



The Catholic Center

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Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Victims of the hurricane in Peru	Wednesday 5:30PM - Fred Dapkus †
Sunday 8AM - Liz Edwards † 10:30AM - Norah Risher † 5PM - Catholic Center Members and Students	Thursday 5:30PM - Shannon Campbell †
Monday 5:30PM - Mike Williams	Friday 8AM - Sr. John Norton †
Tuesday 5:30PM Alfred Vacchio †	

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Lenten Penance Service

Our Lenten Penance Service will be Tuesday, March 28 at 7PM. There will be a short prayer service and then we will have a number of priests from the Archdiocese in the Center Hall to hear confession.

Palm Sunday Prison Clothing Drive

This year, we will again have the Palm Sunday Prison Clothing Drive. We are asking for donations of gently used clothes for prisoners in our Archdiocese. Please put women's clothes in white plastic bags and men's clothes in black plastic bags. Tommy Smith, who serves in the Prison Ministry will be collecting outside masses on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support!

Liturgical Schedule

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

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 3/18
10AM Luthi Funeral
2PM Pawlik Wedding
3:30PM Reconciliation
5PM Mass

Sunday 3/19
8AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
3:30PM RCIA
5PM Mass
6PM Student Dinner

Monday 3/20
10AM Men's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM Adult Confirmation
7PM KofC Meeting

Tuesday 3/21
2PM Grief Support Group
5:30PM Mass
6PM Collegiate Knights
8PM Ablaze

Wednesday 3/22
4PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
8PM CSA Freshman Ignite Ministry

Thursday 3/23
10AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
7PM RCIA
8PM Care for Creation Meeting

Friday 3/24
8AM Mass
5PM Fish Fry
5:30PM Stations of the Cross

Saturday 3/25
11AM Harris Funeral
5PM Mass

A Message from Our Students

Over Spring Break, 13 students along with our FOCUS Missionaries and priests went on mission to Peru where they spent time in community with locals and worked to build stairs for the people of the town.

Katelyn Layfield—

This Spring Break Focus Missions traveled to Lima, Peru with other college students from the Catholic Center at the University of Georgia. The experience was filled with love, sacrifice, and gratitude. Our mission was to help build stairs, relationships, and faith within Pamplona (an extremely impoverished desert community). The stairs we built granted access to hard-to-reach homes which were located on a steep mountain. After a long week of work we were able to facilitate a great set of stairs for their community. Allowing them to get down the mountain easier to gather groceries and go to school or work. Building the stairs was hard work. We manually mixed concrete and built each stair by hand. However, the fruits of our labor paid off in a physical and spiritual way. The people of Pamplona now have a set of stairs to take them to their home, and the Holy Spirit touched each heart (including Pamplona locals who helped us work) involved in the process. We encountered incredible beauty within the individuals we were able to help. During the mission, we experienced the blessed sacrament consistently through the Mass, adoration, and had the opportunity to share this gift with the community we were working with. While putting Jesus at the center of our mission, he granted us courage and strength. Our team also had the amazing opportunity to go on a pilgrimage to several churches in Lima as well as various holy monasteries. We were granted the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to physically touch the tomb of St. Martin de Porres and pray in front of the bones of St. Rose of Lima. This spring break's mission trip changed our hearts in ways we never would have deemed possible. Christ gave us a perspective on the world and instilled love for all creation in our hearts.

Nicholas Nilsson—

I had said yes to this opportunity on a whim and fairly early in the spring break planning process, so when I heard all of my friends talking about the beach, the lake, or some cruise to the Bahamas, I started to doubt my decision. This was my first ever mission trip so I wasn't sure what to expect. I tried my best to have an open mind, but naturally, I had my doubts. I hadn't taken a Spanish class in four years, and one week of Duolingo can only get you so far. I had heard about various Peruvian dishes and was slightly concerned about how my stomach would react to them. We've all heard the horror stories of having "a blast" (FOCUS's code name for... you know), on mission trips to foreign countries. But I think God was calling me on this trip for a reason, so I stuck with it.

