



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Gustavo Diaz

Sunday
8AM - Mary Page Sims †
& Michael Thomas Hoover

10:30AM - Martha & Royce Stanford †

Monday
5:30PM - Barbara Allen†

Tuesday
5:30PM - The Clifton Family

Wednesday
5:30PM - Shannon Brock

Thursday
5:30PM - Dorothy Denner †

Friday
8AM - No Mass

Social Graces Women's Dinners

Women's Dinners are back!

As a correction from last week's bulletin our first Women's Dinner is **this** Thursday, August 13th at 6PM. All women are welcome to attend, It will be a wonderful time to catch up with old and new friends.

Please be sure to RSVP by Monday, August 10th.

For more information please contact the CC office.



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Liturgical Schedule

Mass: Saturday: 5PM Sunday: 8AM & 10:30AM	Confession: Saturday: 3:30 - 4:30PM
Monday - Thursday: 5:30PM	Wednesday: 4:00 - 5:00PM
Friday No Mass	

August 9, 2026 • Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 8/8

10:30AM Fitzgerald
Family Baptism
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
5:00PM Miklosi Family
Baptism
8:00PM Greek Life Mass

Sunday 8/9

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass

Monday 8/10

10:00AM Men's Bible
Study
11:30AM Golf
Tournament Meeting
5:30PM Mass

Tuesday 8/11

5:30PM Mass

Wednesday 8/12

4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass

Thursday 8/13

6:00PM Women's
Dinner
5:30PM Mass

Friday 8/14

No Mass

Saturday 8/15

11:00AM Funeral/
Reception for Dr. Joseph
Whorton
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
8:00PM Greek Life Mass

Message from Fr. Brian

Hey friends,

This past month, I appreciate your patience as I was able to get away with friends and family for some downtime, rest, and rejuvenation.

It was something I had been looking forward to all year, and it became a bit unknown whenever I heard that Father Michael was being reassigned because he was supposed to cover for me all July. He would be gone in June, and I would be gone in July! However, with him moving on July 1, that put all of this planned downtime in flux.

And so, I am thankful for our staff who helped me find priests who were able to drive out here to Athens and cover. They gave of their time and their energy, and I am very appreciative of it.

I was able to spend time in a few different locations with friends and family. I spent time with my siblings, my nieces, my nephews, my parents, my grandmother, my cousins, and the children of my cousins, whom I had never met before!

Connecting with my cousins was really special because I had not seen them in over a decade and had not really gotten to know them in my adult life. And so, this was a really new experience.

I also had time to get together with friends: two priests, a religious sister, and her community. I stayed in a convent for a week, entered into prayer, and found a spiritual rest in that way. I was carried by their prayers and their routine, and entering into that was really quite special.

I was also able to visit Fr Fred (Catholic Center Director 2020-2022) and Fr Radley who is a good priest friend of mine from Chicago whom I have known for close to 15 years. We spent time together vacationing, catching up, connecting, praying, and simply being with each other.

Along the way, I was able to enjoy whitewater rafting, glaciers, sightseeing, canoeing, hiking, good food, and good drink. I was also able to visit Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons, Banff, and Jasper national park. Being outside, seeing these places, and sharing those experiences with people I care about was a real gift. I did an annual trip with my parents and also attended a family reunion. It was a really special time.

As I returned home to Athens, I am excited to get back with a new chapter and new energy. The semester begins soon and football begins soon!

We will be welcoming a new seminarian this year beginning early September, and he will be with us through next summer. Is an opportunity for him and a gift for us!

Thanks,

Fr Brian

Announcements

Mass Times
Our 12:30PM and 5PM Sunday Mass times will resume on next Sunday, August 16th. Additionally starting August 18th we will be offering Confessions in the back of the chapel from 4-5pm, before Daily Mass. Please be sure to check our bulletin each week for Mass and Confession times.

