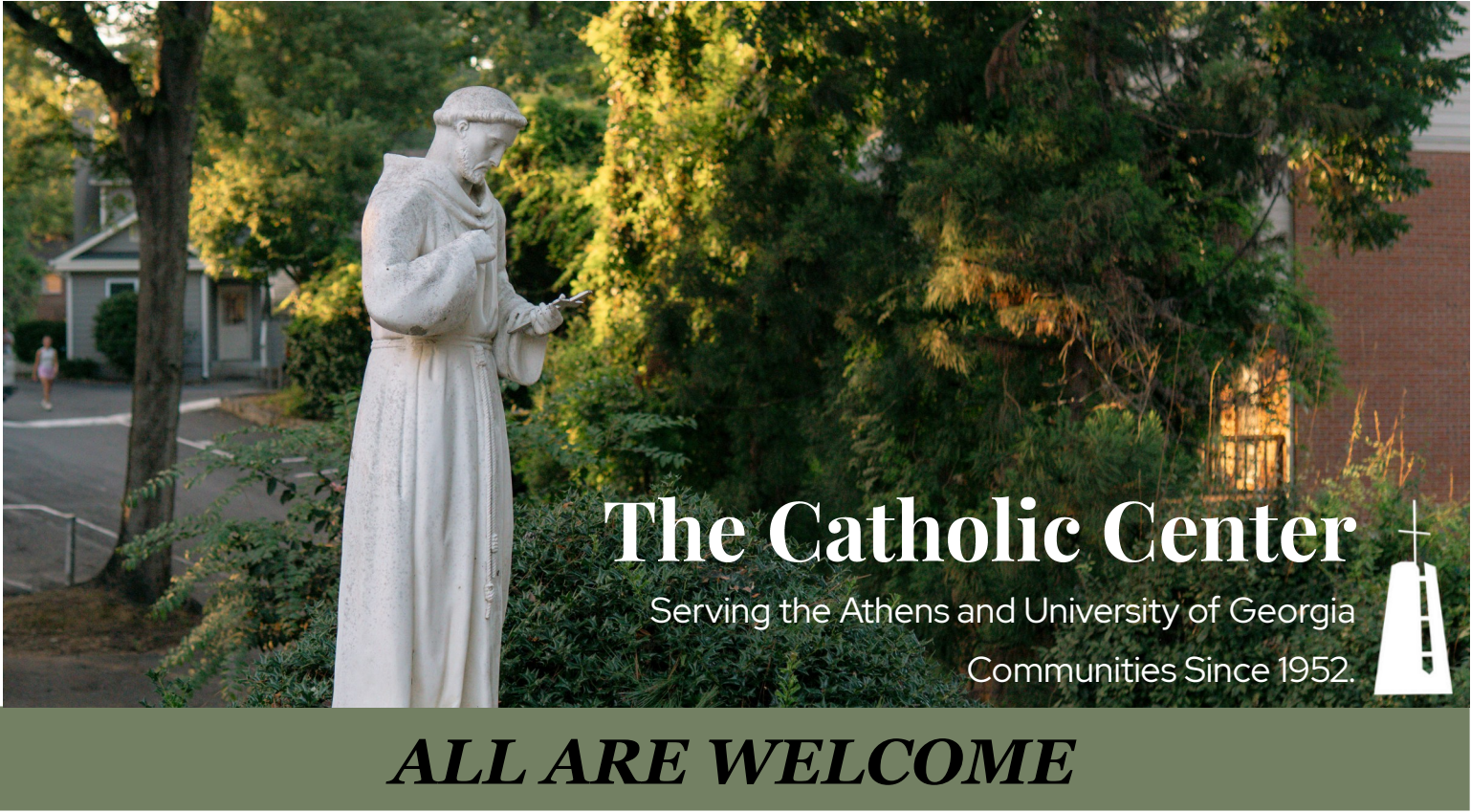




ALL ARE WELCOME

Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - No Mass

Sunday
8AM - Judy Balcomb †
10:30AM - Charlotte Alesi & Vince Franksen
12:30PM-Angeles Rodriguez †
5PM - Matt Montana

Tuesday
5:30PM - Richard Schwetz †

Wednesday
5:30PM - Sylvia Hutchinson †

Thursday
5:30PM - Maite & Begona Melero † and Wade Grant †

Monday
5:30PM - Mark & Harriet Segura †

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.



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

Weekly Calendar

Saturday 9/26
Home Football Games
NO Mass

Sunday 9/27
8:00AM Mass
9:00AM Donuts & Coffee
10:30AM Mass
10:30AM PreK & Kindergarten RE
11:30AM Donuts & Coffee
12:00PM Catholic Social Teaching
12:30PM Mass
2:00PM Confirmation Class
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner

Monday 9/28
10:00AM Men’s Bible Study
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM OCIA

Tuesday 9/29
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
8:00PM Seeking Water

Wednesday 9/30
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 10/1
10:00AM Women’s Bible Study
3:00PM Men’s Discernment Group
5:30PM Daily Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:30PM CSA Kickball Game

Friday 10/2
8:00AM Communion Service

Franciscan Heritage

This weekend, The Catholic Center will celebrate something that is deeply woven into who we are: our Franciscan heritage.

