

The Catholic Center

REFLECTION FROM FATHER FRANK

The Scrutinies within our liturgies over these next three weeks are rites of conversion and repentance at liturgies where the Elect are present. The Elect are those who are preparing for Baptism. Part of their journey to the font is that they have been received among us, the Rite of Acceptance, and they have been enrolled in the Book of the Elect in the Rite of Election which was celebrated two weeks ago with Bishop Ned. These are ancient rites and they may, at first, seem strange to us. But they are profoundly rooted in our human experience. We need to examine (scrutinize) how we are, the areas of our lives where we are tempted, or seriously sin - in what we do and what we fail to do. We really need healing and the strength that can come from the support of our sisters and brothers. As Easter approaches, we prepare to welcome these participants in Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) through the Sacraments of Initiation. RCIA is not only for those seeking full initiation into the Church. RCIA involves the whole Christian community. RCIA is for two groups of people: the unbaptized and baptized Christians seeking full communion with the Church. For the unbaptized (catechumen), RCIA prepares them to receive all three Sacraments of Initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Baptized Christians (candidates) and Catholics will receive Confirmation and/or the Eucharist. Even if these rites are not celebrated at the liturgy we attend, it can be wonderful to reflect upon the journey these Elect are making during Lent, as an inspiration and source of renewal for us in our journey. Let us pray for these, our brothers and sisters, as they prepare to enter fully into our community. May their presence at our liturgies inspire all of us on our journey to a deeper awareness of God's presence in our lives and where we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment every day of our lives.

THIS WEEK IN LENT

Lenten Collection: Franklin Fridge

The 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. You may drop off the items at the Catholic Center. 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, and monetary donations that allow the purchase of fresh goods.

24-Hour Adoration

7:00AM on Thursday to 7:00AM Mass on Friday we will have Adoration

Potluck Lunch and Reflection

Join us on Thursdays during Lent at 12PM in the Center Hall
March 19- Alternative Spring Break Trip Reflection

Stations of the Cross and Soup Supper

The Catholic Center will be hosting: Stations of the Cross at 6:00PM in the Chapel followed by a Soup Dinner at 6:30PM in the Center Hall.

Weekly Calendar

Monday 3/16

- 7:00 PM GSYPF Meeting (TV)
- 7:00 PM CSA Men's/Women's Ministry
- 7:00 PM Confirmation (H)

Tuesday 3/17

- 9:30 AM Catholic Mama's Group (TV)
- 3:30 PM Campus Kitchen (K)
- 6:30 PM Tuesday Night Bible Study (L)
- 7:00 PM RCIA (TV)

Wednesday 3/18

- 6:00 PM RE 1st - 8th (H)
 - 8:00 PM Ignite (H)
- ### Thursday 3/19
- 7:00 AM 24 Hour Adoration Begins
 - 7:00 AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)
 - 10:00 AM Women's Bible Study (L)
 - 12:00 PM Potluck Lunch & Reflection
 - 6:30 PM Adult Confirmation

Friday 3/20

- 8:00 AM Breakfast Club (H)
- 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal (CH)
- 6:00 PM CSA Leap Event (H)
- 6:00 PM Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper (CH/H)

Saturday 3/21

- 9:00 AM Backpack Ministry (K)

Friday 3/20 & Saturday 3/21

Lenten Mission Weekend!



LENTEN MISSION WEEKEND MARCH 21 & 21

Join us for our Lenten Mission Weekend, a two day event featuring Dana Catherine, speaker and worship leader, and a retreat led by Fr. Casey Cole and James Perkins. Friday's events will include a soup dinner, Stations of the Cross and a Praise and Worship evening in the Chapel. On Saturday, begin the day with the "Joy of the Gospel: Day of Reflection, Mass, dinner and more Praise and Worship. We encourage you to join us for all or any part of this wonderful Lenten weekend on March 20 and 21. There is no cost to attend but we need to know how much food to prepare. Please contact the Catholic Center office for more information and to RSVP.



