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Parish Office: Phone: 614-279-1690; Fax: 614-279-2386
Monday-Thursday: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.; Friday-Sunday: Closed
Deadline for bulletin updates: Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.

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.-12:00 noon.

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.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS: Third Monday of the month: January, March, May, July, September and November, 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office.
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.

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, JANUARY 15 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Sandy Menduni by Bill & Mary Shaffer

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Mary McAndrew by Peggy Basel

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17 – ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Kerma Dallas by Sandra Kroeplin

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Betty Reinhard by Nancy Buoni

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 – ST. FABIAN, POPE/MARTYR

4:00 p.m. Irma Krimm (Birthday) by Maureen McEwen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. William (Doc) Verbsky

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, January 15, 2024: Laurie Davis, LeeAnn Wing

January 20-21	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
Saturday, January 20 4:00 p.m.	Walter Duckro Lexi Tierney	Corinne & Michael Brewster	Ken Hagy
Sunday, January 21 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd Josie Forster	Emily & Rick Keesecker	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, January 21 10:30 a.m.	Jacoby Gorham Sylvia Michael	Pam Cribbs Mary Lynn Plageman	Nick Iannitto (Needs Sub)

PARISH NEWS:

THE SVDP SOCIETY will make sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven **THIS Sunday, January 14, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Kulp Hall.** Please bring all your reusable plastic bags and place them in the bins located at each door. They are used to pack the meals for the homeless.

HE SAID TO THEM, "WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FOR? Come and you will see" John 1: 38-39 This Sunday, the Jesus and the Eucharist series discusses, **"Who is Jesus?"** There are light snacks, a bilingual group, a young adult group, and the usual suspects. We don't take attendance and if you need to get your kids home early you can leave early. Attend as many sessions as you can make it to. **You are truly welcome.** Next week's presentation is **"Am I Saved?"** with an introduction by Deacon Andy Naporano.

PLEASE JOIN THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE on Sunday, January 21, the Anniversary of Roe vs. Wade, following the 10:30 a.m. Mass as they lead a Rosary for the end of abortion and the Legal Protection of the Unborn Child. Although we have suffered some legal setbacks in the State of Ohio, we must continue our efforts as expressed by Bishop Fernandez to bring about a culture of life and a civilization of love.

MEN'S CLUB FAMILY BREAKFAST: The Men's Club will host the Parish Breakfast on Sunday, February 11th, 9:00-11:30 a.m. after both morning Masses. Donations will be accepted, but are not required. **EVERYONE is invited** to come and enjoy a delicious breakfast.

JOIN US FOR A WINTER PRESENTATION ON FALL INJURY PREVENTION! Let's start the New Year on a safe note. Winter season is here and we want to ensure the safety and well-being of our community members. With this in mind, we are excited to invite you to **"Winter is Here: Fall Injury Prevention"** presentation, **NEXT Saturday, January 20th, 2:30-3:30 p.m.,** in Kulp Hall. Winter brings its own set of challenges, and preventing falls at home becomes especially crucial during this time. Bluefield Group's expert speaker, Maria Blauvelt, will share valuable insights and practical tips on how to create a safe environment within your home to reduce the risk of falls. This presentation is suitable for all age groups, and **we encourage you** to bring your family and friends along. Let's work together to ensure a safe and enjoyable winter season for everyone. For more information, please contact: **Maria Blauvelt at 614-515-6426** or hi@bluefield-group.com. We look forward to your presence at this informative event and appreciate your commitment to creating a safer community.

ST. ZITA MINISTRY NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Volunteers are needed to help keep our Church clean and beautiful. The **St. Zita ministry** volunteers clean the church on a rotating basis. **Two or three people work together as a crew to sweep, dust, vacuum and tidy the church one day a week, with each crew cleaning approximately once every six weeks.** If you have a friend or spouse who would be willing to help, the cleaning goes very quickly. It usually takes about 2 hours to clean the church. If interested, **please contact Julie Bertolino at 614-551-1555.**

THIRD THURSDAY HOLY HOUR – The January Holy Hour will be on **Thursday, January 18th, 7:00 p.m.** in the church. The Holy Hour will be led by Deacon Tom. Start your 2024 off right by spending an hour with Our Lord!

