



# The Catholic Center

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Communities Since 1952



**ALL ARE WELCOME**

## Mass Intentions

<b>Saturday</b> 5PM - Connie Galasso †	<b>Wednesday</b> 5:30PM - Thank You
<b>Sunday</b> 8AM - Don Young † 10:30AM - Joseph C. Lemyre Jr. † 5PM - CC Members	<b>Thursday</b> 5:30PM - Richard Wagner †
<b>Monday</b> 5:30PM - Barbara Zanego	<b>Friday</b> 8AM - John Wetherbee †
<b>Tuesday</b> 5:30PM - Rita Zdun †	

## Easter Flower Donations

To make our church beautiful during Lent, we will be decorating with Easter Flowers. If you would like to participate by donating a flower in honor of or in memory of a loved one, please complete a form in the back of the chapel and return it with payment in the offertory basket or to the office by Friday, March 22. Our suggested donation for the flowers is \$20.



## Office

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## Liturgical Schedule

<b>Mass:</b> Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM & 5PM Mon-Thurs: 5:30PM Fri: 8AM	<b>Adoration:</b> Tues & Wed: 9AM-10AM Mon & Thurs: 9AM-5PM Friday: 8:30AM-9:30AM
	<b>Confession:</b> Wednesday: 4-5PM Saturday: 3:30-4:30PM

## Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 2/17**  
8AM 5K Human Race  
10AM Apologetics Course  
2:30PM Ciacura & Ferguson  
Wedding  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5PM Mass

**Sunday 2/18**  
8AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:45AM RCIA Breaking Open the Word  
5PM Mass  
6PM Student Dinner  
7PM Adult Confirmation  
CSA Board Meeting

**Monday 2/19**  
President's Day  
10AM Men's Bible Study  
5:30PM Holy Qurbana Mass/  
Community Dinner  
6:15PM Aquinas 101

**Tuesday 2/20**  
4PM Grief Group  
5:30PM Mass  
6PM Wellspring Rehearsal,  
Collegiate Knights  
8PM CSA Ablaze

**Wednesday 2/21**  
4PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
6:15PM Student EM & Lecture  
Training, 1st-8th Grade RE  
8PM CSA Ignite

**Thursday 2/22**  
10AM Women's Bible Study  
5:30PM Mass  
7PM RCIA

**Friday 2/23**  
8AM Mass  
5PM KoC Fish Fry  
5PM Stations of the Cross

## A Message from Fr. Michael

**Dear Catholic Center Community,**

*The Spirit drove Jesus into the desert.* -Mark 1

We were told on Ash Wednesday, "Remember that you are dust and to dust you shall return," and I'm provoked to consider: am I really just a clump of dust particles? On one hand some people have reduced me to and treated me as such; on the other hand, there's something within me that intuitively knows there's something more to me. While Ash Wednesday is an origin story, "you come from dust," it is also a story of destiny, "to dust you shall return."

What can make all the difference, however, is our understanding from where the dust comes in the first place, and to where it returns at last. In short, God. God is from where dust comes and God is to where dust returns: here is the ultimate story of origin and destiny. And how God interacts with dust before, during, and after my life teaches me about my life.

The story of Noah from the first Sunday of Lent reminds me, like in the creation story of Adam and Eve earlier in Genesis, newness comes from God; there must have been something intentional about creating me from dust. In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus in the desert, teaches me that even though my life might feel arid and like dust, He is not afraid to abide with me there.

But the main focus is on what happens to God when my earthly dwelling turns to dust, how God reacts when to dust I have returned. There's a second century homily, which the homilist places the following words in Jesus' mouth on Holy Saturday when His soul descends into the realm of the dead while His body lays in the tomb: "I command you: Awake, sleeper, I have not made you to be held a prisoner in the underworld. Arise from the dead; I am the life of the dead. Arise, O work of my hands, arise, you who were fashioned in my image. Rise, let us go hence; for you in me and I in you, together we are one undivided person."

It might be the case that the Resurrection which Jesus promises would look something like Him finding every single speck of dust that has ever been the clump I am, He will place them all back together, breathe into me a new spirit, and embrace me for all eternity. The hope is that Lent and Easter teach me who I am, teach me who God is, and teach me about the relationship that is shared between.

God Bless,  
Fr. Michael

## Pilgrimage to Italy with Fr. Brian

Join Fr. Brian on a pilgrimage to Italy from May 13 - 22. You will have the opportunity to deepen your spiritual lives and visit significant spiritual sites in Rome, Assisi, Florence, Orvieto and Ostia Antica. Contact 724-679-7450 or Belinda@APilgrimsJourney.com for more information. Registration can be found at [www.bit.ly/MCNAVISH](http://www.bit.ly/MCNAVISH).

## Announcements

### Holy Qurbana

On Monday, Feb. 19, at 5:30PM, we are celebrating the Holy Qurbana with a visiting priest and the Syro Malabar Church community with liturgy and Communion. It will be followed by a Q&A and dinner in the Center Hall. Qurbana is an East Syriac word, which means "Offering". This refers to the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist of the Holy Catholic Church. All are welcome to celebrate!

