

The Catholic Center

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS

"I have done what was mine to do, may Christ now teach you what you are to do."
St. Francis of Assisi



This beautiful mural is found on the St. Francis Inn in Philadelphia

Event Highlight

Celebrating St. Francis Week

Thank you to everyone who joined us for St. Francis week! A special thanks to all of our amazing volunteers and to those who donated items for the Basket Raffle and Silent Auction. The generosity and enthusiasm of our Catholic Center members is truly a blessing. St. Francis, we continue to ask you to teach us to be charitable, loving, and faithful servants to God our Father and our friends and community around us.



MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday 5:30PM
Friday 7:30AM

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: No Mass (10/12)
Sunday: 8:00AM, 10:00AM
6:00PM (Student Mass)

Reconciliation

Wednesday: 3:30PM - 4:30PM
Saturday: No Reconciliation (10/12)

OFFICE HOURS Mon. - Fri. 10AM-4PM

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Readings & Intentions

Saturday- Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Lk 10:17-24

5:00 PM- Patrick Stephens †

Sunday - Jer 22:13-16/Gal 6:14-18/Mt 11:25-30

8:00AM - Maury Maher †

10:00AM - Cecil & Mary Critch †

6:00PM - CC Members

Monday-Jon 1:1-2;2,11/Lk10:25-37

5:30PM - Gloria Vacchio †

Tuesday-Jon 3:1-10/Lk 10:38-42

5:30PM - For Creation (int.)

Wednesday-Jon 4:1-11/Lk 11:1-4

5:30PM - RE Students & Catechists

Thursday- Mal 3:13-20b/Lk 11:5-13

5:30PM - FMU*

Friday - J11:13-15;2:1-2/Lk11:15-26

7:30 AM - FMU*

*Franciscan Missionary Union

Weekly Calendar

Monday 10/7

3:30PM Campus Kitchen Cooking (K)

7:00 PM Confirmation (L)

7:00 PM GSYPF (TV)

Tuesday 10/8

1:00 PM Knitters & Crafters (H)

6:00 PM OFS (L)

7:00 PM RCIA (TV)

6:30 PM Environmental Talk (C)

8:00 PM Seeking Water (C)

Wednesday 10/9

6:00PM RE Class (Grade 1-8) (H)

8:00PM Ignite Freshmen Ministry (H)

Thursday 10/10

7:00AM Men's Spirituality Group (TV)

10:00AM Women's Bible Study (TV)

6:00 PM Women's Dinner (H)

7:00 PM Arch Ministry (H)

Friday 10/11

8:00 AM Breakfast Club

Sunday 10/13

10:00 AM Carr Baptism (CH)

10:00 AM RE PreK/Kindergarten (H)

10:00 AM Nursery (H)

11:00 AM Baptism Prep Class (L)

11:00 AM Donuts (H)

CATHOLIC CENTER "BY THE NUMBERS"

Our 2019-2020 school year is off to a wonderful start. Check out a few statistics!

142 Religious Education students
42 catechists (UGA students and members)

17 RCIA candidates

70 UGA freshmen participating in Ignite

40 UGA upperclassmen

participating in ARCH Ministry

28 Catholic Center students tutoring at Oasis Catolico

COMMUNITY EVENTS

HOME FOOTBALL WEEKEND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

On home game Saturdays:

NO MASS. There will be no Vigil Mass on Saturdays and no activities or events at the Center from 8PM on Friday until the 8AM Mass on Sunday morning.

NO PARKING. The Catholic Center parking lots will be locked at 8PM on Friday and reopen for the 8AM Mass on Sunday morning. Our lots are used for contract parking, so **towing will be enforced** during these times.

Mark your calendars for the remaining 2019 home games:

10/12, 10/19, 11/9, and 11/23

Thank You and GO DAWGS!

SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE

All are welcome to attend an informational meeting to gauge interest in a local chapter of Sleep in Heavenly Peace, a bed-building group for children living in poverty. This group is dedicated to building, assembling and delivering top-notch bunk beds to children and families in need. The meeting is Friday, October 11, from 1:00-2:00 PM in the First Baptist Church rotunda. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Dr Nathan Byrd, Assistant Director of Family Promise, at 706-340-3649.

