



# The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia  
Communities Since 1952.



## ALL ARE WELCOME

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
**5PM** - Eileen Sopera †

**Sunday**  
**8AM** - Earl Jamieson Jr. †  
**10:30AM** - Mary Ann Brown †  
**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Eileen Sopera †

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** - Robert Evans †

**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Margaret Scullion †

**Thursday**  
**5:30PM** - Rev. Mr. Edward J. Dietzler †

**Friday**  
**8AM** - Frankson Family

### Catholic Center Fun Facts

This Summer we will be starting a new series of weekly fun facts centered around the Catholic Center at UGA and Catholic Trivia!

The UGA Catholic Center was founded in 1952 as UGA’s Catholic Campus ministry. Since then the Catholic Center has been through lots of changes and even the buildings have changed. What unique feature did the Catholic Center have in 2017? (Look of the back for the answer!)

A) A rooftop garden with vegetables

B) A meditation maze

C) Beehives for harvesting honey

D) A sanctuary for rescued birds

### Office



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### Liturgical Schedule

**Mass:**  
Saturday: 5PM  
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,  
  
Monday-Thursday  
5:30 PM  
  
Friday  
8:00 AM

**Confession:**  
Wednesday:  
4:00PM-5:00PM  
Saturday:  
3:30PM-4:30PM  
  
\*Confession will be in the  
Center Office

## June 8, 2025 • Pentecost Sunday

### Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 6/7**  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5:00PM Mass  
  
**Sunday 6/8**  
8:00AM Mass  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM Snyder Family  
Baptism  
  
**Monday 6/9**  
10:00AM Men’s Bible  
Study  
11:30AM Golf  
Tournament Meeting  
5:30PM Mass  
  
**Tuesday 6/10**  
4:00PM Grief &  
Bereavement Group  
5:30PM Mass  
7:00PM KOC Hybrid  
Council Meeting  
  
**Wednesday 6/11**  
10:00AM Moms & Tots  
4:00PM Reconciliation  
5:30PM Mass  
  
**Thursday 6/12**  
**NO** Women’s Dinner  
5:30PM Mass  
  
**Friday 6/13**  
8:00AM Mass  
5:00PM Cagle/ Wesnofske  
Wedding Rehearsal  
  
**Saturday 6/14**  
2:00PM Cagle/Wesnofske  
Wedding  
3:30PM Reconciliation  
5:00PM Mass

### A Message from Fr. Brian

Jesus goes away... and in a paradoxical sense, comes even nearer!

If he had stayed with us physically, we would not move. We would likely cling to him, staying close, just as Peter wanted to build a tent at the transfiguration. But that’s not what Jesus had in mind.

Instead, he sends the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, a gift we receive in baptism and the sacraments, a presence that dwells within us, deeper and more enduring than his physical presence ever could be.

And yet, even with this promise, it can still feel like Jesus is far away. It can seem like we are alone. But Pentecost reminds us otherwise.

The Spirit is not abstract; the Spirit is alive, present, and active. The Holy Spirit of God stirs in us, prays within us, strengthens us in weakness, and speaks when we have no words. The Spirit is the Church’s breath and fire. Jesus has not left us behind; he has filled us with his very life.

The Ascension and Pentecost go hand in hand. Jesus ascends to the right hand of the Father - not to be distant, but to reign in love and pour out the Spirit upon all people. His “interceding” means he is always for us, always near, always attentive.

Pentecost is the moment that unleashes the Church. The Spirit does not merely comfort us; the Spirit commissions us. We are called to stay aligned with this Spirit, to remain faithful to the mission Jesus entrusts to us.

That is the brilliance of Pentecost: Jesus trusts us enough to send us out into the world, filled not with fear, but with power and grace! We go forth not alone, but with the living Spirit of God.

Pentecost is not a one-time event... it is the ongoing heartbeat of the Church, now shepherded by the Spirit’s friend Pope Leo!

May we live each day in tune with that fire, that courage, and that calling of the great commission of God’s love.

Let’s keep each other in prayer,

Fr. Brian



# Announcements

## Moms & Tots

The Moms & Tots group will meet every Wednesday at 10AM in the Center Hall. All are welcome to join us for a fun morning of play!