EVENT SCHEDULE

Lenten Mission Night 1

- Friday, March 20th
- 5:30 PM Soup Dinner
- 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:00 PM Lenten Mission Night I Welcome
- Praise and Worship
- Dana Catherine
- Eucharistic Adoration
- 8:30PM END

"Joy of The Gospel" Day of Reflection

- 12:00 PM Check in
- 12:45 PM Small Group Potluck Lunch
- 1:30 PM Session One
- 1:50 PM Small Group
- 2:30 PM Session Two
- 3:00 PM Small Group
- 4:00 PM Session Three
- 5:00 PM Vigil Mass
- 6:00 PM Dinner
- 7:00 PM Lenten Mission

SILVER ANGELS POTLUCK

Silver Angels potluck meeting will be in the hall on Wednesday, March 18 at 11:30AM. After lunch we will carpool to the Extra Special People facility in Watkinsville. ESP is a non-profit that creates opportunities for people with disabilities and their families to engage, connect, and thrive. ESP runs weekend and after-school programs, family support programs, and events in addition to 8 weeks of summer camp. ESP serves 450 families, 30 counties and 2000 individuals. Some of our members have volunteered for their Big Jump fundraiser at the Monroe airport. We hope you will bring a dish to share for lunch and join us for a trip to this facility which is handicap-friendly.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES AT THE CATHOLIC CENTER

We are in the process of hiring for the following positions at the Center: Business Manager, Grounds & Maintenance Person, and Kitchen Manager. Please contact the Center office for more information.

DEMENTIA EDUCATION & SUPPORT PROGRAM

The Alzheimer's Association and UGA Institute of Gerontology CARE Center is putting on an educational support program for people diagnosed with mild cognitive impairment or early stage dementia and their care partners. The goal is to educate people about dementia and provide peer support on topics including setting realistic expectations, working with healthcare professionals, and planning for the future. This program will be held every Monday from March 23 - May 11 from 1:00-2:30PM. Registration is required. Please call to register: 1-800-272-3900

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

- Monday-Thursday 5:30PM
- Friday 7:30AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

- Saturday: 5:00PM
- Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM, 6:00PM
(no Sunday Night Dinner)

Reconciliation

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

OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

- Saturday - Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- 5:00PM - Arlene Tedesco †
- Sunday- Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42
- 8:00AM - Carol Finn †
- 10:00AM - Catholic Center Members
- 6:00PM - UGA Students (int)
- Monday - 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Lk 4:24-30
- 5:30PM - FMU*
- Tuesday - Dn 3:25, 34-43/Mt 18:21-35
- 5:30PM - FMU*
- Wednesday-Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19
- 5:30PM - RE Families & Catechists (int)
- Thursday - 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-16/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21
- 5:30PM - Arch Ministry (int)
- Friday - Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34
- 7:30AM - FMU*

* Franciscan Missionary Union

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

CATHOLIC MAMAS GROUP

The Catholic Mama's group meets every Tuesday from 9:30AM to 11:00AM in the TV room at the Center. This is a wonderful opportunity for moms to connect.

CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

Athens Catholic Beer Club wishes you a happy St. Joseph's feast day. Our next meeting is March 26th at 7pm at **Akademia Brewing Company**. Look for the waving Pope Francis figure on the table - that's us!



HARRAH'S CASINO - SAVE THE DATE

Join us Tuesday, March 31 for our Casino Bus Trip to Harrah's Cherokee Casino in Cherokee, NC. The price is \$20 per person. Fill out one of our sign up sheets at the Catholic Center Office. The maximum capacity is 50. Additional details to come!

EASTER FLOWERS

To make our church beautiful during the Easter season, we will be decorating with Easter Flowers. If you would like to participate by making a donation in honor of or in memory of someone, please pick up a form and return it with payment in the offertory basket or to the office by Monday, April 6. The suggested donation is \$20.



