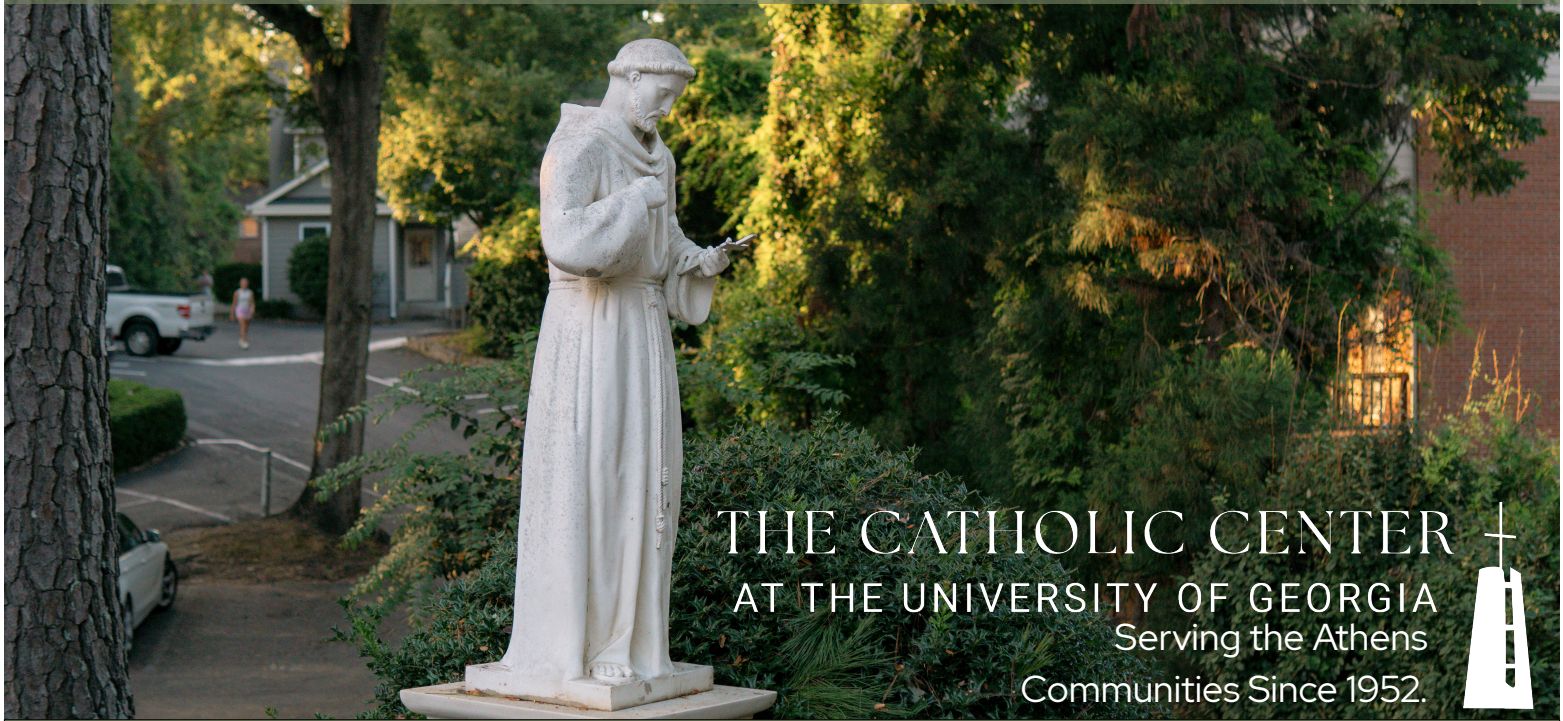


Feast Day of St. Francis of Assisi | October 4, 2026

All Are Welcome



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday

5PM - No Mass

Sunday

8AM - Franksen Family

10:30AM - Vance

Barnwell †

12:30PM - Kathleen

Mirilovich†

5PM - Fred Lao

Monday

5:30PM - Glen Graves †

Tuesday

5:30PM - Alex, Jerry &
Clint

Wednesday

5:30PM - Lela Matthews

Thursday

5:30PM - Maggie Uranga

Friday

8am - Communion Service

Books Available

In celebration of Saint Francis' feast day, the Catholic Center is excited to announce that we are giving away copies of St. Francis of Assisi: Passion, Poverty & the Man Who Transformed the Catholic Church.

This book was written by a UGA Alum, Bret Thoman, and includes a foreword from Archbishop Hartmayer. Copies will be available in the back of the Chapel.

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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:
9AM—5PM

Tuesday & Wednesday:
9—10AM

Friday:
8:30 - 9:30AM

Weekly Events

Letter from Father Brian

Saturday 10/3

Home Football Games
NO Mass

Sunday 10/4

8:00AM Mass
9:00AM KoC Donut Ministry
9:30AM Baptism Class
10:30AM Mass
11:30AM KoC Donut Ministry
12:30PM Mass
2:00PM Blessings of the Animals
5:00PM Mass
6:00PM Student Dinner
7:00PM CSA Board Meeting

Monday 10/5

10:00AM Men's Bible Study
2:00PM Golf Meeting
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
6:00PM OCIA

Tuesday 10/6

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

Wednesday 10/7

1:00PM Creative Hands
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
7:30PM OCIA Small Group
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 10/8

10:00AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Daily Mass
6:00PM Women's Dinner
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday 10/9

8:00AM Communion Service
11:00AM Convalidation
6:00PM Wedding Rehearsal
8:00PM CSA Country Night

Hey friends,

This weekend we celebrate Saint Francis of Assisi, and we do so in the 800th anniversary of his death. Our church is a pilgrimage site, designated by our Archbishop Gregory John Hartmayer, and we have 60 years of Franciscan leadership in our community.

