



The Catholic Center

Serving the Athens and University of Georgia
Communities Since 1952.



ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday

5PM - Eileen Sopera †

Tuesday

5:30PM - Chuck Eldred†

Sunday

8AM - Judy Balcomb †

Wednesday

5:30PM - Cecile Maher †

10:30AM - Maria &
Victor Reyes †
and Joel Alesi

Thursday

12:30PM-Cecile Maher†
and All CC Members

5:30PM - Bill Peltier †

5PM - Connie Diaz †

Friday

8AM - Communion

Monday

5:30PM - Bob Wyrick †

Service

Archbishop Sheen Beatification

The Catholic Center will host a watch party in the Center Hall for the Beatification of Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen on **September 24 at 3PM** Eastern Stand Time.

His Mass of Beatification will be celebrated at The Dome at America's Center in St. Louis. Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle will celebrate the Mass as the representative of Pope Leo XIV. Eighty-three bishops — including Rochester Bishop John S. Bonnici — and more than 870 priests are expected to be in attendance, along with nearly 45,000 pilgrims from 48 states and 12 countries.

All are invited to watch on the Center's big screen TV.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:

Saturday: 5PM
Sunday: 8AM, 10:30AM,
12:30PM, and 5PM

Confession:

Monday—Wednesday:
4:00—5:00PM
Saturday:
3:30—4:30PM

Monday - Thursday:
5:30PM

Adoration:

Monday & Thursday:
9AM—5PM
Tuesday & Wednesday:
9—10AM

Friday:
8AM

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 9/19

9:00AM Walking with Moms
12:00PM Virtus Class
3:00PM RE Faith Movie
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass
6:30PM Korean Mass &
Potluck

Sunday 9/20

Catechetical Sunday

8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM Lunch for Catechists
12:30PM Mass
1:30PM Leadership Retreat
2:00PM KoC Exemplification
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 9/21

10:00AM Men's Bible Study
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Communion Service
6:00PM OCIA

Tuesday 9/22

9:00AM Our Daily Bread
12:00PM Staff Meeting
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 9/23

4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 9/24

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
3:00PM Bishop Fulton Sheen
Watch Party
5:30PM Daily Mass

Friday 9/25

8:00AM Communion Service

Saturday 9/26

UGA Home Football Game
NO Vigil Mass

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Message from Rachel

Dear Catholic Center Community,

“Comparison is the thief of joy.”

This is a classic quote commonly attributed to former president Theodore Roosevelt, although unconfirmed. You have probably heard it before. I had, countless times before this summer. But this summer is when it actually resonated with me.

In May, I graduated from UGA, took three weeks to rest at my parents' house, and returned to The Catholic Center on June 1 to transition into my full-time job as the Associate Director of Mission Advancement.

While my life remained in Athens, life for many of my peers was changing. People were getting engaged left and right, or even married. People moved states away for a high-status corporate role in a big city. It seemed like every young adult and their brother were congregating in Atlanta, and I watched from the sidelines.

I was enjoying my job and recognized what a privilege that was, but I could not shake the longing for what other people had: where they lived, their relationships, their community, their social activities. I felt like I was missing out. I felt behind.

Comparing my state in life to others my age clouded my perception to the blessings God was pouring over me. Comparison was a sponge that absorbed my joy. Never before had I been so ensnared by it, and when I finally recognized its destruction, I prayed for deliverance.

Like our responsorial psalm this Sunday reads, “The Lord is near to all who call upon him.” I called upon the Lord, entrusting to Him my desires for my future, petitioning His help to be grateful for the opportunities and people around me, and asking for His grace to simply be present to the present, because that is where He operates.

I would gamble that for the majority of you reading this, your years of wrestling with post-grad are beyond you. But I imagine you and I share the commonality of wrestling with comparison. Maybe you are recovering from it, or maybe you are in it right now. Or maybe, like me, you think it will not affect you, until it does.

He got the promotion you wanted. She seems like supermom, on top of schedules, meal planning, and a perfectly organized house. He can afford vacations every year. She looks holier when she prays.

