



The Catholic Center

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Mass Intentions

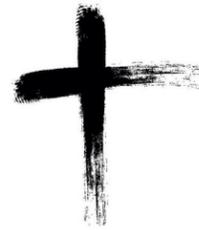
- Saturday**
5PM - Eileen Sopera †
- Sunday**
8AM- Margaret Smith †
10:30AM- Amy Scobey
12:30PM - William Bailey †
5PM - CC Members
- Monday**
5:30PM - Lumen Vilardo †
- Tuesday**
5:30PM - Kihwan Shoemaker †
- Wednesday**
8AM - CC Members
12PM - CC Members
5:30PM - CC Members
- Thursday**
5:30PM- Fr. Brian & Fr. Michael
- Friday**
8:00AM - Donald Young †

Ash Wednesday

Lent is quickly approaching, so make sure to start the Lenten Season strong by attending one of our Ash Wednesday Masses.

Masses with ash distribution will be held at 8AM, 12PM, and 5:30PM.

Additionally, ashes will be distributed at the Chapel in-between Masses from 9AM to 5PM.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday: 5PM Mass
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, & 5PM
Monday - Thursday: 5:30 PM
Friday: 8AM Mass

Adoration:
Monday & Thursday: 9AM–5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday: 9AM–10AM
Friday: 8:30AM-9AM

Confession:
Saturday: 3:30PM-4:30PM

*Please note all confessions will be held in the office.

February 15, 2026 • The Sixth Sunday of Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Sunday 2/15
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
2:30PM KoC Exemplification
3:00PM KoC Council Meeting
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 2/16
10:30AM Men’s Bible Study
10:00AM Chapel Decorating for Lent
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 2/17
4:00PM Grief & Bereavement
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 2/18
Ash Wednesday
8:00AM Mass
12:00PM Mass
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 2/19
10:00AM Women’s Bible Study
5:30PM Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Full Initiation

Friday 2/20
8:00AM Mass
5:00PM Wedding Rehearsal
5:00PM Discernment of Spirits
5:00PM KoC Fish Fry

Saturday 2/21
48th Annual 5k Human Race
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

A Message from Jenni

“Joy is prayer; joy is strength; joy is love; joy is a net of love by which you can catch souls.”
Mother Teresa

It was a blustery cold day when the red hats took over the Catholic Center. A large box of hand made “UGA” red hats were delivered to the students of the CC by the Busy Hands Group from St. Catherine Laboure Catholic Church. Each hat had a tiny cross sewn onto the brim. Within minutes of learning of this discovery, every head in the Center, whether studying or tossing a football outside or participating in a Bible Study had a red hat on. The excitement was contagious. It was like Christmas morning when all you wanted was a red hat and that is exactly what you got. Witnessing the joy and excitement of that afternoon is one of the many reasons the Catholic Center is a special place.

We will also see this joy and energy at this weekend’s 48th Annual 5K Human Race. This race brings together our resident members, collegiates, Athens area community members and runners from all over the area. Our high school Confirmation students are volunteering on the course to cheer on runners, staff the water station and help wherever is needed. Many families make this event a family tradition. The Hammock family has been participating in this race at least as long as I’ve been here. Often, our college students decide that they will be the last runners/walkers in so no one else will be left behind. From Fr. Brian or Fr. Michael’s starting prayer to high fiving the other runners on the course to taking a selfie with the Pope to the pizza party/awards ceremony at the end, the energy and the spirit is palpable.

We will continue to bring this spirit and joy to our Lenten Mission on February 20-22 at the Catholic Center. Collegiates and resident members alike are invited to participate in this mission entitled Come to the Water: Renewing Our Personal Encounter with Jesus. Fr. Radmar Jao will be leading the mission which will include talks and small group sessions. The opportunity to reflect and renew while sharing with our Catholic Center community, both young and old is a wonderful addition to our Lenten journey.

I am so very grateful for the opportunity to share in the many joyful moments with our students, staff and resident members. The sharing of faith and generosity of spirit which I am so very blessed to witness continues to feed my soul and challenge me to grow more in my faith.

Jenni

Announcements

Grief & Bereavement Group

The Grief and Bereavement Group will meet Tuesday, February 17th at 4PM. Everyone, including students and resident members, are welcome. No matter where you are in your journey

Welcome Dan Cotter!

The Catholic Center extends its warm welcome to our newest staff member Dan Cotter. Dan is our new director of Operations at the Catholic Center and we are so happy to be working with him.

Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

Did you know that most every Sunday during the school year, The Catholic Center prepares dinner for the student community to join in fellowship and enjoy time spent together after our 5pm student Mass? Come join us in helping prepare our weekly Sunday night dinners for our students and community members. If you would like to assist in this fun and rewarding ministry, please sign up at Sign-Up Genius at <https://tinyurl.com/studentdinner26>

Feed My Starving Children

The Catholic Center is again sponsoring the Athens Feed My Starving Children Event which will be held May 15th – 17th in Stegeman Coliseum. This is an important year as we grow to two tractor/trailers and pack 255,000 meals so we'll need lots of help to reach our donation goal of \$114,000 and volunteer goal of 1,375. We currently have \$40,984 toward our funding goal and have just opened up our event website for volunteer registrations.

Please go to: give.fmsc.org/athens to donate and register to volunteer and help us feed more children! Please contact Tom Spencer at 706-340-3785; tspencer44@gmail.com with questions.

Exodus 40: A Men's Lent Program

Men, it's time to take up a challenge this Lent. Exodus 40 is a journey of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving that will take you deeper into Lent than you've probably gone before. For 40 days, we will join Christ in the desert. We will leave behind the comforts and distractions of the world, the flesh, and the devil. And find healing freedom in God, who is our healer. We're creating an Exodus 40 group here at the Catholic Center this Lent. If you are interested in doing Exodus 40 this Lent or want to learn more about it, please text or call Jordan Watwood: 706-836-0495.

Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry Start THIS Friday

The GA Martyrs Knights of Columbus are hosting fish fry dinners each Friday of Lent from 5PM to 7PM. Light meals will be \$7, individual meals will be \$11 and family meals will be \$30. Reservations are not needed. Cash, checks and credit cards are accepted.

Gianna's Hope

Have you or someone close to you experienced a miscarriage or infant loss? We are here to support you and your family. Gianna's Hope is a ministry dedicated to walking with moms who have experienced a loss at any point in their pregnancy or after birth. Please join us at St. Joseph's in the Guadalupe room, upstairs near the water fountain, Tuesday Feb. 17th from 7-9pm. All are welcome. Email us at: GHopeAthens@gmail.com

Know someone who might be called to serve as our Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator?

The Catholic Center is seeking a part-time (15 – 20 hours a week) Facilities & Maintenance Coordinator to 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. If you know of anyone who might be a good fit, such as, for example, a retired contractor, property manager, home inspector, repair technician, or building superintendent, please encourage them to visit our website to read more about the position and follow up with operations@ccatuga.org. The job description is posted on the Catholic Center website under "Job Openings". Thank you!

Pope Leo XIV Corner

"Brothers and sisters, let us be nourished and enlightened by communion with Jesus. Without any boasting, we will then be like a city set on a hill, not simply visible, but also inviting and welcoming: the city of God where everyone, deep down, desires to live and find peace." (From Pope Leo's *Angelus on February 8th*)

To view the entire message, go to The Holy See website at www.vatican.va.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Gene Larkin	Ed Powell
Timothy A. Almy	Claire Fetch	Lynn Langston	David & Maura Randol
Judy Balcomb	Pam Forker	Patti Law	Annette Richt
Megan Barton	Luke Frankson	Debbie Long	Bryan Rieken
Erin Benbry	Hersina Gomes	Elena Lyons	Sophia Rodriguez
Peter Bryan	Jean Griffith	Rick Madera	Ariel Ross
Grace Burger	Cheri Griggs	Gina Maherka	Amy Scobey
Grace Byrne	Bob Henry	Daniel Matonak	Suzette Scobey
Joanne Cabrera	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Christian Matonak	Deborah Scott
Jeanette Campbell	Ryan Hughes	Carol Mazurek	Christopher Shade
Lucille Carberry	Ann Hunt	Amy McConnell	Cindy Shapland
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Daniel Inman	Marlynne McCullough	Sr. Maria Suzanna
Mollie Carow	Kelly Jordan	Scott Melina	Alyssa Thomas
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Milton Jordan	Bénédicte Milward	Nile Thomas
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Peter Kalla	Dorothy Moore	Natalie Vaughn
Elizabeth Cromer	Victor Kalla	Michael Olmert	Patsy Vickery
Patti D'Avella	Sarah Kurtz	Dan Perrine	James Waring
Tony DiPietro	Dan Lackey	Mary Pinto	Mike Wasko

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Father Manuel Lopez Orozco .

The Pope's Prayer Intention for February

For children with incurable diseases: Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

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 1, 2026

\$12,769.00 - Offertory

\$ 1,168.00 - Donation

\$9,691.00 - Alms

February 8, 2026

\$20,253.00 - Offertory

\$261.00 - Donation

\$4,171.00 - Alms

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