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION will be observed on **Sunday, February 11th.** All couples married in 1999, 1994, 1989, 1984, 1979, and 1974 and earlier will be honored. A reception for the entire parish will be held in Kulp Hall immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. If you are celebrating a milestone anniversary, please complete the form below and return it to the Parish Office by **Monday, February 5th.**

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE _____

NAME OF CHURCH _____

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024! IT'S FISH FRY TIME! St. Margaret of Cortona Parish will have our famous Lenten Fish Fry again this year! The 26th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry will be held on the **six Fridays of Lent from February 16th through March 22nd, 2024.** The New Year brings new opportunities to give your Time and Talents to St. Margaret Parish! Volunteering at the parish Fish Fry can be your Lenten sacrifice, although it is more fun than a sacrifice. We need a lot of new volunteers this year to cover for those dedicated volunteers who have retired or passed away. **WE NEED YOU!!!** This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and have some fun serving your parish. Please come to the meeting and give your input and sign up to help your parish at this important parish social event and fund-raiser. **To volunteer, please RSVP to: Larry Pishitelli at 614-214-8568 (text) or email: Larrypish@columbus.rr.com.** Please come and help make 2024 the best Fish Fry ever!

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, e-mail it to cwelycz@breezelineohio.net, or call 614-562-8570.
All prayer requests are confidential.

A REQUEST FROM OUR BISHOP

Our Bishop, **Bishop Earl Fernandes**, wrote a letter on **December 7, 2023** to all Catholics in the Diocese of Columbus concerning respect for life – especially for the unborn – after the passing of Issue #1 which enshrined abortion rights into Ohio's state constitution. He invites all of us to intensify our prayers and practices to protect innocent life at all stages of development by calling for deeper conversion of heart to build a true culture of life here in Ohio. He invites all of us to a deeper life of prayer, fasting and almsgiving to accomplish this goal. He invites all of us to join in a Holy Hour before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament every week. As you know, here in our parish we have this opportunity every Thursday with Exposition of the Eucharist from the 9:00 a.m. Mass until Noon. Also on the third Thursday of each month, we have another Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us. Also, he invites us to a deeper sense of fasting and abstinence for this cause. He asks each of us to return to the traditional practice of not eating meat on all Fridays throughout the year; and to offer this penitential practice every Friday for the intention of a greater respect for all human life – especially the unborn. Abstinence can be a powerful prayer before the Lord. Along with this practice, he is encouraging almsgiving to an organization that supports the true culture of life, such as Women's Care Center, Pregnancy Decision Health Centers, Birthright, or Bottoms Up. I also invite you as parishioners here at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish to strongly consider these invitations from our Bishop as the means for a deeper conversion for all of us here in the State of Ohio on this essential issue. Sincerely in Christ, **Fr. Jeff**

PLENARY INDULGENCE DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON: The Holy Father, Pope Francis, has granted the privilege of a plenary indulgence for all the faithful to **celebrate the 800th anniversary of Christmas in Greccio, Italy**. The indulgence is available, under the usual conditions, **from December 8, 2023, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, to February 2, 2024. Feast of the Presentation in the Temple of Our Lord Jesus Christ**. In order to gain the plenary indulgence, in addition to the conditions, one must visit a church run by the Franciscans throughout the world and stop in prayer in front of the Nativity scene set up there. Those who are sick or unable to participate physically can equally benefit from the gift of plenary indulgence by offering their sufferings to the Lord or carrying out practices of piety. In the Diocese of Columbus, Christ the King Parish and St. Thomas Parish are run by Franciscans. Please check for the Franciscan-run parishes in your travels to other dioceses.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: January 15-21, 2024

