



Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Frank Dillon † & Laurette LaPrairie †	Tuesday 5:30PM - Communion Service
Sunday 8AM - Mark Farrell †	Wednesday 5:30PM - Communion Service
10:30AM - Olga Doolin†	Thursday 5:30PM - John George †
Monday 5:30PM - Communion Service	Friday 8AM - No Mass

Our Visiting Priests

We welcome Fr. Bradley Starr and Fr. Lijo Parambummuriyil to celebrate Mass with us this weekend.

Fr. Bradley Starr was recently assigned as the Priest in Residence at Emory University. He has served as a priest in the diocese since 2017. He received a Masters of Divinity and Arts in Theology/Sacred Scripture from Mount St. Mary's Seminary.

Fr. Lijo is a part of Capuchin Franciscans. He currently lives in Atlanta where he gives his life to the poor through their food truck, “Food for the Body and Soul.”

We thank Fr. Bradley and Fr. Lijo for celebrating with us this weekend!

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM	Friday No Mass
Monday– Wednesday: 5:30 PM Communion Service	Confession: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30PM
Thursday: 5:30PM	*Note Confession will be in the back of the Chapel.

July 19, 2026 • Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 7/18
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

Sunday 7/19
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 7/20
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
5:30PM Communion Service

Tuesday 7/21
5:30PM Communion Service

Wednesday 7/22
5:30PM Communion Service

Thursday 7/23
5:30PM Mass

Friday 7/24
No Mass
10:00AM Baptism Prep Class

Saturday 7/25
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass & Potluck

Message from Dorothy

Happy Summer!

This is my second summer in Athens and it is even more quiet than last year. It is always weird working at the Catholic Center over the summer, especially in comparison to how the Center operates in the school year. The building is usually always quiet, the parking lot never fully filling up. It is nice... different, but nice nevertheless. This summer I have built a very familiar routine for myself which can feel quite monotonous at times. I have the same routine almost every day, to which I am pretty sure the Prince Avenue Dunkin’ workers know me by name. However it has given me lots of space and time for reflection, some of which I am going to share here.

Today's gospel story comes from Matthew 13, in which Jesus tells the parable of the mustard seed:

The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that a person took and sowed in a field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, yet when full-grown it is the largest of plants. It becomes a large bush, and the 'birds of the sky come and dwell in its branches.

This is a beautiful parable, one of my favorites. For those of you who have never seen a mustard seed before, its smallness cannot be understated. If you are holding a dime in your hand the mustard seed is the same size as the “o” in “United States of America” printed on the dime. Super small! And yet this small seed can grow to be anywhere between 1.5 and 6 feet tall. Jesus is painting a very clear image here.

The Kingdom of heaven is not made up of only people who did grand gestures; it is not just for martyrs of the faith or those who have given away all their possessions to the poor. Rather it is made up of people who made themselves mustard seeds, people who lived their life planting small seeds everywhere they went. They lived out each and every day like Christ and through their small actions they helped others grow in their faith and helped grow the Kingdom of God.

Christ is calling us to be a mustard seed. Live like Christ in all of your actions, especially your small actions, this is how the Kingdom of God grows.

Smile at strangers, hold the door for the person behind you, ask the sanitation worker in your building how their day is going- ask them their name if you do not already know it. Plant small mustard seeds all throughout your community, let yourself be known for your kindness and joy. Allow others to see the light of Christ in you and hopefully they too will begin to see the light of Christ in others.

Our mission as Catholics should be to make sure everyone feels seen, known, and loved. Asking someone how their day is, completing their work, showing you care for them in the small ways- *this* is how we plant mustard seeds.

Christ’s deepest desire is to love us, and for us to allow Him to love us. What better way to allow Him to love us than by spreading His love to all those around us?

I am taking some vacation so I will be away this upcoming week, but know that I am praying for each and every one of you always.

With love,
Dorothy

Announcements

Backpacks for Oasis Católico

We are collecting new backpacks for the students at Oasis Católico. Each year, our generous Catholic Center members donate backpacks to help the students at Oasis get their new school year off to a great start. Please deliver new backpacks to the Center Hall by Monday, July 27.