CALLING ALL KNITTERS AND CRAFTERS

Our Knitting and Crafting group will meet on Tuesday, October 8 at 1:00PM at the Center Hall. All are welcome to bring a project to work on and share ideas with other crafty people.

HAVE A SPOOKY TIME AT THE WOMEN'S DINNER

All Catholic Center women are invited to our October "Spooktacular" Women's Dinner on Thursday, October 10, 2019 at 6:00PM. Celebrate Halloween a bit early. Costumes are welcome (but, of course, optional). RSVP to the Catholic Center office by Monday afternoon.

BECOMING BETTER STEWARDS OF CREATION ENVIRONMENTAL SERIES

Thank you to everyone who attended our first discussion last week and a special thank you to Dr. Andy Thompson from Sewanee for his thought-provoking talk. We hope to see you this **Tuesday, October 8 at 6:30PM** (note the time) in the Catholic Center Chapel for a discussion of the Science of Climate Change.

David Stooksbury, UGA Professor: Professor David Stooksbury will discuss common misconceptions about climate change. Professor Jim Porter will show clips of the film, *Chasing Coral*, and speak about the need to address climate change.

The Environmental series will continue on October 15, 2019 to discuss of the role of churches in addressing climate change and on October 22, 2019 to discuss where we go from here. The meetings on October 15 and October 22 will be at St. Gregory's Episcopal Church at 6:30PM.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND MORE

THE MUSIC MINISTRY WANTS YOU!

The Music Ministry here at the Catholic Center is looking for more volunteers at all Masses! We need cantors, choir members, and instrumentalists. If you or someone you know is interested in contributing their gifts to the Mass, please send an email to James Perkins, our Director of Liturgy and Music: music@ccatuga.org"

CC CRAFT FAIR...SAVE THE DATE

Calling our crafters! The Catholic Center is hosting a Craft Fair on Saturday, November 16. Start working on your creations. Look for more information about the Craft Fair in the next few weeks.

GRADUATE STUDENT AND YOUNG PROFESSIONAL FELLOWSHIP (GSYPF)

The GSYPF Bible study will meet on Monday, October 7 at 7:00 pm at the Catholic Center to discuss Chapter 2 in the study guide "John 11-21: My Peace I Give You." Newcomers are always welcome. For more information, contact Christy Sinksen at (706) 613-0921 or csinksen@uga.edu.

ATHENS CATHOLIC BEER CLUB

We will meet the third Thursday of the month, encouraging those in the young(ish) professional and graduate student stage of life to share a beverage and fellowship. The next event is October 17 at 8:00PM at **Southern Brewing**. Look for the waving Pope Francis figure - that's us! For more information, email Michelle Willis at michelle.willis@uga.edu.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RE FAMILIES SUPPORT THE PET FOOD DRIVE

RE families can help support the Pet Food Drive during the St. Francis week celebration. Donations can be brought to RE Class. Dry food, canned food, treats, and collars will be appreciated.

VIRTUS TRAINING

RE students in grades Kindergarten to High School, were given a form for their parents to fill out for the VIRTUS-Children Safe Environment Program from the Archdiocese of Atlanta. Please fill out and return these forms at your child's next RE Class.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Confirmation Candidates for Year 1 are reminded to submit their Baptism Certificates to the RE Office if your child was not baptized at the Catholic Center. The next Confirmation class is Monday, October 7, at 7:00PM in the library. Be sure to pick up your student by 8:45PM.

GRADES 1 & 2 AND BASIC FAITH 1 & 2

All students in these programs are required to bring a copy of their Baptism Certificate to their next class meeting unless they were baptized at the Catholic Center. Contact Lynn Renna at dre@ccatuga.org with questions.

CSA STUDENT ANNOUNCEMENTS

SEEKING WATER

Seeking water is an all student praise and worship ministry that consists of music, worship, adoration, and student witnesses. Please come join us this Tuesday at 8PM in the chapel

IGNITE FRESHMEN MINISTRY

Ignite, our freshmen ministry will be doing a night on Introduction to Scripture. Come dive into prayer with us this week at 8:00PM in the Center Hall!