### Hearing Assistance

We are pleased to offer hearing assistance during Mass. If you would like to learn more, please see the instructions in the back of the Chapel or visit <https://ugacatholic.org/announcements/>

### Friday Lenten Fish Fry Dinners

The KoC are hosting fish fry dinners this Lenten season from 5 to 7PM in the Center Hall. Student meals will be \$7, individual meals will be \$11 and family meals will be \$30. Dinner will be served on the following Fridays: Feb. 16, Feb. 23, March 1, March 8, March 15 and March 22.

### Lenten Schedule

Make sure you don't miss any important dates by picking up a copy of the Lenten & Holy Week schedule in the back of the chapel.

### Feed My Starving Children Update

Current donations: \$20,863 vs. goal of \$55,000. Volunteers: 324 volunteers vs. goal of 900. If you're planning on donating and/or volunteering, you're encouraged to do so as soon as possible. Please visit [give.fmsc.org/Athens](http://give.fmsc.org/Athens) to donate and register. Please contact Tom Spencer at [tspencer44@gmail.com](mailto:tspencer44@gmail.com) or 706-340-3785 with questions.

### Christian Apologetics Course

We are offering a course in Christian Apologetics here at the Catholic Center. The course will include four sessions starting on Feb. 17 from 10AM - 12PM, and it will be taught by Tom Spencer, Athens Director for Reasonable Faith. Contact Tom at [tspencer44@gmail.com](mailto:tspencer44@gmail.com) or 7063403785 to sign up.

### Grief Group Meets This Tuesday

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, February 20, at 4PM. No matter where you are in your journey (anticipatory, acute, or long standing grief), or if you feel you can contribute, you are invited to join us.

### Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

Today, we recognize those who support our parish and have made a gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. On behalf of those who will be served by your contributions, thanks to all who completed their pledge, as well as those who are still paying. For those of you who have not had an opportunity, but still desire to be a part of the campaign, visit our website at [donate.archatl.com](http://donate.archatl.com) or send an email to [missionadvancement@archatl.com](mailto:missionadvancement@archatl.com). When each of our individual gifts are combined with the gifts of thousands of other parishioners throughout the archdiocese, each contributor makes a difference in the ability of the archdiocese to provide ministries and services. Thank you again for your participation.

### Volunteer for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are seeking volunteers to help cook Sunday dinners! Any help is greatly appreciated by our students who come for dinner and fellowship after Mass. Thank you for your support of this ministry! The signup can be found at [ccatuga.org/volunteer](http://ccatuga.org/volunteer).

### Religious Education 2024

Our RE 2nd Grade and Basic Faith Year 2 students have been going over their prayers in preparation for their First Reconciliation, which will be on Saturday, February 24, at 10AM. The mandatory Confirmation Retreat will be held at the Holy Spirit Monastery, on Saturday, April 13. The cost of the retreat is \$65.

### Foster & Adoption Ministry

The new Foster & Adoption Ministry (FAM) seeks to raise awareness and provide support for foster and adoptive families. Please contact Amanda Wilson to learn more and to get involved at [amandaandkevin@msn.com](mailto:amandaandkevin@msn.com) or 706-338-5753.

## We Lift Up in Prayer

John Paul Abrigo  
Charlotte & Joel Alesi  
Sally Allen  
Melani Atmodjo  
Megan Barton  
Peter Bryan  
Cindy Bullist  
Shirley Burk  
Grace Byrne  
Joanne Cabrera  
Jeanette Campbell  
Lucille Carberry

Lora Bernstein Cooley  
Mike Deppe  
Sylvia Floyd  
Pam Forker  
Jonathan Guerra  
Victoria Guerra  
Terri Strickland Guy  
Bob Henry  
Tom Higgins  
Margaret Jones  
Sarah Kurtz  
Patti Law

Michelle Linton  
Gina Maherka  
Carol Mazurek  
Nathan Mills  
Emeritea Morales  
Al Mulhair  
Lou Perno  
Lou Richt  
Sophia Rodriguez  
Deborah Scott  
Tom Shuster  
David Simmons

Lauren Stewart  
Bridget Teofilo  
Alyssa Thomas  
Gretchen Thomas  
Bryan Vaughn  
Dorothy Wasko  
Amanda Wershing  
Robin Yackley  
Barbara Zanengo

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Andrew J. Brown, Stephen Castile, Ginny Lynch, Ann Schrauth and Eileen Sinda.

**Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for February:** We pray that those with a terminal illness, and their families, receive the necessary physical and spiritual care and accompaniment.

## Financial Giving Updates

Thank you so 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.

### February 4, 2024

\$19,436.00 - Offertory  
\$643.00 - Donations  
\$445.50 - Alms

### February 11, 2024

\$10,278.33 - Offertory  
\$872.00 - Donations  
\$323.00 - Alms

## Clergy & Staff

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