



The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1962




ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions


Saturday 5PM - No Mass	Tuesday 5:30PM - Michael Sammons †
Sunday 8AM - Rev. Daniel B. Brunton †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Michael Sammons †
10:30AM - Robert Dube †	Thursday 5:30PM - Eileen Sapera †
5PM - Priests of the Archdiocese of Atlanta	Friday 8AM - Fred Fischer †
Monday 5:30PM - E. Doyle	

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Congratulations to our National Champs



UGA will celebrate the National Championship on Sat., Jan 15 with a parade down Lumpkin St. ending at Sanford with a ceremony. This event will be treated like a home game meaning NO Vigil Mass or Reconciliation on Sat., Jan 15. Parking lots will close at 8PM on Fri. and reopen on Sun. morning for 8AM Mass. We will be charging \$10 to park for the parade and event at Sanford Stadium. Fr. Fred and Fr. Brian encourage you to attend the Sunday Masses (weather permitting) or livestream the Mass.

Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: No Mass Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM Monday-Thursday: 5:30PM Friday: 8AM	Confession: Wednesday 4-5PM Saturday: No Confession Weekly Adoration: Monday from 6PM through Tuesday 5:30PM (except on UGA breaks)
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Weekly Calendar

Saturday 1/15
UGA Championship Parade
No Reconciliation or Mass

Sunday 1/16
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
3PM - Collegiate RCIA
5PM Mass

Monday 1/17
MLK Day No Classes
Office Closed
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 1/18
12PM - Conversations with Fr. Brian
5:30PM Mass
8PM - Seeking Water

Wednesday 1/19
4PM - Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM - 1st-8th Religious Education Resumes
8PM - Ignite

Thursday 1/20
10AM - Women's Bible Study
10AM - Men's Bible Study (L)
5:30PM Mass with Bishop Ned Schlesinger
7PM - RCIA
8PM - Arch Ministry

Friday 1/21
8AM Mass
5:30PM - Pro-Life Night

Saturday 1/22
10AM - Knights of Columbus Exemplification
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass
6:30PM - Korean Mass and Dinner

Mark Your Calendars
Catholic Center Blood Drive
January 24

Announcements

Catholic Center Blood Drive

There is an urgent need for blood! Come to the center hall on Monday, January 24th from 2:30PM - 7PM to donate your blood. Eat iron rich food, drink plenty of water, sleep well before & after donation, & don't forget your photo ID. Save 15 minutes and complete your rapid pass. For an appointment, visit redcrossblood.org enter sponsor keyword: **UGACC** or scan the QR code.



Men's Bible Study Begins This Thursday

Fr. Fred will be leading the Catholic Center Men's Bible Study which will start on Thursday, January 20th at 10AM in the Center Library. The Men's Bible Study will meet twice a month. All Catholic Center men including students are welcome. Please contact the front office if you have any questions.

Conversations with Fr. Brian

Join us on Tuesday, January 18th in the Center Hall at noon for Conversations with Fr. Brian. This is an opportunity for discussion on any faith subject and to ask questions. All are welcome to join us and bring a bag lunch. We will continue these conversations each month with Fr. Fred or Fr. Brian. If you would like to submit your questions ahead of time, email frbrian@ccatuga.org.



Support the Georgia Conflict Center

The Georgia Conflict Center (GCC) is a nonprofit organization in Athens, which was founded at the UGA Catholic Center in 2009. GCC exists to build peace with justice by advancing restorative practices within communities, schools and institutions. We define Restorative Practices as a movement oriented by a set of guiding principles that prioritize building community and connection, democratic participation, and responding to harm in ways that embrace relationships, inclusiveness, support and accountability. GCC currently supports whole school restorative practices implementation at three schools in Athens, as well as within the Gwinnett County School System. GCC's Executive Director, Danny Malec, will be speaking to us about the Christian roots of Restorative Justice and GCC's new Restorative Justice Diversion Program. To learn more about GCC, or to donate, please go to www.gaconflict.org

A Message from Sr. Uyen-Chi

Dear Catholic Community at UGA,

This past Monday was truly a historical game and a long-awaited win for UGA and all of Athens. Congratulations to all the Dawgs and Dawg Fans for being National Champs! It was beautiful to see how everyone, yes literally all our students, staff, priests and community members, cheered and rallied around this game. I agree with Pope Francis that "Sport is not only a form of entertainment, but also a tool to communicate values that promote the good that is in humans and help build a more peaceful and fraternal society."