30 Years Bringing Music to the Catholic Center

We want to thank Ellen Ritchey for her 30 years of service at the Catholic Center in our Music Ministry. Her beautiful voice and excellent musicianship have enhanced our Masses throughout the years. Ellen has also served at funerals bringing comfort to the grieving families through her music. In addition to Ellen's music ministry, she volunteers with the Social Graces and other ministries. If you are at the Vigil Mass, be sure stop by the piano and express your appreciation.

Deo Gratias — Thanks be to God!

Have you remembered The Catholic Center in your will or estate plan? To steward and celebrate your generosity, the Catholic Foundation of North Georgia invites you to its annual Deo Gratias Mass. This year, it will be held on Thursday, September 3 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church at 10:30am with refreshments following. Please notify rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org of your planned gift and of your interest to attend for the event details. Thank you for leaving a legacy of faith at The Catholic Center!

OCIA & Adult Formation

Interested in getting more involved in the Catholic Center community? We are looking for people who are interested in being a part of the OCIA & Adult Formation team. Do you have an interest in sponsoring candidates, helping with hospitality, praying for OCIA & AF, teaching/presenting, facilitating small group discussions, sharing your favorite Catholic devotion, or sharing your own story of conversion? Please fill out our form and come to the interest meeting Monday, August 10 @ 6:00pm in the Catholic Center Hall to learn more about ways in which you might help and grow this year! If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dayna Fairman at dfairman@ccatuga.org



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 3-5pm! <https://tinyurl.com/supper27>

Catholic Inquiry Nights

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or baptized Catholic and desiring to complete your sacraments of Christian initiation? Learn about the process of sacramental preparation, meet other people interested, and ask any questions you have about the Catholic faith. Our next Catholic Inquiry Night will be August 27th. All are welcome!

National Make-a-Will Month

As faithful stewards, we are called to care for our loved ones and support the ministries we cherish. Consider remembering The Catholic Center in your will or estate plan as a lasting expression of faith and gratitude. Contact Rachel Lichtenwalner at rlichtenwalner@ccatuga.org to learn more.

Religious Education Registration

RE Registration is ongoing. There is less than a month left before RE begins. If you are interested in being a catechist for the RE ministry for K-12th grade, contact Lynn Renna at lrenna@ccatuga.org. Please see Fr. Brian's letter and new registration information at <https://ugacatholic.org/ministries/religious-education-re/>.

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!

We Lift Up in Prayer			
Charlotte & Joel Alesi	Tony DiPietro	Sarah Kurtz	Dan Perrine
Timothy A. Almy	Barton Elizabeth Dooling	Dianne Kwashnak	Mary Pinto
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	Tom Long	Aeriel Ross
Grace Burger	David Giannasi	Elena Lyons	Amy Scobey
Grace Byrne	Hersina Gomes	Rick Madera	Suzette Scobey
Joanne Cabrera	Jean Griffith	Gina Maherka	Deborah Scott
Jeanette Campbell	Cheri Griggs	Amy McConnell	Sue Sinksen
Lucille Carberry	John Hamby	Marlynne McCullough	Derek Smith
Elizabeth Bertrand Carlson	Mike Hamby	Marie McDonald	Eileen Speight
Deana Dietzler Chiusano	Bob Henry	Kathy McGill	Alyssa Thomas
Lora Bernstein Cooley	Albert Hromalik, Sr.	John McMillan	Nile Thomson
Kevin Cutler	Ryan Hughes	Tim McNally	Natalie Vaughn
Patti D'Avella	Ann Hunt	Scott Melina	Patsy Vickery
Joy Davis	Victor Kalla	Bénédicte Milward	Julie Wallace
Andrea Dibling	Claire Kennedy	Michael Olmert	

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones, especially Cecile Maher and Sr. Maureen Bradshop, OP.

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.

July 26, 2026	August 2, 2026
\$10,604.70 - Offertory	\$17,939.31 - Offertory
\$10,061.76 - Donation	\$6,883.00 - Donation
\$86.50 - Alms	\$1,472.97 - Alms

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