



# The Catholic Center

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## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5PM - Joan Halper †	<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30PM - Joel & Charlotte Alesi
<b>Sunday</b> 8AM - James A Teofilo † 10:30AM - The Frankson Family 5PM - Maurice Granger †	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30PM - Mike Clutter †
<b>Monday</b> 5:30PM - Handmaids of the Sacred Heart of Jesus	<b>Thursday</b> 5:30PM - Cherie Frankson
	<b>Friday</b> 8AM - Eunice Heyer †

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### Silver Angels Meets Tuesday!

Calling all of our members who are 60+ and young at heart. The Silver Angels are getting together on February 14th, for a Valentine's Day lunch and bingo. Join us for a delicious meal, visit with old and new friends, and win some prizes. Bring your competitive spirit and an empty stomach. We can't wait to see you!



### Liturgical Schedule

<b>Mass:</b> Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Fr: 8AM	<b>Holy Hours:</b> Mon & Thurs: 9-5PM Tues & Weds: 9-10AM Fri: 8:30-10AM
	<b>Confession:</b> Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

### Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 2/11**  
11AM Tillitski Funeral  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

**Sunday 2/12**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass & RE  
3:30PM RCIA  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner

**Monday 2/13**  
10AM Men's Bible Study  
11AM Macko Funeral  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM Adult Confirmation

**Tuesday 2/14**  
12PM Silver Angels  
5:30PM Mass  
8PM CSA Ablaze

**Wednesday 2/15**  
11AM Powell Funeral  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
6:15PM Religious Ed  
8PM CSA Freshman Ignite Ministry

**Thursday 2/16**  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
11AM Pipitone Funeral  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM RCIA

**Friday 2/17**  
8AM Mass

**Saturday 2/18**  
5K Human Race  
1PM Wedding  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

### A Message from Our Students

The following are two reflections from students who attended the spring retreat this past weekend:

*Cecilia Nilsson—*

I arrived at Hidden Lake on Friday prepared to experience Jesus with my favorite community of people. We had a candlelight mass that evening and I felt giddy with excitement knowing that this weekend could change me. I felt like I was on the edge of something really good, but I didn't know what.

Saturday came and I dove into prayer like I never had before. Three hours in silence and another three in front of the Blessed Sacrament. By the end of the day, when we were all together in adoration, I was burnt out. We had just heard a beautiful talk from Fr. Branson, the chaplain at Georgia Tech, about living our true identity in Christ leads us to do everything as an expression of the Lord's love. We are free from comparison and discouragement because we live knowing there is a God who is deeply in love with us no matter what. Sitting in that room with Jesus so close, all I could feel was distracted and I found that I began comparing myself to the way my peers were worshiping. It wasn't until the last 10 minutes when I realized that despite all of my irritation, insecurity, and confusion, Jesus was sitting with me the entire time, maybe rubbing my back or allowing me to rest my head on his shoulder. We didn't need to speak in that moment. All I needed to do was sit there, receive Him, and allow Him to meet me where I was. I didn't need to "fix" any of my feelings because the Lord was gazing upon me with such tenderness regardless of what I was doing.

Life in Athens is busy and noisy. Incorporating silence into my day, I've learned, is vital because it will allow me to better see and hear the ways the Lord is moving and speaking in my life. I believe that I was able to see the Holy Spirit moving in those last 10 minutes because of the grace given to me during those quiet hours. I still feel as though I am on the edge of something really amazing- a new chapter in my faith story. I am excited to see where that takes me and am learning to be okay with the fact that whatever happens will likely be what I least expect.

*Elle Rush—*

The "Into the Deep" retreat was a weekend of vibrance, wonder, and peace. The culmination of the vibrance of the Catholic community, the wonder of beautiful mountains, and the peace brought by God in the silence made for an amazing weekend. After many wonderful talks about the need to slow our lives down and how silence is more than just the absence of sound, we were given the opportunity to sit in silence for three hours. Walking in I was nervous that sitting for that long in silence with God would be awkward or difficult. However, this time allowed for me to get passed having an agenda for prayer. I got to sit in comfortable silence like you would with one of your closest friends. I got to realize the importance of quieting my heart and the craziness of the world. I am often caught in the noise and dwell in what can the world bring me, but God is not of this world so you have to quiet the noise and rest in him. This rest was the break from the hustle and bustle of the busy campus that many of us needed. The people, the place, and our God made for an incredible weekend at Hidden Lake.