With all the excitements of this week, it is hard to enter with the Universal Church into Ordinary Time. I know the term ordinary in English most often means something that is not special or distinctive. Many people think that Ordinary Time refers to parts of the calendar of the Catholic Church that are unimportant. Ordinary Time is called "ordinary" not because it is common but simply because the weeks of Ordinary Time are numbered. The Latin word ordinalis, which refers to numbers in a series, stems from the Latin word ordo, from which we get the English word order. The numbered weeks of Ordinary Time, in fact, represent the ordered life of the Church and reach the climax on the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, on the final Sunday in Ordinary Time.

The Sundays and weeks of Ordinary Time take us through the life of Christ and invite us to journey with him and be transformed by the experience. It is not by chance that the Gospel of this Sunday of Ordinary Time recounts Christ's first miracle – the transformation of water into wine at the wedding at Cana. Thus, for Catholics, Ordinary Time is the part of the year in which Christ walks among us and transforms our lives. There is nothing "ordinary" about that! Let us follow Mother Teresa's advice, live and do ordinary things with extraordinary love.

United in Christ,
Sr. Uyen-Chi



Formula Drive

Bella is a local high school student preparing to make her Confirmation in the spring. As part of her preparation, she is organizing a Baby Formula Drive to benefit Children First, a local Athens nonprofit dedicated to promoting safe homes children in times of family crisis. She is collecting baby formula which can be dropped off at the Catholic Center or Children's First. If you would like to make a monetary donation, visit the website in the graphic or scan the QR code. Thank you!

Farewell to Milton Lopes



The Catholic Center would like to say a belated farewell to Milton Lopes, a long time and much loved member of the Catholic Center. Milton has moved to Maryland to be closer to his family including a sweet grandbaby. Milton and his wife Gail, who passed away in 2017 were actively involved in many of the ministries at the Catholic Center as well as many other organizations in the Athens community. In his time at the Catholic Center, Milton gave Spiritual Direction, led the Men's Bible Study, many retreats, a Dream Group and was a wonderful resource for our RCIA program. Milton also worked with the Archdiocese Tribunal on annulments. Milton is a Lay Associate with Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Trappist Monastery in Conyers and also retired from the faculty of the University of Georgia. Milton's book, Lenten Reflections: From the Desert to the Resurrection, published in 2014, was studied in the Men's Bible Study.

Messages From Our Community

From Louis and Terry: My friend Milton, Terry and I think the world of you. Your kindness towards others and your devotion to the Lord is very easy to see. Enjoy your new location and visit those Museums (from Louie). Milton is smart and knows a lot about many things, what impressed me about him was his humility; he is truly a servant of God and touches many lives around him. I had the pleasure of going to a series of talks that he facilitated during lent in 2019, we read and discussed a book he wrote, as well as gospel readings. I felt blessed to listen to his insights and wisdom on these topics that he gained over the years. He will be missed here at the Catholic Center, I hope he'll come back to visit us often. (from Terry)

From Mary Ellen Quinn and Bill Burden: Milton is a true blessing. His insights and compassion helped many in the Bereavement Group on their journey! My dad, Bill Burden asked me to share this message with Milton: *Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam!* We miss you, Milton! Your new community is very fortunate to have you as a member!

From Glenn Seger: Milton Lopes has impacted so many people at the Catholic Center that I doubt any individual could do justice to the extent of people he has helped, served, taught, counseled, shared with, laughed with and befriended. The most impactful experience for me was his Dream Works classes, which opened an expansive new way for looking at virtually everything. His participation in the Men's Bible study and leading the class for a year on his book "Lenten Reflections – From the Desert to the Resurrection" also impacted many. Just talking with Milton after mass or lunch at J. Christopher's was always a joy to discuss the topic of the day...unfortunately; Covid reduced these meetings in recent years. So glad for Milton to be with his family but we will miss his kind and gentle wisdom that he shared with so many. All the best, Milton!!

