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Bulletin Deadline: Tuesday Noon

Office Hours:
Monday through Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Closed: Friday-Saturday-Sunday

Phone Numbers:	Parish Office	(614-279-1690)
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SUNDAY OBLIGATION MASSES:
Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

WEEKDAY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday at 9:00 a.m.

HOLY DAYS: 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:
Thursdays, 9:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (Confessions): Thursday: 9:30 a.m.; Saturday: 3:00-3:30 p.m.; or by appointment if you call the Parish Office.

BAPTISMS: Following the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass.
To register, call 614-279-1690.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Third Monday of each month, 7:00 p.m. in the Rectory. If attending you must call 614-279-1690 to register.

MARRIAGES: Arrangements must be made at least 6 months prior to the wedding.

New Parishioners and Parishioners Moving Out:
Please call the Parish Office to register or to change status.
Web Address: www.stmargaretcolumbus.org
E-mail Address: **stmargaretcol@yahoo.com**

Mass Schedule

MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 – ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS, PRIEST/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH
9:00 a.m. Geno Moro by Susan Pugh & the Moro Family
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15 – ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 a.m. Sue Keeler by the Wilson Family
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16 – ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 a.m. Pat Roth by Peggy Basel
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
9:00 a.m. KelliAnne O'Brien by Larry O'Brien
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY
4:00 p.m. John & JoAnn Bennett by M/M Charles Nagy
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Ron Gruber by Carol Gruber

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, Monday, December 14th: Sharon, Nora & Megan Hackman

PARISH NEWS:

PARISH ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE: In order to prepare ourselves spiritually for **Christmas,** we will have our **Parish Advent Penance Service here THIS MONDAY, December 14th, 7:00 p.m. All are invited. We will have extra priests here.**

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASSES:
Due to Covid-19, and the restrictions imposed on spacing, the Christmas Masses will be on a first-come, first-served basis. We will be restricting seating to every other pew and the 6-foot spacing in the pews**, EXCEPT FAMILIES CAN SIT TOGETHER**. **When the church is at capacity there will be no one else allowed in. The 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass will be live-streamed into Kulp Hall once the church is full. There will be 100 seats in Kulp Hall with the large television there. Holy Communion will be distributed there as well.** However, for the 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve and the Christmas Day Masses, we will close the doors once the church reaches capacity.

INCENSE WILL BE USED at the **10:00 p.m. Mass** on **December 24th, Christmas Eve,** and **also on Sunday, January 3rd, 2021,** for the **Feast of the Epiphany** at all Masses.

FACE MASKS IN CHURCH: Just a friendly reminder that everyone inside the church, office, or any other church building **are required by Gov. Mike DeWine** to always wear a mask if you are 2 years of age or older. We have been doing a good job at this. Let's keep up the good work for everyone's health.

COVID: Due to the high number of **COVID** cases in Franklin County, **ALL MEETINGS have been canceled until further notice.**

THE GIVING TREE: The Spiritual Life Committee invites you to participate in the Giving Tree again this holiday season. Due to the pandemic, we are requesting monetary donations, instead of specific items for each of our three charities we are supporting. All money collected will be divided equally among the **Brian Muha Foundation-Run the Race Club, St. Vincent Family Center and Twin Valley Behavioral Healthcare.** Donations will be accepted the weekend of **December 12 & 13.** Collection baskets will be located at the exits of the church. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to **St. Margaret of Cortona Church with "Giving Tree" on the memo line.** You may also mail your donation directly to the church office at 1600 N. Hague Avenue, Columbus, Ohio 43204 **Deadline to receive all money is December 14.** We thank you for your continued support of our annual Christmas project to provide some Christmas cheer to those in need.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus is the largest Catholic fraternal organization in the world. The group consists of faithful, hardworking men ages 18 and up, however most of the events are for the entire family! As members of your local Knights of Columbus Council, **St. Margaret of Cortona council #12939,** we would love to see you join us as a new member. We are involved in many activities such as parish breakfasts, parish corporate communion's pro-life movements, coast for kits, community festivals, and activities for the entire family! All you have to do to get signed up is go to https://kofc.org/apps/joinus/en/registration/index.html. On the second page of registration, when you click the checkbox that you wish to join a council, enter **12939** in the text box to ensure that you will join our council. Also, at checkout, enter code **MCGIVNEY2020** and you will become a member for **FREE** for the first year (offer is valid thru December 21, 2020). Once signed up, the Grand Knight **(Larry Bickerdt),** will give you a call a few days after you have signed up, and will advise you of the next steps. If you have any questions, please call or text Grand Knight **(Larry Bickerdt)** at **614-940-4495 or 614-876-4998.** Thank you for considering joining our organization and expanding upon your honors as a Catholic Gentleman!