Upcoming Virtus Class

The Catholic Center will be hosting a Virtus Class on Thursday, July 30th at 1:00PM in the TV Room. You can register online at www.virtus.org or email Lynn Renna at lrenna@ccatuga.org

A Note About Online Giving

The Catholic Center is incredibly grateful for your financial stewardship. Did you know that in the last fiscal year, the Center paid approximately \$11,000 in credit card processing fees? While these fees are a common cost of online giving, they reduce the amount of each donation that can be used to support our students and ministry programs. There are two ways you can help ensure 100% of your gift goes to the Center: consider covering the fee by opting to add the transaction fee to your credit card donation or switch to direct bank drafts (ACH), which carry significantly lower processing costs than credit card transactions. If you have any questions, please contact Rachel Lichtenwalner at rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org. Thank you for helping your support go even further!

Religious Education Registration

As was announced in previous bulletins, there are some important registration changes this year that families will need to know before registering. Please see Fr. Brian’s letter and new registration information at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/religious-education-re/>.

Baptism Preparation

We have updated our online baptism registration form. Please go to our website ugacatholic.org and click on Faith Formation and Sacraments and then Baptism. Fill out the form online and submit. Once the form is received, our baptism coordinator, Virigina Johnson, will contact you for further instructions.

July’s Schedule

Monday - Wednesday:
Communion Service at 5:30PM

Thursday:
Daily Mass at 5:30PM

Friday:
No Mass

Additional Mass & Confessions

If you are seeking more Daily Mass or confession times, St. Joesph’s has daily Mass every day at 8am. Additionally confession is offered from 7:30-7:55AM Monday-Friday, 6-7PM on Thursdays and 8:30-10:00AM on Saturdays.

Catholic Center Archives

Next year, 2027, is the CC’s 75th anniversary! In order to prepare for this celebration we are asking members of our community to share their memoirs over the years, we are especially looking for photos for the 70s, 80s, and 90s. If you have any photos please upload them on our website using this link or by scanning the QR code.



<https://ugacatholic.org/75th-church-anniversary/>

24th Annual Dooley Classic Golf Sponsors!

Player registration has currently reached capacity for teams, but you can still register to join the waitlist. If a registered team drops out of the tournament, the next team on the waitlist will be added to the tournament. We are still looking for Sponsors for this year's tournament. For more information, please go to the website below or scan the QR code.



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

Pope Leo XIV Corner

“God always loves us first. The beauty of the sea, this island and your faces is a reflection of his gratuitous initiative: love precedes us, surrounds us and brings us together...Let us not be overcome by fear, but rather look upon daily hardships as a time of opportunity and witness. May your faith, dear friends, be strengthened by these years of trial and generous commitment!” *(From Pope Leo’s Homily on July 4th)*

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

We Lift Up in Prayer

Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Tony DiPietro	Claire Kennedy	Dan Perrine
Timothy A. Almy	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Sarah Kurtz	Mary Pinto
Judy Balcomb	Carol Douglas	Dianne Kwashnak	Ed Powell
Megan Barton	Claire Fetch	Dan Lackey	David & Maura Randol
Erin Benbry	Rob Flemming	Gene Larkin	Bryan Rieken
Pam Bickley	Pam Forker	Lynn Langston	Sophia Rodriguez
Dan Bloor	Luke Frankson	Patti Law	Aeriel Ross
Peter Bryan	David Giannasi	Tom Long	Amy Scobey
Grace Burger	Hersina Gomes	Elena Lyons	Suzette Scobey
Grace Byrne	Jean Griffith	Rick Madera	Deborah Scott
Joanne Cabrera	Cheri Griggs	Cecile Maher	Sue Sinksen
Jeanette Campbell	John Hamby	Gina Maherka	Derek Smith
Lucille Carberry	Mike Hamby	Amy McConnell	Eileen Speight
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Bob Henry	Marlynne McCullough	Mike Teofilo
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	Marie McDonald	Alyssa Thomas
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Ryan Hughes	John McMillan	Nile Thomson
Patti D’Avella	Ann Hunt	Scott Melina	Natalie Vaughn
Joy Davis	Peter Kalla	Bénédicte Milward	Patsy Vickery
Andrea Dibling	Victor Kalla	Michael Olmert	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Amy Bloor, Todd Pendergast and Dr Joseph Whorton.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for July

For respect for human life: Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

Financial Giving Updates

Thank you 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.

July 5, 2026	July 12, 2026
\$17,718.81 - Offertory	\$10,416.00 - Offertory
\$5,686.00 - Donation	\$1,988.00 - Donation
\$1,119.00 - Alms	\$188.00 - Alms

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