## Announcements

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal

Serving more than 1,000,000 Catholics, the mission of the Archdiocese of Atlanta is to proclaim the Gospel of the Lord, and grow all of north and central Georgia in faith, hope, love, and service to others. Your gift to the 2023 Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps make it possible by supporting the ministerial, outreach, education, formation, and discipleship work of the Archdiocese of Atlanta. To learn more about the appeal, and to donate online, visit [www.archatl.com/appeal](http://www.archatl.com/appeal).

### Last Call for the 5K Human Race!

There is still time to register for the 5K on February 18th! Register on our website or pick up a form in the front office/back of the chapel. Walk-ups are welcome as always, but a shirt may not be guaranteed.

### Liturgical Ministry Training

Are you interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Minister? The Catholic Center will be holding a training seminar on Monday, February 20th at 6:15pm in the chapel. Come as you are; no prior experience is needed! Once training is completed, you will be added to our roster of volunteers and be able to start serving our community! If you have questions, please contact Jayne Edwards ([music@ccatuga.org](mailto:music@ccatuga.org)).

### Bereavement Group at the CC

If you are grieving a death or a loss, we want you to know that you are not alone. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory grief, acute grief, or long-standing grief) or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us. All are welcome! The Group's first meeting will be Feb. 21, 2023, at 2pm in the Center Hall. For more info, please contact Mary Ellen Quinn ([mebq@att.net](mailto:mebq@att.net) or 706.325.5598) or the office (706.543.2293).

### Call for Wedding Coordinators

Do you love the magic of weddings? Please contact Jenni by calling the front office or emailing [stewardship@ccatuga.org](mailto:stewardship@ccatuga.org).

### Feed My Starving Children MobilePack

Only 47 days to go! Current donations: \$16,950 vs. goal of \$35,000. So far we have 278 volunteers vs. our goal of 500. Donations, sponsors, and volunteers sign ups are still needed for the MobilePack event. UGA Athletic Assoc. will host private tours of the football facility and Stegman Coliseum for sponsors. Sponsors will also be invited to attend football practice. Sponsor levels: Family—\$1,275; Orphanage—\$2,500; School—\$5,000; Village—\$10,000. Go to: [give.fmssc.org/athens](http://give.fmssc.org/athens) to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at [tspenceer44@gmail.com](mailto:tspenceer44@gmail.com); 706-340-3785 with questions.



### Lenten Faith-Sharing Small Groups

Lent is around the corner and you know what that means—time to figure out what to take on or give up! Why not do something different this year and join a Lenten Faith-Sharing Small Group? Here's how it works: small groups meet in homes of our members. At present 5 members have opened up their homes as hosts. To make things easier, a Sign-Up Genius has been created where you can choose which group you want to join based on location and day of the week that best fits you. Each group will meet for 5 weeks beginning the week of Feb. 27th through the week of Mar. 27th and will follow along the FORMED.org video series, Forgiven and its study guide. Groups will be small—limited to 10 people per home. The sessions will run about 1.5 hours each. If you'd like to grow in your faith and meet others who are also seeking to grow in the faith, then Lenten faith-sharing small groups are a great way to do that! Sign Up Genius goes live on the website Monday, so mark your calendars and **SIGN UP!**

### Religious Education

Please pray for our High School Confirmation Students who will be attending a Confirmation Retreat this weekend at Wahsega 4-H in Dahlonega, along with their Catechists and Father Michael.



## We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Dante Foster	Cecille Maher	Sherwin Saquing
Sally Allen	Denise Goins	Ron Makula	Ashlee Shapland Runyon
Tory Bowles	Charlene Hall	Warren McClendon	Mo Saiidi
Peter Bryan	Bob Henry	Kevin Noble	David Simmons
Cindy Bullist	Geraldine Higgins	Janna Nugent	Dave Sterberg
Grace Byrne	Debbie Huckaby	Margaretta O'Shea	Alyssa Thomas
Joanne Cabrera	George Huban	Daniel O'Sullivan	Frank Trocino
Rick Cook	Victor Kalla	Lou Perno	Jake Wilson
Joy Davis	James Law	Shirley Puskarz	Bryan Vaughn
Tony DiPietro	Tom Lauth	Lou Richt	Joanne Waldron
Josephine Eckles	Susan Luthi	Sophia Rodriguez	The Wallace Family
Sylvia Floyd	Ginny Lynch	Aurora Saquing	Don Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Paul Cheboj, Thomas Macko, Salvatore Richard Pipitone, Clarys Marie Souter, Larry Teofilo and Joan Tillitski.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February:** We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## 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 29, 2022	February 5, 2023
\$8,348.00 - Offertory	\$14,708.58 - Offertory
\$6,515.00 - Donations	\$336.00 - Donations
\$254.05 - Alms	\$565.00 - Alms

### Clergy & Staff

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