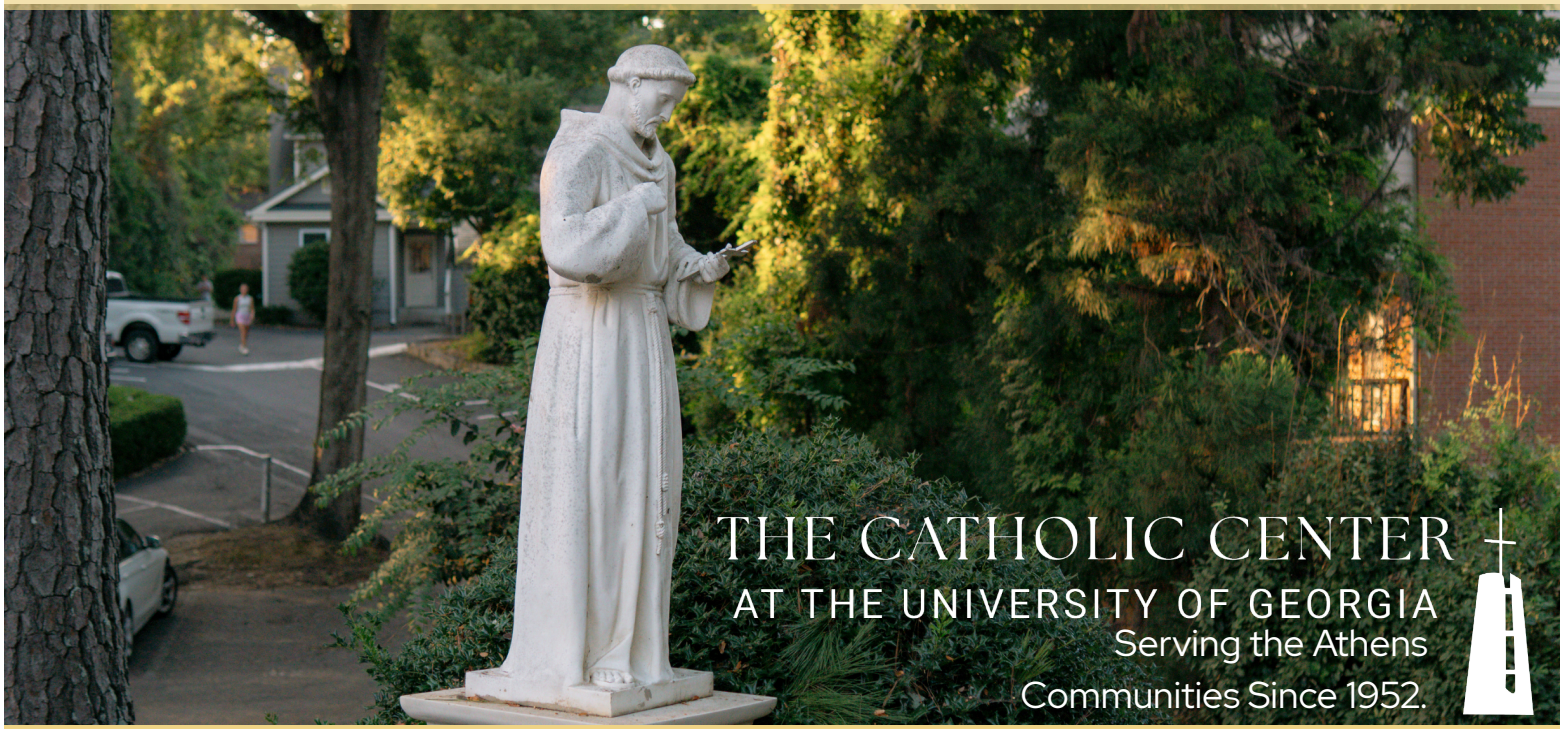
All Saints Day | November 1, 2026

All Are Welcome



Weekly Mass Intentions

Saturday
5PM - Elaine Gaudin †

Sunday
8AM - Olivia Portella
10:30AM - Brent Goodman †
12:30PM- Thomas Rouse†
5PM - Drue and Lewis Hudson †

Monday
5:30PM - All Souls in our Novena & Sylvester Alituha†

Tuesday
5:30PM - All Souls in our Novena & Juan Pablo Portella

Wednesday
5:30PM - All Souls in our Novena & Elaine Gaudin †

Thursday
5:30PM - All Souls in our Novena

Friday
8AM - Communion Service

Remembering Your Loved Ones

We will remember and honor our deceased with a Novena beginning on November 1st for All Souls Day. Pick up an envelope in the back of the Chapel. You may add the names of your deceased loved ones and return it in the offertory basket or in the Center office by November 1st. Please take the All Souls Day prayer card out of the envelope before you return it. The suggested donation is $10.