We all can get trapped in a comparison mindset in our own ways, big or small. But when we lift our eyes to Christ instead of focusing on what we do not have, what she has and we do not, where we perceive we are failing—we will encounter the Lord's love right where we are, a love that points us to joy, healing, and truth.

Since surrendering comparison, gratitude is my foundation. This current season of life—working my job, being an Athens townie, the friends I have, the new friends I am making—is sweeter, even in its hard moments, because I know that with the Good Shepherd, I lack nothing. Neither do you.

Peace,

Rachel Lichtenwalner



September 20, 2026 • Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

Welcome Back Fr. Frank!

We are excited to welcome Fr. Frank Critch, OFM back to the Catholic Center for a visit on Sunday, September 27. Fr. Frank will be doing the 8AM and 10:30AM Masses. Fr. Frank was director of the Catholic Center from 2018-2020. An accomplished chef, Fr. Frank cooked many delicious meals for our students and members alike. His warmth, generosity and laughter, along with his spiritual guidance brought joy and peace to everyone. Fr. Frank is now living at St. Anthony Friary in St. Petersburg, Florida. Check out this wonderful article about Fr. Frank: <https://thefranciscanway.org/franciscan-facesthe-power-of-hospitality/>

Home Football Game

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

Volunteer to Cook for Sunday Night Dinners!

We are looking for volunteers to help cook Sunday night dinners for our students! Follow the link below to sign up to help on Sunday(s) from 3-5PM! <https://tinyurl.com/supper27>

A Note About Online Giving

Credit Card fees are a common cost of online giving, however they reduce the amount of each donation that can be used to support our students. 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!

School Supply Drive for Oasis

The La Unidad Latina fraternity at UGA is sponsoring a School Supply Drive for the students at Oasis Catolico for the month of September. They are collecting pens, pencils, paper, coloring pencils, notebooks, binders, crayons, glue sticks, highlighters and markers. Donations may be dropped off in the bin on the CC stage.

Blessing of the Animals

Save the date for our Blessing of the Animals on Sunday, October 4th at 2:00PM, after our 12:30PM Mass, in celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi. Bring your dogs, cats, reptiles and other tame critters for a blessing.

Second Collection for SVdP

The second collection this weekend is for St. Vincent de Paul Georgia. Rooted in the call to “love thy neighbor,” this collection supports programs that provide food, shelter, clothing and medicine to our neighbors facing hardship across the state. Last year, SVdP Georgia walked alongside over 300,000 Georgians in crisis—offering real help and hope to families struggling to find stability. Your gift is a direct act of charity—an opportunity to live out Christ’s call to serve the poor. Please give generously and join us in caring for those who need it most. For more information, visit lifeofthechurch.com/donate.

Choir Members Needed!

The Catholic Center warmly extends an invitation to all music enthusiasts with choral experience to consider a remarkable commitment to attending rehearsals and singing in one of the choirs. This is an opportunity to refine your vocal artistry, expand your choral knowledge, and enrich your spiritual path. The 8am and 10:30am choirs rehearse together on Thursday evenings and you can sing at whichever time fits your schedule best. For more details or to volunteer, please contact our Director of Music and Liturgy. Dan Marcacci at music@ccatuga.org. Your voice can be a part of something truly special at the Catholic Center.

OCIA Volunteers

We have a great group of people who will be participating in OCIA & Adult Confirmation this year. Please consider how you might help them as they journey in their relationship with God and the Catholic Church. If you are interested in being a sponsor or being involved in other ways please contact dfairman@ccatuga.org We are also providing dinner for the OCIA participants each Monday. Please sign up to provide a casserole: <https://tinyurl.com/ociadinner>

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. Please do **not** park your cars at Campus View for Mass. Thank you for being a good neighbor!

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

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

The Pope’s Prayer Intention for September

For the care of water: Let us pray for a just and sustainable management of water, a vital resource, so that everyone may have equal access to it .

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.

September 6, 2026	September 13, 2026
\$17,817.00 - Offertory	\$10,838.00 - Offertory
\$3,293.76 - Donation	\$1,441.00 - Donation
\$2,938.96 - Alms	\$243.76 - Alms

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