



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia

Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday 5PM - Thomas & Delphine Trimble †	Monday 5:30PM - Carole Edenfield †
Sunday 8AM - Carl Galliher Estabrook † 10:30AM - Mary Ellen Wier † 12:30PM - Ramona Herrera & Eva Herrera † 5PM - Sandra Macauley and All Catholic Center Members	Tuesday 5:30PM - Craig Murdaugh Wednesday 5:30PM - Roy F. Brown † & Amanda Frankson Thursday 5:30PM - Vincent Dooley † Friday 8AM - Communion Service

Home Football Game

UGA Football is back on Saturday, September 5th!

Please remember there will be no Vigil Mass, Reconciliation or activities at the center and Chapel when there is a UGA home football game. The Catholic Center parking lots will close on Friday at 5PM and reopen for the Sunday Mass at 8AM.

GO DAWGS!

Office

Hours: Monday – Thursday: 10AM-4PM	Fax: 706-543-2541
Address: 1344 South Lumpkin St. Athens, GA 30605	Connect: www.ugacatholic.org CC at UGA @CatholicDawgs
Phone: 706-543-2293	 

Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM, 12:30PM, and 5PM Monday - Thursday: 5:30PM Friday: 8AM Communion Service	Confession: Monday- Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:00PM Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30PM Adoration: Monday–Thursday: 9:00–10:00AM Friday: 8:30 - 9:30AM
---	--

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 8/29

9:00AM New Student Retreat
10:00AM LaHatte Baptism
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

Sunday 8/30

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM PreK & Kindergarten RE
10:30AM Albares Baptism
12:30PM Mass
2:00PM Confirmation
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 8/31

10:00AM Men's Bible Study
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 9/1

4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
8:00PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 9/2

1:00PM Creative Hands
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:15PM Grades 1-5 Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 9/3

5:30PM Mass
6:00PM Youth Ministry
6:30PM CSA Game Night

Friday 9/4

CC Office Closed
8:00AM Communion Service
8:00 Dooley Classic Golf Tournament

Saturday 9/5

Home Football Game
No Mass or Reconciliation

Messages from Dorothy

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.

For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Reading today's Gospel you can get the impression Jesus would not have been a very good Marketing major. Here Jesus is telling His disciples (and us) that in order to follow Him we must deny ourselves, we must take up our cross. Those who want to save their life will lose it, but if we lose our life for Jesus' sake we will find our life. What?

Inherently this is not a desirable proposition Jesus is making, it seems like torture, it is confusing and just before Jesus had said this he called Peter Satan. This does not seem like the Jesus we know, where is the man who healed the paraplegic girl, the man who sat with the children and listened to them, the good shepherd tending after the lost sheep? It can seem as though that version of Jesus is not the same man who is speaking today, the message today feels harsher.

This harshness happens because what Jesus is proposing today is hard. Jesus is challenging uncomfortable truth; how much do we trust God? For most of us we truly live our life wanting to do what Jesus tells us, but we also always have a backup plan. Just in case Jesus is not holding the reins tightly enough we want to leave ourselves the ability to grab a hold and take control. This is a harsh reality, but Jesus is promising us the best reward. When we follow Him we will be blessed with eternal life.

When we take the hard journey, when we turn away from sin, when we face hardships for the love of Christ we are making a promise to Christ, a proclamation of our love for Him. And in turn Jesus promises the greatest gift of all– His love! His safekeeping! A spot next to Him and His Father in Heaven!

No matter how hard our lives get, how strong the temptations are, this is what we must remind ourselves of. We must remind ourselves of the promises that Christ makes to us when we choose to follow Him. Jesus Christ offers the one true way to live an eternal and fulfilling life, while the path may not always be the easiest path to take, it will always be the most rewarding!

And now, to put my CSA president hat on...

Our students loved the first week of school! The Catholic Center celebrated with our Welcome Week, there were so many fun events! Fr. Brian and I even got to go in a Dunk Tank! We had around 150 people at our Monday night Kick-Off and also at our Tuesday Night Praise and Worship ministry- Seeking Water!

Additionally we hosted our first Student Dinner this past Sunday and the hall was overflowing with college students, there were almost 300 students who traveled across the parking lot hungry and ready to be fed (after being fed spiritually at Mass!) I am speaking on behalf of all the students but we are eternally grateful for each and every members' support of the Catholic Center, you are a part of the reason we are able to make these events happen. Thank you!

August 30, 2026 • Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

Creative Hands Next Meeting Wednesday, September 2

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, September 2 at 1PM in the Library. All are welcome to join us. Bring a project to work on or work on blankets for the Linus Project.

Men’s & Women’s Bible Study

The Men's and Women's Bible Studies are returning. The Men's Bible Study will meet on Mondays at 10AM in the TV room. The Women's Bible Study starts on September 10th and will meet every Thursday at 10AM in the TV room. All are welcome to join these weekly Bible Studies.