On Sunday, September 27, we will welcome back Fr. Frank Critch, OFM, who served as Director of The Catholic Center from 2018–2020. Fr. Frank will celebrate our 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses, with coffee and doughnuts following each Mass. His visit comes as we prepare to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4 and gives us a wonderful opportunity to remember and celebrate the Franciscan friars who helped shape The Catholic Center and the community we are today.

Fr. Frank is a particularly fitting person to help us celebrate that heritage. A Franciscan friar of the Province of Our Lady of Guadalupe, he grew up in Newfoundland, Canada, as one of eleven children. Before entering religious life, he worked as a family support worker helping children find adoptive and foster families and later became a chef, opening the Duck Street Bistro in St. John’s. Today, he serves as Director of The Franciscan Store and is featured on Franciscan TV’s Friar Chef.

But behind all of those experiences is something that Fr. Frank identifies as central to Franciscan life: hospitality. In a recent Franciscan Way article, he described hospitality as welcoming everyone—“doesn’t matter if you’re a prince or a pauper.” His life reflects that Franciscan spirit of seeing every person as worthy of welcome, dignity and care.

That spirit has been part of The Catholic Center's story as well.

For generations, Franciscan priests served here, ministering to students and families, celebrating Mass, sharing meals, welcoming people through our doors and helping make The Catholic Center a home for Catholics at the University of Georgia. Their influence remains part of our identity even as the Center's ministry continues to evolve.

This weekend, we also want to look toward the future of that Franciscan heritage.

At the 5:00 PM Student Mass, Fr. Brian will welcome Brett Thoman, a UGA graduate and Secular Franciscan. Brett is the author of St. Francis of Assisi: Passion, Poverty, and the Man Who Transformed the Catholic Church. Archbishop Gregory J. Hartmayer wrote the foreword to the book.

Brett will speak with our students about St. Francis, his life and his continuing influence on the Church and the world. St. Francis lived more than 800 years ago, yet his witness continues to speak powerfully to questions that remain very much with us today: our care for the poor and marginalized, our responsibility for creation, the pursuit of peace, and the dignity of every human person.

And we want our students to have the opportunity to discover that story for themselves.

The Catholic Center will provide a free copy of Brett's book to every student who would like one, as well as to any adult member of our community who would like a copy. Our hope is that the book will be more than a gift. It will be an invitation—to learn more about St. Francis, to reflect on his example and to consider what his life might have to say to each of us today. Books will be available in the Chapel after Monday, September 28th.

This celebration comes at an especially meaningful time for The Catholic Center. We are approaching our 75th Anniversary in 2027, and the Jubilee Year celebrating the 800th anniversary of the death of St. Francis continues through February 2027. Both invite us to look backward with gratitude and forward with hope.

Our Franciscan heritage is not simply something to put in an archive or remember in a photograph. It is a gift entrusted to us. The question for our generation is how we carry that gift forward—so that the spirit of welcome, service, peace, care for the poor and love of creation that marked the life of St. Francis continues to shape Catholic ministry at UGA for generations to come.

From Fr. Frank, who represents an important part of our past, to Brett and our students, who represent the generations to come, this weekend gives us a beautiful opportunity to celebrate where we have been—and to consider where we are going.

Come celebrate our Franciscan heritage with us—and help us carry it forward.

September 27, 2026 • Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Announcements

Golf Shirts for Sale

The 2026 Dooley Classic Golf Shirts will be available for purchase beginning Monday, September 28 until October 15. The cost of the golf shirt is \$60. Shirts may be purchased at the Catholic Center office.

Shroud of Turin Class

The Shroud of Turin is the most studied artifact in history. Is it the burial cloth of Christ? Does it provide physical evidence of His resurrection? Or is it a medieval fake? This class examines the unique characteristics of the Shroud; the scientific efforts to unravel the mystery; the various hypotheses offered to explain the image; and why the answer to the question of how the image was formed is important. The class will be on October 15th from 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM in the TV room. You can sign up at the back of the chapel or contact Tom Spencer at tspencer44@gmail.com or 706-340-3785 to sign up.

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!

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!

Home Football Game

Please remember there will be no Vigil Mass, Reconciliation or activities at the center and Chapel this weekend and next 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.

Choir Members Needed!

The Catholic Center warmly extends an invitation to all music enthusiasts with choral experience to consider singing in one of the choirs. This is an opportunity to refine your vocal artistry 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 dmarcacci@ccatuga.org.

Christian Apologetics Courses

Do you have friends or family who have questions or doubts about the Christian faith? If you would like to be able to help them answer those questions or just need a faith “booster” yourself, we will be offering two courses in Christian Apologetics. Evidence & Arguments for the Existence of God will include two sessions - Oct. 22nd from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and October 24th from 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM. Evidence of the Divinity of Jesus will also be two sessions starting Nov. 5th from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and Nov. 7th from 9:30 – 11:30 AM. You can sign up at the back of the chapel!

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>



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 Marlynn 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
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With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones

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 13, 2026	September 20, 2026
\$10,838.00 - Offertory	\$ 17,267.00 - Offertory
\$1,441.00 - Donation	\$1,503.00 - Donation
\$243.76 - Alms	\$2,480.64 - Alms

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