## Catholicism Inquiry Nights

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or baptized Catholic and desiring to complete your sacraments of Christian initiation? You are invited to the inquiry night on Wednesday, June 18th at 6:30PM (Center Hall) to learn about the process, meet other people interested, and ask any questions you have. Email Suzie at [sacraments@ccatuga.org](mailto:sacraments@ccatuga.org).

## 2025-2026 Religious Education Registration Open

Thank you for a great RE school year! RE Registration for 2025-2026 is live on our website at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/religious-education-re/> Have a safe and blessed summer, and we'll see you in a few months!

## Farewell to the Handmaids

Sister Uyen-Chi and Sister Margarita left Athens Sunday, June 1, and have arrived safely in Philadelphia. Please continue to keep them in your prayers as they continue their mission in Pennsylvania. Sister Uyen-Chi is at St. Raphaela Retreat Center (616 Coopertown Rd, Haverford, PA 1904) and Sister Margarita is at Ancillae-Assumpta Academy (2025 Church Rd, Wyncote, PA 19095).



## Now Hiring...Facilities Manager

The Catholic Center at the University of Georgia is seeking a part-time Facilities Manager. The Facilities Manager would oversee the maintenance, safety, and functionality of our facilities and grounds. This is an ideal position for a hands-on, detail-oriented professional with experience in facilities management and a passion for maintaining a welcoming and safe environment. If you are interested in applying, please send your resume and a cover letter to [bulletin@ccatuga.org](mailto:bulletin@ccatuga.org).

## Father's Day Novenas

Fathers, both living and deceased, will be remembered at all of the Masses beginning on Father's Day. There is a form in the back of the Chapel for listing those fathers that you would like to honor. The suggested donation is \$10.

## 23rd Annual Dooley Classic Golf Tournament Registration Open!

The Registration for the 23rd Annual Dooley Classic is now open. The Golf tournament will be held on August 29, 2025. Registration for the tournament MUST be completed online through the Catholic Center website. Please be aware that there are only 32 team spots available and registration fills up quickly. If all spots fill up there will be a waitlist for teams to join. You can register by scanning the QR code or typing in the website link below.

<https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/golf-committee/>



## No Social Graces Dinner in June

The Social Graces Women's Dinner will be on break for the month of June. The July dinner will be on July 10th.

## Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet on Tuesday, June 10 at 4 PM. 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.

## Staff Welcoming

We welcome Kathy Dwinell Bryan to our Catholic Center Staff! As an Athens native who recently moved back from New Jersey. Kathy will be serving as our administrative assistant. We are happy to have her on board.

## Trivia Answer!

Students taking inspiration from Pope Francis' "Laudato Si" raised bees near the rectory and sold the honey named the "Laudato Bee Honey".

(C) Beehives for harvesting honey

# We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi Timothy A. Almy Sally Allen Kathy Allison Judy Balcomb Megan Barton Erin Benbry Peter Bryan Cindy Bullist Grace Burger Grace Byrne Joanne Cabrera Jeanette Campbell Lucille Carberry Mollie Carow	Lora Bernstein Cooley Jack Daniels Patti D'Avella Jeff Donahue Barton Elizabeth Dooling John English Sylvia Floyd Luke Frankson Hersina Gomes Patty Goodwin Merrill Greene Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Bob Henry Tom Holmes	Ryan Hughes Daniel Inman Al Johnson Margaret Jones Victor Kalla Dan Lackey Doug Landrum Patti Law Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Carol Mazurek Nathan Mills Dorothy Moore Harry Perrine	David & Maura Randol Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Len Sopera Deborah Scott Cindy Shapland Alyssa Thomas Nile Thomson Bryan Vaughn James Waring Amanda Wershing Fred Young
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With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Courtney Cunningham Adang, Caryl Chirello and Michael Callinan.

## The Pope's Prayer Intention for June

That the world might grow in compassion. Let us pray that each one of us might find consolation in a personal relationship with Jesus, and from his Heart, learn to have compassion on the world.

# 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.

## May 25, 2025

\$10,956.41 - Offertory  
\$1,414.00 - Donation  
\$455.51 - Alms

## June 1, 2025

\$16,260.34 - Offertory  
\$10,935.00 - Donation  
\$350.00 - Alms

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