



### Mass Intentions

**Saturday**  
**5PM** - No Mass

**Sunday**  
**8AM** - Robert & Dana Pothier † and Barbara Dooley  
**10:30AM** - Jim Mueller†  
**12:30PM** - Anna Balsamo†  
**5PM** - All Catholic Center Members

**Monday**  
**5:30PM** - Communion Service

**Tuesday**  
**5:30PM** - Communion Service

**Wednesday**  
**5:30PM** - Communion Service

**Thursday**  
**5:30PM** - Jenny Ford

**Friday**  
**8AM** - Jenny Ford

### Special Thanks for 28 Years of Service

Please join Fr. Brian, Fr. Michael and the Catholic Center staff in thanking Pat Dwinell for serving for the last 28 years as the coordinator of the Chapel Linens committee. Pat began in this ministry in September of 1988. She has recruited volunteers to clean the Chapel linens each week. The Chapel Linens include the purificators, corporal, and other linens used during the Mass. Volunteers prayerfully and reverently launder the sacred linens and return them for the next week's Mass. We are grateful for Pat's service to this ministry and her many years of volunteering at the Catholic Center. We welcome Chris Reynolds who has generously offered to take over the coordinator position.

### Office

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Mon– Fri: 10AM-4PM

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### Liturgical Schedule

**Mass:**  
Saturday: No Mass  
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, 5:00PM

Monday  
9:00AM

Tuesday-Thursday  
5:30 PM

Friday  
8:00AM

**Adoration:**  
Monday-Thursday  
9AM - 10AM  
Friday  
8:30AM - 9:30AM

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

## Weekly Calendar

**Saturday 9/6**  
**No Mass or Reconciliation**  
**Home Football Game**

**Sunday 9/7**  
8:00AM Mass  
9:00AM KoC Doughnut Ministry  
9:30AM Baptism Prep Class  
10:30AM Mass  
10:30AM Religious Education (Pre-K and K)  
11:30AM KoC Doughnut Ministry  
12:30PM Mass  
3:00PM OCIA  
5:00PM Mass  
6:00PM Student Supper

**Monday 9/8**  
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study  
10:00AM Sanchez Funeral  
5:30PM Communion Service

**Tuesday 9/9**  
9:00AM Our Daily Bread  
12:00PM Silver Angels  
5:30PM Communion Service  
8:00PM Ablaze

**Wednesday 9/10**  
10:00AM Tot Time  
5:30PM Communion Service  
6:00PM Religious Education  
8:00PM Ignite

**Thursday 9/11**  
5:30PM Mass  
6:00PM Women’s Dinner  
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

**Friday 9/12**  
8:00AM Mass  
5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal  
6:00PM CSA Board Game Night

## A Message from Suzie Blaydes


Initiate comes from the Latin word initium which means “beginning.” The sacraments of initiation, though oriented to the fulfillment of our salvation, begin and nurture our relationship with the Trinity. In Baptism, we are reborn into God’s family, are cleansed from original and personal sin, and are anointed as priest, prophet, and king with the same chrism oil used in Confirmation. If you go to the Easter Vigil Mass, you will see that the order of the celebration of the sacraments of initiation is Baptism, Confirmation, and... the Eucharist! The Catechism of the Catholic Church states (CCC 1322): “The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.”

Confirmation completes the grace of Baptism, and strengthens us with a greater outpouring of the Holy Spirit’s gifts, but receiving without the Eucharist, we do not fully share in the graces of Jesus’ passion, death, and resurrection. Our bodies are made temples of the Holy Spirit in Baptism in order to become vessels of the True Presence of Jesus in the world when we partake of his Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The Eucharist and the Cross, often being stumbling blocks to faith in Christ (CCC 1336), become the means of our salvation.

At the Catholic Center, there are two main formation paths through which people are initiated into the Church: OCIA and Full Initiation.  
**OCIA (meets Sundays 3 pm):** The OCIA, or Order of Christian Initiation of Adults was formerly called RCIA before a recent retranslation from Latin that made no fundamental changes to the rites. The OCIA is the journey of faith, accompanied by the community, to the sacraments of initiation for those who have never been baptized (known as catechumens). The path unfolds in stages of deepening conversion and discernment marked by various liturgical rites, starting with a period of inquiry, then an instructional and training period called the Catechumenate, then a period of final preparation for the sacraments during Lenten season called Purification and Enlightenment, and lastly a period called Mystagogy after receiving all three sacraments of initiation at Easter, where the newly initiated now participate fully in the Mass and become more integrated into the community. This period of Mystagogy lasts for the whole Easter season, and then, the OCIA journey is complete. This sounds like an ending, but truly is a new and exciting beginning.

**Full Initiation (meets Thursdays 7 pm):** Those who are baptized, whether Catholic or separated Christian brothers and sisters, are not required to undergo this ritual process, but are invited to begin a period of faith formation to learn the liturgy, Scripture, doctrines, and devotional practices of the Catholic Church. Those who are fully initiated into the Church by this formation path are known as candidates. Those candidates who are Catholic will be confirmed and in the same Mass, receive their First Communion if they have not yet done so. In the same Mass, those who are not Catholic will first do the Rite of Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church, then join with their fellow Catholic brothers and sisters for Confirmation and partake of the Eucharist together.