Every day, a bus would take us to Pamplona. When we arrived for our first full day of mission, I was in disbelief. I had never seen poverty to this extent anywhere in the United States. Stray dogs in Pamplona are like squirrels in Athens. I smelled smells that I thought I would never find outside of a fraternity bathroom the morning after a party. It was a humbling experience and one that made me thank God for the gifts I have back home more than I ever had before. Our job was to build stairs to help The Neighbors (the locals) trek up the steep slopes of the Pamplonan hills to their one room homes, but our mission was to love. To share God's love with families that might have never experienced it before. I spent most of my time with the kids. Carrying them on my shoulders, playing duck duck goose, and getting tackled is all it took to see the most genuine smiles and hear the loudest six year-old belly laughs you would ever hear. Those were the hardest goodbyes.

Sure, the beach would have been fun, but the graces, experiences, and people The Lord has put in my life throughout the course of this trip are gifts I will hold close to my heart for the rest of my life.

Announcements

Support Catholic Relief Services

This week, we are taking up the 2nd Collection for Catholic Relief Services. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

Easter Flower Donations

Help make our Catholic Center chapel beautiful with Easter Flowers. If you would like to participate by donating a flower in honor or memory of a loved one, pick up a form in the back of the Chapel or in the office and return to the CC office by Friday, March 31. The suggested donation is \$20.

Couples Celebrating 50th & 60th Wedding Anniversaries in 2023

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1973 and 1963 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday April 1, at noon, at Saint Brigid Catholic Church. A light reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Space is limited. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event.

K of C Golf Tournament

Pick up a registration form in the back of the chapel for the K of C golf tournament on June 3, 2023.

Fish Fry This Friday

Join us every Friday during Lent! Small meals are \$10, full meals are \$15 and family meals are \$30 UGA students can purchase a small meal for \$5 and a full meal for \$10.

Stations of the Cross

Join us at 5:30PM in the Chapel every Friday during Lent for Stations of the Cross. End your week reflecting on Jesus' last moments before his crucifixion.

Catholic Center Bereavement Group

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 next meeting will be March, 21 2023, at 2pm in the Center Hall. If you are interested in participating in the Group but cannot join us due to a scheduling conflict or if you have questions, please contact Mary Ellen Quinn (mebq@att.net or 706.325.5598) or the Center Office (706.543.2293)

Feed My Starving Children

MobilePack Event Update

We are still working with the Athletic Association to move the event to another venue due to the structural issues in Stegman. We hope to have clarity on new dates shortly and will notify volunteers and donors as soon as we have new information.

Existing volunteer reservations will be switched to the same day (Saturday or Sunday) and times and volunteers will be asked to confirm if that date and time still works for them. For those still wanting to volunteer, we expect more slots to open up when we announce the new event date so please check back,

We still need help with donations. Current donation status: \$26,652 vs. goal of \$35,000. It takes very little to make a difference: \$106 to feed a child for a year and \$365 feeds a family for a year. The UGA Athletic Assoc. will host private tours for sponsors of the football facility and Stegman Coliseum and sponsors are invited to attend a football practice. Sponsor levels: Family - \$1,275; Orphanage - \$2,500; School - \$5,000; Village - \$10,000. Donate and register at: give.fmssc.org/athens Please contact Tom Spencer athensmobilepack@gmail.com; 706-340-3785 questions.



We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Henry Eckles	Tom Lauth	Sophia Rodriguez
Sally Allen	IsoBella Ellis	Ginny Lynch	David Simmons
Tory Bowles	Sylvia Floyd	Cecille Maher	Dave Sterberg
Peter Bryan	Denise Goins	Ron Makula	Alyssa Thomas
Cindy Bullist	Charlene Hall	Kevin Noble	Frank Trocino
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Janna Nugent	Thelma Tuley
Joanne Cabrera	Geraldine Higgins	Margaretta O'Shea	Jake Wilson
Jeanette Campbell	George Huban	Daniel O'Sullivan	Bryan Vaughn
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Victor Kalla	Lou Perno	Joanne Waldron
Rick Cook	Dean Kimbaris	Shirley Puskarz	Paul Waring
Tony DiPietro	James Law	Lou Richt	Don Young

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Bill Cunningham and Susan Luthi.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March: We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

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.

March 5, 2023	March 12, 2023
\$12,407.96 - Offertory	\$9,776.90 - Offertory
\$1,868.00 - Donations	\$2,720.00 - Donations
\$1,185.83 - Alms	\$179.00 - Alms

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