ARCH

All are welcome to join us Thursday at 8PM for a fun scavenger around campus.

PARKING LOT DANCE PARTY

Join us October 25 at 8:00PM for our first Catholic Center Dance. Come dressed in semi-formal attire with friends, a date, or by yourself for a night of fun!

MR. CATHOLIC CENTER

Join us November 8th at 8PM for our annual Male Pageant Fundraiser. The night is filled with confident Catholic men, lots of laughter and is an amazing fundraiser! If you would like to compete contact Sarah Gries at (404)372-9595.

ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIPS

The Catholic Center is planning multiple alternative spring break mission trips this year: Peru, Jamaica, Pine Ridge in South Dakota, and Appalachia in Virginia or Tennessee. If you are interested and missed last week's meetings, please email Father Casey at caseyofm@ccatuga.org or Sister Uyen-Chi at admincsa@ccatuga.org.

OCTOBER 6, 2019

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CATHOLIC QUESTIONS

Do I Have to go to Confession?

Here at the Catholic Center, we offer the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday, Saturdays, and by appointment. Many take advantage of God's grace of forgiveness through these means, but many do not. Which raises the question: how often does one have to go to confession?

According to canon law, "All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year" (canon 989). What's important to note is the canon's emphasis on "grave sins," or what many would call "mortal sins." Those who only commit "venial sins" are not bound by this yearly requirement. If one does not commit a mortal sin, they need not go to confession ever, if they so choose.

The reason for this is because the Eucharist is itself a form of forgiveness of sins. The Church teaches, "The Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity wipes away venial sins" (CCC 1394). Because Jesus died and rose again for the forgiveness of sins, the Eucharist is the primary means of reconciliation, and all venial sins are remitted by receiving.

So does mean that someone who commits only venial sins shouldn't go to confession (or isn't allowed to?) Of course not! Anyone who has sinned and feels contrition for their actions is welcome to the grace of the sacrament. The Church teaches that the sacrament reconciles us with the Church and strengthens our ability to turn away from sin, and anyone seeking those graces may receive it.

FINANCIAL GIVING UPDATES

Thank you for generously sharing your treasures with the Catholic Center and its ministries. If you have any questions regarding the financials of the Catholic Center, contact the office.

September 15, 2019

Offertory \$8,684.98 Alms \$107.00

September 22, 2019

Offertory \$9,063.68 Alms \$75.95

Archbishop Annual Appeal

Goal: \$51,900.00 - Amount Received: \$36,951.60

Number of donors: 234

We Lift Up In Prayer

Rosilyn Andrews, Jerome Braun, Carrie Finnerty Bolinger, Bill Burden, Shirley Bundy, Grace Byrne, Noleen Casey, Brenda Critch, Norma d'Azzo, Betty DeGuilo, Elena Dekazos, George Dougherty, Liz Duclos, Jill Ennis, Bill Evelyn, James Flannigan, Carol Garbon, Phyllis Ginn, Pat Goggin, Ann Johnson, Richard Lynch, Kate McCall, Blaire Meyran, Tommy Morgan, Barbara O'Brien, Bill Ozburn, Bill & Dorothy Peltier, Sharon Perrine, Melissa Reilly, Tom Risher, Joel Rivera, Raif Sejdi, Marge Smith, Sr. Sheila Tague, Martha Tucker, Grant Tyner, Joan Weiss and Artur Muszynski

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Dolly Daniels and Samuel Thompson

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for October:

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the Church.

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BAPTISM: Parents are required to attend a Baptism Preparation Class (Godparents welcomed). Classes are held every month.

MARRIAGE: Arrangements must be made at least six months in advance for preparation.

RCIA: A program for those who are interested in learning more about the Catholic faith

To schedule all Sacraments, please contact the office.


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PRAYER LIST

Please help keep our prayer list current by emailing updates and new requests for inclusion on the list to secretary@ccatuga.org.

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