DECEMBER 19-20	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors	St. Zita Ministry
Saturday, December 19 4:00 p.m.				Ken Hagy	
Sunday, December 20 8:30 a.m.					
Sunday, December 20 10:30 a.m.					
Thursday, December 24 4:00 p.m.				JoMarie Wilson	
Thursday, December 24 10:00 p.m.					
Friday, December 25 10:30 a.m.				Peg Kuhns	

CHRISTMAS 2020 SCHEDULE

CONFESSIONS, Every **Saturday, 3:00-3:30 p.m.** On **Saturday, December 19** Confessions will **be heard from 2:30-3:30 p.m**. Our Communal Family Advent Penance Service will be on **Monday, December 14th, 7:00 p.m.** with extra Priests. Confessions will also be heard on **Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. on December 17th.** The **FINAL** opportunity for this sacrament **is Monday, December 21st, from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS EVE – A Holy Day of Obligation for today or tomorrow. Masses on **Thursday are: 4:00 p.m.**, which is our Children's Mass and sometimes is a little crowded, & **10:00 p.m.**, which is preceded by Christmas carols beginning at **9:30 p.m. We will livestream the 4:00 p.m. Mass on our website and in Kulp Hall for additional seating.**

CHRISTMAS – A Holy Day of Obligation for today or yesterday**. Mass on Friday, December 25th is 10:30 a.m. ONLY.**

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – Sunday, December 27th, Masses follow the regular weekend times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD. It **IS** a Holy Day of Obligation to attend Mass. **Masses are on Thursday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m.** only and on **Friday, January 1, 10:30 a.m.** only. **However, the Dispensation during Covid-19 still applies.**

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – Sunday, January 3rd. Masses follow the regular weekend schedule.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Sunday, January 10th. Masses follow the regular weekend schedule. The Feast today marks the official end of the Christmas season this year.

We also have **Mass on weekdays at 9:00 a.m. (except Wednesdays).** Come and join us!

Another great way to prepare for Christmas is with Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition on Thursdays of Advent from **9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.** Please sign up in the Vestibule for an hour of Adoration. On Christmas Eve, **Thursday, December 24** there is no morning Mass, but the church will be open for Adoration—**but NOT Exposition** of the Eucharist – from 9:00 a.m. till the Vigil Mass at 4:00 p.m.

Everyone is also invited to celebrate sung Vespers (Evening Prayer) and Benediction on Thursday, December 17, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Adoration ends after Vespers each evening.

DECEMBER – A GOOD TIME FOR GIVING: The month of December is an excellent time to give generously to the parish offertory or Bishop's Annual Appeal. As this is the season of giving gifts, why not give a generous gift to your parish in the form of cash, securities, or business gifts with your employer's company? We are all called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us, may we share generously with our parish family during this season. Thank you, as always, for your continued generosity. May God bless you!

ST. MARGARET WALL CALENDARS: The 2021 St. Margaret of Cortona wall calendars have arrived and will be in the church this weekend, **December 12-13.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: December 14-20

MONDAY,	**9:00 a.m.**	**Mass, Church will be locked at 10:00 a.m.**
	7:00 p.m.	**Advent Penance Service**
	7:30 p.m.	**R.C.I.A. Instructions, via Zoom**
TUESDAY,	**9:00 a.m.**	**Mass, Church will be locked at 10:00 a.m.**
WEDNESDAY,	**NO MASS**	**Church locked**
THURSDAY,	**9:00 a.m.**	**Mass**
	9:30 a.m.	**Confessions**
	9:00 a.m.-Noon	**Exposition of Eucharist**
	9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.	**Eucharistic Adoration**
	7:00 p.m.	**Vespers & Benediction**
FRIDAY,	**9:00 a.m.**	**Mass, Church will be locked at 10:00 a.m.**
SATURDAY,	**3:00 p.m.**	**Confessions**
	4:00 p.m.	**Mass, Church will be open from 3:00 until 5:30 p.m.**
SUNDAY,	**8:30 a.m.**	**Mass**
	8:45 a.m.	**PSR Classes via Zoom**
	10:30 a.m.	**Mass, Church will be open from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon**

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: December 6, 2020

Online Giving	$ 805.00
Total Offertory Collection	$ 6,047.40
62 Parishioners used envelopes or checks this week.	
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	$ 9,273.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	**- $ 2,420.60**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

THE CONVENIENCE OF AUTOMATED TITHING: If you appreciate the ease of online banking and bill pay, you will be happy to know that you can now easily offer a regular tithe with automatic online donations. Visit https://stmargaretcolumbus.org/give to learn more, make a one-time gift, or create a personal recurring gift account.

YEAR-END REMINDER – OFFERTORY STATEMENTS: Due to the new income-tax deduction regulations, **we will not be sending out offertory contribution records for 2020**. If you would like to have your contribution record, please contact the parish office and we will be happy to send you your offertory statement. You can e-mail a request for your offertory statement by sending a request to **stmargaretcol@yahoo.com.** Beginning last year individuals must have **MORE THAN $12,000.00** in total deductions to **file schedule A on the 1040 form, or more than $24,000.00 if filing jointly on the schedule A, 1040 form.**

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