GRADUATE STUDENT/YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF) BIBLE STUDY

The GSYPF Bible study will meet on Monday, March 16 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Center to discuss Chapter 4 in the study guide "Mark: Getting to Know Jesus." Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Christy Sinksen at 706-613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE WEDNESDAY CLASSES

There will be RE Classes on Wednesday, March 18. See all of you at 6:00PM.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR MARCH

Our last Monday evening Confirmation Class will meet on March 16 at 7:00-8:45PM. Light refreshments will be prepared for the last of this year. Letters to Father Frank are due for this class for our Year 2 Candidates. We look forward to seeing Taylor Muir and Camille Davenport make their Confirmation on May 3. "Creator Spirit, strengthen these children with your gifts of grace, to love and serve as a disciple of Christ."

PRE-K, KINDERGARTEN AND NURSERY

Sunday Classes will resume on March 22, 10:00-11:00AM. There will be no classes on Sunday, March 15.

LENTEN COLLECTION: Franklin Fridge

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.

SUMMER BIBLE CAMP

Save the date: June 1-5 for our annual Summer Bible Camp. This summer we will focus on "Celebrating the Lives of the Saints". Each day, we will learn about the life of a Saint and how the church recognizes them as heroes and heroines worthy to be held up for our inspiration. Registrations are in the Church Office, ages 5-14, cost \$50 (T-Shirt is included). We hope to have you join us for a fun week at Bible Camp! For more information, contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org.

CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

BOARD APPLICATIONS ARE LIVE!

Applications for the 2020-2021 CSA Board are now open! The CSA Board is comprised of all of our ministry heads and other leaders here at the Catholic Center. If you are interested in reviewing what roles are available, please visit <https://bit.ly/CSABoardRoles>. Please note that the applications will close Monday, March 16th at 8:00PM.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact 2020-2021 Co-Presidents Pippo Boyle (770-714-4151) and Sarah Gries (404-372-9595)!



MARCH 15, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

Communion only under one kind?

With the recent spread of COVID-19 and the danger of the flu, the Archdiocese has decided to withhold the chalice from the congregation as an attempt to prevent further infections. For some, this has raised a theological question: how can the Church do this and maintain the validity of the liturgy? Two things.



One is right to question the diminished sign value of the Eucharist. Jesus implemented a meal, and we experience that fullness of that meal when we take part in everything he did, receiving the body and blood. For this reason, it is required that a Mass include the precious blood, if for no one else than the priest. The sacrifice must be offered, and under normal circumstances, it is encouraged for the faithful in the United States to take part fully.

That being said, the Church has long taught the theology of "concomitance," the doctrine that the fullness of Christ's body, blood, soul, and divinity are equally present in the Eucharistic bread and wine. A person can receive one without the other. It lacks the fullness of the sign, yes, but is not lacking in the efficacious grace that it bestows.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for generously sharing your treasures with the Catholic Center for its operations, ministries, and outreach programs. If you have questions or concerns, please contact the Center.

February 23, 2020

Offertory \$13,658.57 Alms \$429.05

March 1, 2020

Offertory \$15,063.88 Alms \$522.25

We Lift Up In Prayer

Edward Adrian, Rosilyn Andrews, Bob Brownlie, Bill Burden, Brian Carr, Grace Byrne, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, Pilar Delaplaine, George Dougherty, Carol Garbon, Rachel Gauna, Mildred George, Noleen Casey, Pat Goggin, Pilar Delaplaine, Kurt Huberty, Ann Johnson, Meth McElhannon, Barbara O'Brien, Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Carole Seeley, Jimmy Simons, Doug Tigert, Martha Tucker and Joan Weiss

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Bern Allard and Mildred George.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March:

We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.

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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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PRAYER LIST

Please help keep our prayer list current by emailing updates and new requests.



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