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Liturgical Schedule

Mass:
Saturday | 5pm
Sunday | 8am, 10:30am, 12:30pm, & 5pm
Monday – Thursday | 5:30pm
Friday | 8am (Communion Service)

Confession:	**Adoration:**
Monday	4 – 5pm	Mon. & Thurs.	9am – 5pm
Tuesday	4 – 5pm	
Wednesday	4 – 5pm	Tues. & Wed.	9 – 10am
Saturday	3:30 – 4:30pm	Friday	8:30 – 9:30am

Weekly Events

Saturday 10/31
3:30PM Reconciliation
5:00PM Mass

Sunday 11/01
7:15AM Choir Rehearsal
8:00AM Mass
10:30AM Mass
12:30PM Mass
5:00PM Mass

Monday 11/02
National Vocations Awarness Week Starts
9:00AM Holy Hours for Vocations
10:00AM Men's Bible Study
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Mass
5:30PM OCIA Rites of Entrance & Welcoming
6:00PM OCIA

Tuesday 11/03
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
8:00PM Ablaze

Wednesday 11/04
1:00PM Creative Hands
4:00PM Reconciliation
5:30PM Daily Mass
6:15PM Religious Education
7:30PM OCIA Small Group
8:00PM Ignite

Thursday 11/05
10:00AM Women's Bible Study
5:30PM Daily Mass
6:30PM Choir Rehearsal
7:00PM Apologetics Course

Friday 11/06
8:00AM Communion Service

Letter from Dorothy



Happy Sunday! Happy All Saints' Day!

Today is November 1st, but in our wonderful Catholic world, it is also known as All Saints' Day. Today was created to commemorate every last individual in heaven, even those whose salvation is known to God alone. Last year I was blessed to also write the bulletin note for All Souls' Day. That note hangs up next to my computer, I see it everyday. My life has changed a lot since last November, one of the biggest changes is that I have started student teaching (as many of you know). I teach history to a lot of 11 year olds, so today I thought I would give all of our members a little Ms. Ratcliff history lesson.

The origins of All Saints' Day are a bit uncertain, most due to how old this solemnity is. In 313 Christiany was legalized across (then) Europe. Many churches started creating commemorations for saints, especially for the martyrs. This was a very popular desire across the contention because for a long time Christians had been brutally persecuted. Throughout the East, May 13th was the chosen date to celebrate the martyrs of the church.

Flash forward to 609, Emperor Phocas (the Emperor of the Byzantine empire) gave the pantheon in Rome to Pope Boniface IV. Pope Boniface proceeded to rededicate the Pantheon under the title of St. Maria ad Martyres (St. Mary and All Martyrs), this dedication was chosen to be held on May 13th. Continuing on the tradition already set in motion in the Eastern Church. Jump another 100 years to Pope Gregory III, sometime between 731 and 741 dedicated an oratory (small chapel) in the original St. Peter's Basilica location in honor of all the saints on November 1st. After this dedication it became very popular to celebrate all the saints on November 1st. However it was not until the 820s with Pope Greogry IV where November 1st became the official day to celebrate All Saints' Day. According to multiple accounts the Holy Father had asked King Louis the Pious to proclaim November 1st as All Saints Day throughout the Holy Roman Empire. Then finally in 1073 Pope Gregory VII finally suppressed May 13 and mandated November 1 as the date to celebrate the Feast of All Saints. To which we still celebrate today!

All of this history is good knowledge to have, because knowing our history is incredibly important but we must also not forget why we celebrate All Saints' Day. We are honoring all the saints who are in Heaven with the Father. These are the same saints who spend their days praying for us on Earth.