For us, this is basically a community feast day, and so we get to celebrate it in a special way this year as it falls on a Sunday.

Saint Francis of Assisi was first and foremost a man who was changed by the grace of God. God pursued this man, Francis, and transformed his heart, ultimately awakening his eyes to seeing everything as a gift from God, and the whole world as a gift.

Francis would be a contagious person who others wanted to be around and to walk with. And so hundreds and then thousands of people began to follow his way of life, which was to simply be like Jesus.

He would get rid of possessions, he would give money to those in need, and he would spend time with the outcasts. Ultimately, he was rooted in prayer, rooted in Mass, rooted in the Eucharist.

As a community, we have a joyful celebration of Saint Francis of Assisi this weekend, and we can pray for his intercession that we too can be changed by God and not just imitate God in his ways, but to truly take on the heart of Christ, just like Saint Francis of Assisi did.

The following is a prayer of Saint Francis of Assisi, called the praises of God :

"You are holy, Lord, the only God,
and Your deeds are wonderful.

You are strong.

You are great.

You are the Most High.

You are Almighty.

You, Holy Father,

are King of heaven and earth.

You are Three and

One, Lord God, all Good.

You are Good, all Good, supreme Good,
Lord God, living and true.

You are love.

You are wisdom.

You are humility.

You are patience.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are security.

You are rest.

You are gladness and joy.

You are our hope.

You are justice.

You are moderation.

You are all our riches,

and You suffice for us.

You are beauty.

You are gentleness.

You are our protector.

You are our guardian and defender.

You are courage.

You are our haven and our hope.

You are our faith,

our great consolation.

You are our eternal life,

Great and Wonderful Lord,

God Almighty,

Merciful Savior."

Amen

Blessings,

Fr. Brian



Announcements

Golf Shirts for Sale

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

Traffic Alert for AthHalf

The annual AthHalf Marathon will be Sunday, October 11. The course will not pass the Catholic Center but does go on many of the crossroads around the Center. Be sure to allow extra time to get to the Sunday morning Masses.

Social Graces Women's Dinner

Our first Women's Dinner is this Thursday, October 8th at 6 PM. All women are welcome to attend. It will be a wonderful time to catch up with old and new friends. Please RSVP by Monday, September 7th.

Care for God's Creation

One of the 7 Principles of Catholic Social Teaching: "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation." On the morning of October 24, hundreds of Rivers Alive volunteers will clean up rivers, streams and creeks in over 17 sites throughout Athens-Clarke County by removing trash, labeling storm drains with decals, and taking other steps to protect watersheds. This is a perfect way for Catholics to show our faith in action. Participation is by registration only at <https://www.accgov.com/riversalive>. Slots have already started filling up at some sites, so sign up now. If you would like to be notified of future opportunities to care for God's creation and to learn about Catholic Social Teaching related to environmental stewardship, please email our CCUGA Catholic Social Teaching Group at rdfgorman@gmail.com. And drop us an email if you become a Rivers Alive volunteer on October 24!

Hunger Bowl Food Drive

Students from Monsignor Donovan Catholic School will be at all Masses on Sunday, October 18, to distribute information about their upcoming Hunger Bowl food drive benefiting the Food Bank of Northeast Georgia. The students will return on October 24–25 to collect your donations. Please bring nonperishable food items and help our Donovan students support local families in need. Thank you for your generosity and support!

KOC Donut Ministry

The Georgia Martyrs Knights of Columbus will be have donuts available after both the 8AM & 10:30AM Masses this weekend. Funds collected from this Ministry are designated for the KOC Wheelchair Ministry.

Creative Hands Meeting

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday, October 7th at 1 PM in the Library. All are welcome to join us. Bring a project to work on or

Call for Casseroles

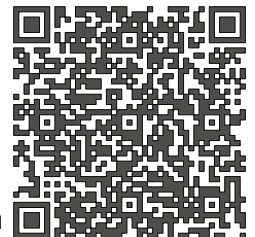
We are asking for members to cook casseroles for our student dinner on October 18th. Casserole tins can be found in the center. Thank you for cooking and caring for our students!

New Bulletin

We (Dorothy) are currently working on switching the platform we use to create our bulletin to a new system. Please know the bulletin may look a little different in the coming week; we appreciate your patience.

Year-End Contribution Statements: A Change for 2026

As we prepare for the end of the year, we are making a small but important change in how we provide your year-end contribution statement. Beginning this year, The Catholic Center will send year-end contribution statements by email rather than by traditional mail. This change will save significant staff time, printing, postage, and other administrative costs—resources we would much rather direct toward our mission of serving UGA students and our Catholic community. Unless you contact us to request a paper copy, your statement will be sent to you via email. If you have recently changed your email address—or simply want to ensure we have the correct information on file—please take a moment to scan the QR code and update or confirm your information. Thank you for helping The Catholic Center become more efficient, reduce unnecessary expenses, and put more of our resources where they belong: toward our mission and ministry.



We Lift Up in Prayer

With deepest sympathy, our community prays for the souls of the faithful departed and for their loved ones especially Amy Gibson, Jianhan Liu, and Jeanne Quinn.

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

The Pope's Prayer Intention for October

For collaboration between different religious traditions: Let us pray that believers in different religious traditions might work together to defend and promote peace, justice, and human fraternity.

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 20, 2026

\$ 17,267.00 - Offertory

\$1,503.00 - Donation

\$2,480.64 - Alms

September 27, 2026

\$12,041.98 - Offertory

\$10,001.76 - Donation

\$176.97 - Alms

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