High School Youth Group

Our High School Youth Group is starting up **this** Thursday September 3rd at 6PM. It is place for high schoolers to hang out, make friends, and explore their faith! To learn more information please email Jeff Donahue at jdonahue@ccatuga.org.

A Stewardship of Blessing

God entrusts each of us with many gifts. Estate planning is one way to take care of our family and support the ministries that have shaped our faith. To learn about including The Catholic Center in your plans, contact Rachel Lichtenwalner at rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org.

Welcome Back Silver Angels

Our first Silver Angels luncheon of the school year will be Tuesday September 15th at noon. The Silver Angels meet each month on the third 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 a tailgate themed event. There is no cost to attend and reservations are not needed. For more information, contact the Catholic Center office.

Parking Reminders

We recognize that parking is difficult at the Catholic Center, however we still want to be courteous to our neighbors who allow us to use their space to park our cars.

The Global Engagement Building is free to park throughout the weekend and every weekday after 5pm. As a reminder your vehicle **must** be parked on the pavement/designated parking spots and should not be parked on the grass or pine straw areas. Thank you for being a good neighbor!

Catholic Center Closure

The Catholic Cetner will be closed this upcoming Friday for our Vince Dooley Classic Golf Tournament. Additionally we will also be closed Monday, September 7th in observance of Labor Day. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8th.

Dooley Classic Raffle Tickets

If you would like to support the CC Dooley Classic Golf Tournament, raffle tickets will be on sale **this** weekend after the Masses. Purchase tickets to win an autographed football by Coach Kirby Smart, Gunner Stockton and Ellis Robinson, a signed basketball by Coach Mike White, and a signed baseball by Coach Wes Johnson. Raffle tickets are \$10 each.

Welcoming our Seminarian

Our seminarian, Tony, will be joining the Catholic Center next Tuesday, September 8th. Below is a brief intro from Tony:

Hey y'all! My name is Tony Carosone, and I’m a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Atlanta. I was born in Brooklyn, New York, but moved to Georgia when I was ten. I entered seminary in 2018 and I’m almost finished with my studies and initial formation.

I’ll be spending this school year at the Catholic Center at UGA for a pastoral internship, and I’m really excited to get to know everyone and become part of the community!

To know a little bit about me, outside of seminary life, I love playing guitar, reading, collecting vinyl records, and I dabble a little in photography.

More than anything, I’m looking forward to praying with y’all, serving alongside you, and getting to know each of you throughout the year. I’m an extrovert and love being with people, so please come introduce yourself when you see me around the Catholic Center!

And of course - Go Dawgs!

Oasis Pinewoods Tutoring

Oasis’s Pinewoods tutoring is looking for help tutoring their children. The grades range from Pre-K to 5th Grade. For more information on tutoring please visit their website <https://sites.google.com/view/pinewoods-tutoring/home> or email the Sisters at pinewoodstutoring@gmail.com.

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

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Bill Peltier.

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for August

For evangelization in the city: Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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.

August 16, 2026	August 23, 2026
\$15,191.68 - Offertory	\$13,383.00 - Offertory
\$1,898.00 - Donation	\$1,363.00 - Donation
\$715.81 - Alms	\$170.00 - Alms

Clergy & Staff		
Director Fr. Brian McNavish <i>fbrian@ccatuga.org</i>	Youth Ministry & Confirmation Jeff Donahue <i>jdonahue@ccatuga.org</i>	Marketing & Communications Ava Doyle <i>adoyle@ccatuga.org</i>
Director of Operations Dan Cotter <i>dcotter@ccatuga.org</i>	Baptisms & Marriage Virginia Johnson <i>vjohnson@ccatuga.org</i>	Promotions & Special Projects Dorothy Ratcliff <i>dratcliff@ccatuga.org</i>
Director of Liturgy & Music Dan Marcacci <i>dmarcacci@ccatuga.org</i>	OCIA & Adult Confirmation Dayna Fairman <i>dfairman@ccatuga.org</i>	Kitchen Manager Darby Crawford <i>dcrawford@ccatuga.org</i>
Accounting Services Julie Ballman <i>jballman@ccatuga.org</i>	Administrative Team Cherie Frankson <i>cfrankson@ccatuga.org</i>	Facilities Manager Burwell Cox <i>bcox@ccatuga.org</i>
Administrative Team Jenni Toutkoushian <i>jtoutkoushian@ccatuga.org</i>	Administrative Team Kathy Bryan <i>kbryan@ccatuga.org</i>	Custodial Staff Bernice Favors
Elementary Religious Education Lynn Renna <i>lrenna@ccatuga.org</i>	Mission Advancement Rachel Lichtenwalner <i>rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org</i>	