But All Saints' Day serves also as a reminder for us that we are (as our mural states) called to be saints. We are called to live our lives offering it up for others, to be heroically virtuous in the faith. This does not mean that you must live your life hermit away spending each and every hour in silent prayer, but it means that you are living your life showing others the love the Christ has given to you. Christ does not expect martyrdom out of you, all He desires is for you to allow Him to love you. When you allow Christ to love you, and you love others as Christ loves you, you are being a saint. And this is what we are called to do!

Remember your loved ones this weekend and pray for all those who have passed before us. As always I will continue praying for our community.

Announcements

Denny Towers

Our annual Denny Towers Thanksgiving Dinner will be on Sunday, November 22. Denny Towers is a low income/affordable housing community high rise in downtown Athens. Every year, the Catholic Center prepares and serves a Thanksgiving Dinner for approximately 80 residents. We have many opportunities available for anyone who would like to share their time, talent and treasure with us. Be on the lookout for the Signup Genius.

Upcoming Removal of Hackberry Tree in Lower Parking Lot

Following a professional assessment and recommendation by the Athens City Arborist, plans are underway to remove the large Hackberry tree in the lower parking lot. The tree has developed a significant lean that compromises its stability, putting the safety of our parishioners and vehicles at risk. The removal is scheduled for December. We will keep the community informed of the exact dates as they approach, and we appreciate your understanding as we work to keep our campus safe.

Creative Hands Meeting

The next Creative Hands meeting will be Wednesday,November 4th at 1 PM in the Library. All are welcome to join us. Bring a project to work on or work on blankets for the Linus Project.

Eucharstic Ministering

Has the Holy Spirit moved you to become a Eucharistic Minister here at the CC?
Training is provided for those who have not been officially trained as an EM. If you were installed as an EM at another Parish, we may be able to do a quick refresher training. If you've been looking for a way to get involved, now is the perfect time!
Whether you'd like to help occasionally or commit more regularly, there may be a place for you. Our scheduling system makes volunteering simple, flexible, and easy to substitute or request a sub.
We will be looking at training dates in the near future.
Guidelines to be an EM: if married, be married within the Church, have received the sacrament of Confirmation, be at least 16 years of age, and must have good qualities of Christian life, faith, and morals recommending them.
Contact DanMarcacci@ccatuga.org for more information. Thank you for sharing your time, talents, and faith with the Catholic Center community!

National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week, celebrated November 1-7, 2026, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and

Save the Date for Our Annual 5K

This year is the 49th Annual Human Race hosted by the Catholic Center! Be sure to save the date on your calendar for February 13, 2026, at Oconee Veterans Park. Stay tuned for more information on sponsorships and race registration.

Sunday Dinner Voulnteers!

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

OCIA

We have a wonderful group of folks participating in OCIA this year. Please consider how you might help accompany them on their journey. We need help putting on OCIA! We are currently looking for sponsors for our OCIA candidates as well as volunteers to help set up, clean up the Hall on Monday nights, and cook for our OCIA people. If you are interested, please visit and follow this site to sign up: https://linktr.ee/catholiccenteratuga
If you have any questions, please contact Dayna Fairman at dfairman@ccatuga.org Thank You!

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. 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 Stephen Ryan Hughes.

Charlotte & Joel Alesi
Timothy A. Almy
Megan Barton
Erin Benbry
Pam Bickley
Katy Britton
Dan Bloor
Peter Bryan
Grace Burger
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Scott Melina
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Sophia Rodriguez
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Susan Schwab
Deborah Scott
Sue Sinksen
Derek Smith
Eileen Speight
Joyce Teague
Alyssa Thomas
Nile Thomson
Natalie Vaughn
Chuck Vickery
Julie Wallace

The Pope's Prayer Intention for November

For the proper use of wealth: Let us pray for the proper use of wealth, that not succumbing to the temptation of selfishness, it may always be put at the service the common good and solidarity of those who have less.

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.

October 18, 2026	October 25, 2026
$13,594.00 - Offertory	$13,675.00 - Offertory
$10,231.00 - Donation	$1,456.00 - Donation
$1,138.00 - Alms	$154.00 - Alms

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