Puerto Rico

Group Leader: Angie Hall
Students: Bennett Hardee, Chris de Angelis, Christian Sullivan, Constance Sullivan, Felicia Ojong, Luke Chapin, Madeline Le, Michelle Manganiello, and Nick Zimmer

We Lift Up In Prayer

Rosilyn Andrews, Sugianto Atmodjo, Jill Bittle, Shirley Bundy, Grace Byrne, Tracy Dempsey Capizzi, Katie Beth Carey, Brenda Critch, Sister Barbara Daniels, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Steve Duncan, Jill Ennis, Michele Flaherty, James Flannigan, Elizabeth Fox, Denise Gannon, Carol Garbon, Roslyn Jain Gil, Phyllis Ginn, Gregory Glander, Pat Goggin, Ann Johnson, Richard Lynch, Kate McCall, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Karen O'Boyle Pagoda, Myra Pawlowski, Sharon Perrine, Lee Prendergast, Larry Quattrocchi, Denise Quinn, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Rosemarie Russo, David Salum, Marge Smith, Michael Torpy, Martha Tucker, Grant Tyner, Angel and Pearl Wells and Mary Lou Zeitler.

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Ann Blaesing.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities: That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



Sacrament Schedule

Daily Mass

No Daily Mass 3/11 - 3/15
 St. Joseph (weekdays) 8:30 AM

Weekend Mass

Saturday Vigil 3/16 5:00 PM
 Sunday 3/17 8:00 AM
 10:00 AM
 5:00 PM

Reconciliation

Saturday 3/16 3:45 PM

Readings & Intentions

Saturday - Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32
 5:00 PM Maria L Diaz †
 Sunday Dt 26:4-10/Rom 10:8-13/
 Lk 4:1-13
 8:00 AM Cate & Paul Arnone †
 10:00 AM Members of the Catholic Center
 Monday Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/
 Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday Jon 3:1-10/
 Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday Est C:12, 14-16,
 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
 Friday Ez 18:21-28/
 Mt 5:20-26

The Catholic Center
March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

This week we are given, as our reflection, the temptations of Jesus in the desert. How do we face times of decision, doubt, pain, loss or despair in our lives? When we are placed in the desert, what do we do? Many of our saints in the Church have related to their desert experience as the time of great confusion but immense growth in faith. They did not run from it or tune it out of their lives, they faced it with prayer, fasting and faith in God even when they felt the presence of God distant. Richard Rohr, OFM in his book, The Great Themes of Scripture states: "Our temptation is always to shorten the time (desert), make our timetable God's timetable. We want to get out and get it over with. But we cannot rush the journey of faith. We have to attune ourselves to its times and seasons. You can't bake a cake quicker by turning up the heat to 450 degrees., nor can you slow it down by lowering it to 200. It will flop either way. When all (is) taken away, all our securities and defense mechanisms, we find out who we really are. We're so poor, so little, so empty-sometimes, even so ugly. But God takes away our shame and we are able to present ourselves to God poor and humble. Then we find out who we are and who God is for us."

LENT EVENTS

Lenten Potluck Lunch Series

Join us on Thursdays during Lent (except 3/14) from 12-1:15 PM in the Center Hall for a light lunch and a brief reflection on these topics:

Immigration and Refugees, Poverty, Interfaith Dialogue, Prison Reform, & Franciscan Ecology

24 HOUR ADORATION
 Thursdays
 7:00 AM -
 Fridays
 7:00 AM

PENANCE SERVICE
 Tuesday,
 April 9th at
 7:00 PM in
 the Chapel.

DAILY MASS
 Monday
 12:15PM
 Tues. & Thur.
 5:30PM
 Wed. & Fri.
 7:30AM

Lenten Donation Drives

Every Sunday of Lent we will begin a new donation drive. More information will be provided in the weekly bulletin and during the Mass Announcements for the items that we are hoping to collect.

March 10- Franklin Fridge

March 17- St. Francis Inn

March 24- Immigration Recovery

March 31- Oasis Easter Egg Candy Drive

April 7 - Prison Clothing

April 14- Stuff the Shelter

Stations of the Cross and Soup Dinner Each Friday During Lent (except 3/15) the Catholic Center will be hosting:

Stations of the Cross at 6:00 PM in the Chapel
 Soup Dinner at 6:30 PM in the Center Hall

If you would like to assist in making soup, please contact Father Frank or feel free to bring a pot of soup to share

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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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