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Rosary, Church
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Office
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Meeting, Kulp Hall,
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Exposition of Eucharist
	12:00-8:00 p.m.	Adoration with the Eucharist in the Tabernacle
	7:00 p.m.	Holy Hour, Church
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	2:30 p.m.	Presentation on winter falls & injury Prevention, Kulp Hall
	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
	8:30 a.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass
	11:00 a.m.	Spiritual Life Committee leads Rosary
	7:00 p.m.	"Jesus and the Eucharist," Kulp Hall

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment has begun for Kindergarten at **St. Brendan School this fall. Register at <https://www.stbrendans.net/school>.**

YEAR-END REMINDER-OFFERTORY STATEMENTS: Due to the new income-tax regulations, **we will not be sending out offertory contribution records for 2023.** 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.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: January

January E-Catholic	\$ 1,685.00
Weekly Offertory	\$ 7,087.00
Weekly Total	\$ 8,772.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	- \$ 228.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

AROUND US

HOLY ROSARY-ST. JOHN is hosting its annual **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day celebration on Monday, January 15, from Noon-1:30 p.m.**, at Holy Rosary-St. John Church, 660 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus. Dr. Andre Brown will be the speaker. Vernon Hairston will be directing the Gospel choir. Go to hrschurch.org/mlkday, for more information.

DELAWARE ST. MARY PARISH invites you to join them on an **11-day pilgrimage to Greece and the Greek Isles, September 17-27, 2024.** The theme of this pilgrimage is "in the Footsteps of Saint Paul." Estimated cost is \$4,699.00 per person (double Occupancy) leaving from Columbus, Ohio. The trip is coordinated through NAWAS International Travel. For more information and detailed brochure, please contact Parishioner **Jeanne Frentsos at 2frentsos@gmail.com or 740-971-3685.** Space is limited, so if interested please contact Jeanne soon.

ODU TO HOST ST. THOMAS AQUINAS LECTURE on January 25. Ohio Dominican University will host its annual **St. Thomas Aquinas Lecture on Thursday, January 25 as theologian and scholar Fr. Justin Brophy, OP, Ph.D. presents "Thomas Aquinas: What is Truth in the Modern World."** The free lecture will take place at 11:00 a.m. in the Matesich Theatre, located inside Erskine Hall on ODU's main campus, 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus, 43219. Fr. Brophy currently serves as an assistant professor of political science at Providence College in Providence, Rhode Island. **More information is available at ohiodominican.edu.**

CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE: February 17, 2024, at the **Ohio Expo Center – Kasich Hall. 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** Price for Regular Ticket is \$50.00, \$35.00 for students. Religious are always free. Scholarship tickets are available. For more information or to register, go to ColumbusCatholicWomen.com.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: We Are Called to Be Saints. The **27th Annual Catholic Men's Conference** returns to **Kasich Hall at the Ohio Expo Center and State Fairgrounds on February 24, 2024.** For more information or to register, go to CatholicMensMinistry.com.

START THE NEW YEAR RIGHT! Give the gift of time to each other this year. **Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend** where married couples can get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Make 2024 the best year of your marriage by applying today! **The next weekend is February 9-11 in the Central Ohio area.** For more information or to apply, visit our website at WWMEcolumbus.org. Early registration is highly recommended.

CHANGE A LIFE, INSPIRE YOUR OWN...BECOME A TUTOR! The Dominican Learning Center, a ministry of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, greatly needs volunteer tutors for adult ESL, GED, and Basic Education Learners. Please contact **Annette Cohn at 614-444-7330, ext. 11104 or Annette.Cohn@oppeace.org** for more information on this rewarding opportunity or to **register for our next training on Saturday, January 27th. <https://domlearningcenter.org/volunteer/>.** Requirements: 18 or older, High School Diploma or GED, attend our free training session.



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