From Linda DiPietro: Milton and Gail were the first Catholic Center couple to welcome Tony and me after we began joining services in 2007. While attending an Italian dinner during an October St. Francis celebration, we were feeling somewhat left out of the conversations. Being new we watched many in attendance chatting while we struggled to get anyone's attention. Milton and Gail rescued us by asking us to sit at their table. For the remainder of the evening they introduced us to others and shared themselves. When I began working in the Catholic Center office in 2009, Milton was a frequent, welcome visitor and volunteer. It was always educational and entertaining.

From Liz Hammock: Milton was pivotal in my life as a spiritual director for myself and my husband, and as a guide in this community assisting those seeking in so many ways: understanding scripture, imaginative prayer, theology, faith formation, and even in the process of annulment as a healing one. He spanned the needs of the Catholic Center community in ways we'll see unfold and grow for years to come. For his attentiveness to my family growth I am eternally grateful. Be well, dear friend! Peace and All Good!

Announcements

Introducing the Elijah Cup

We will continue to ask our families to take the Elijah Cup home for the week. The Elijah Cup is an effort to pray for an increase of vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and religious life. Members will bring the Elijah Cup home to pray over as a family. Use the link on the website or the QR code to sign up. We have dates available through the end of January!



2nd Collection for Archdiocesan Hispanic Ministries

The Catholic Church in the Archdiocese of Atlanta has been serving the Hispanic population for over forty years. Today it continues to offer pastoral, social and legal assistance to a Hispanic population estimated at over 500,000 residents. The archdiocese, recognizing the Hispanic presence, tries to respond to the needs of the community in their own language and cultural context. It is important to note that all contributions will benefit ministries within our own archdiocese for pastoral services such as religious education, evangelization programs as well as the Sacraments and the Eucharist for spiritual support and integration to the parish life. All contributions go directly to serve the Hispanic community of the archdiocese. Your support is appreciated.

Knights of Columbus Corner

Defenders of Human Life: Life is a gift from God. Each human person is created by God out of love and in his own image, endowed with an immortal soul. Because of this, each person has an inherent dignity, and each life is sacred. We recognize these truths in principle, and yet so much of our culture does not. This culture of death requires and demands of us a spiritual response. It requires and needs men who will stand up for life, men who will stand up for the weak, the poor, the vulnerable, the elderly, the handicapped – and that begins within their own families. See you next week.



Snacks for the Student Retreat

Our CSA members will be going on their annual retreat February 4-6 at Camp Covecrest. We would love to show our support through snack and drink donations they can use throughout the weekend. Please drop off single serving snacks, single bagged baked goods, water bottles, and any other food or drink donations to the stage by February 2nd. Thank you in advance!

44th Annual 5K Human Race

Sign up for the 44th Annual Catholic Center 5K Human Race on Saturday, February 19th.

Calling all Alumni...

Our Catholic Center community is currently building a group of all Catholic alumni from UGA. We are seeking to connect with one another, sharing memories, good news, and current happenings at the Catholic Center! If you graduated from UGA, please fill out the Alumni Contact form at ccatuga.org/alumni to get plugged in! We look forward to connecting with you. If you know Catholic individuals outside this community that attended UGA, please share this with them. Contact Sheila Lorusso, our Alumni Development Coordinator.

Religious Education Classes Resume

The Wednesday RE Class starts back on the 19th at 6:15PM. Pre-K and Kindergarten Class meets on Sunday, the 23rd at 10:30AM. Confirmation Class will be meeting on Monday, the 24th at 7PM. We've missed all of you and can't wait to see you at RE soon, in your masks.



BELIEVE IN THE POSSIBILITY OF HELP AND HEALING. THERE IS HOPE.

We are here to listen and take action. The Archdiocese of Atlanta has a 24-hour hotline to report abuse or victimization by someone representing the Catholic Church.

Archdiocesan 24-hour Abuse Reporting Hotline: 1-888-437-0764



We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi, Grace Byrne, David Lauth

*If you would like to have someone added to our prayer intentions, please email stewardship@ccatuga.org

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Michael King and José F. Ventura.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for January: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so very much for your generous contributions to our offertory throughout the year. Your support of the Catholic Center and our ministries is heartwarming. Thank you for sharing your time, treasure and talent.

January 2, 2021

\$20,087.87- Offertory \$266.00 - Alms

January 9, 2021

\$12,887.00- Offertory \$48.00 - Alms

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