I am continually inspired by the people who walk through our doors seeking to encounter the Lord. I ask your prayers for those starting faith formation this week: both those who continue their inquiry into the Catholic Church as well as those who desire to receive the sacraments of initiation in the Easter season.



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**PLEDGE TO HEAL**

**We are here to listen and take action.**

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# Announcements

## Welcome Back Silver Angels

Our first Silver Angels luncheon of the school year will be Tuesday, September 9 at noon. The Silver Angels meet each month on the second Tuesday. All those 60 and older (and young at heart) are welcome to attend for an afternoon of good food, fellowship and a bit of entertainment. We will kick off the new semester with lunch and Bingo. There is no cost to attend and reservations are not needed. For more information, contact the Catholic Center office at 706-543-2293.

## Communion Services

There will be a communion service held Monday—Wednesday this week instead of Mass.

## Catholic Center Chili Cook Off

Mark your calendars for the first ever Catholic Center Chili Cook Off. If you have a chili that everyone raves about or you just like to cook/eat chili, join us for the Chili Cook Off on Sunday, September 28 at 6PM. Students and resident members are invited to participate in the Chili Cook Off. We are looking for competitive chili batches and chili for all to eat as well as cornbread. A Sign-up Genius will be posted next week. For more information contact the Catholic Center office.

## Annual Artist & Craft Fair 11/8

Calling all artists and crafters. We will be holding our annual Artist and Craft Fair on Saturday, November 8, from 9AM-1PM. Pick up a registration form at the CC office. Tables are \$25 but \$10 for students. Artists and Crafters from the CC community and beyond are welcome.

## Tot Time Wednesdays at 10AM

A caregivers are invited to Tot-Time. There is no specific age limit for children, but most are under 5. We meet on Wednesdays from 10-11:30 AM.

## Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook Sunday night dinners for our students! Any assistance would be greatly appreciated by our students who attend 5PM Mass and stay for dinner and fellowship. Follow the link below to sign up to help on Sunday(s) from 3-5! <https://tinyurl.com/sundaydinnersignup>

## Knights of Columbus Donut Ministry

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be have donuts available after both the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses this weekend. Funds collected from the Donut Ministry are designated for the KOC Wheelchair Ministry.

## Social Graces Dinner on September 11

The Social Graces Women’s Dinner will be on Thursday, September 11. It will be wonderful to catch up with old and new friends. Please rsvp by Monday at 5PM. For more information, contact the CC office.

## Second Collection for Catholic University of America

This weekend, the second collection is for The Catholic University of America. With 12 schools, 32 research facilities and more than 250 academic programs in the heart of Washington D.C., the University works on behalf of its more than 5,000 undergraduate and graduate students to help educate them to serve the Church and nation as the Catholic leaders of tomorrow.

## Tax Benefits of Gifts of Securities

Transferring appreciated stock that you have owned for at least a year is an easy way to support the parish and receive tax benefits. To make a gift to your parish endowment fund by transferring securities, please contact the Catholic Foundation ([info@cfnga.org](mailto:info@cfnga.org) or 404.497.9440) or visit [cfnga.org](http://cfnga.org) to learn more.

## Pope Leo XIV Corner

Those who know that they are precious in God’s eyes, who know they are God’s children, have greater things to be worried about; they possess a sublime dignity all their own. Once we learn to take the last places, rather than striving for the first, that dignity will appear, and we will come to the fore simply and effortlessly. *(From the Angelus of Pope Leo XIV on August 31, 2025)*  
To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at [www.vatican.va](http://www.vatican.va).

## Trivia Answer!

# We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi Timothy A. Almy Kathy Allison Judy Balcomb Megan Barton Erin Benbry Peter Bryan Grace Burger Grace Byrne Joanne Cabrera Jeanette Campbell Lucille Carberry Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson Mollie Carow Lora Bernstein Cooley	Elizabeth Cromer Patti D’Avella Barton Elizabeth Dooling Terry Doyle Sylvia Floyd Luke Frankson Maria Gimenez Hersina Gomes Patty Goodwin Jean Griffith Cheri Griggs Bob Henry Albert Hromalik, Sr. Ryan Hughes Ann Hunt	Daniel Inman Al Johnson Peter Kalla Victor Kalla Dan Lackey Doug Landrum Lynn Langston Patti Law Elena Lyons Rick Madera Gina Maherka Carol Mazurek Dorothy Moore Wes Newcomb Rebecca Norris	Michael Olmert Ed Powell David & Maura Randol Sophia Rodriguez Aeriel Ross Terry Salguero Deborah Scott Christopher Shade Cindy Shapland Alyssa Thomas Nile Thomson Natalie Vaughn James Waring Mike Wasko Lillian Yeatts
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**With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Carol Garbin and Del Slauterbeck.**

### The Pope’s Prayer Intention for September

For our relationship with all of creation: Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.

# 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.

August 24, 2025	August 31, 2025
\$11,377.60 - Offertory	\$11,389.53 - Offertory
\$9,063.00 - Donation	\$2,335.00 - Donation
\$327.00 - Alms	\$327.00 - Alms

# Clergy & Staff

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