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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.

Web Address: www.stmargaretcolumbus.org

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MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN/MARTYR

9:00 a.m. Betty Reinhard by Christine Dietsch

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6 – ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

9:00 a.m. Contetina Lancia by Bill & Mary Shaffer

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – ST. JEROME, EMILIANI;**ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA, VIRGIN**

9:00 a.m. Fr. Istvan Kocsis

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Beata & Family (Special Intention)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10 – ST. SCHOLASTICA, VIRGIN

4:00 p.m. John & Mary Chapin by the Family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:30 a.m. Stanley Phillips (Birthday) by the Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

ST. ZITA MINISTRY: FEBRUARY 5: J.B. & JoMarie Wilson,
Jessanna Delewese

February 10-11	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	LECTORS
Saturday, February 10 4:00 p.m.	Anna & Elizabeth Gerkin	Ken Hagy Peter Hersha	Matthew Thomas
Sunday, February 11 8:30 a.m.	Walter Duckro	Sandy Siers Jeff Wobser	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, February 11 10:30 a.m.	Josie Forster Jacoby Gorman	Theresa Bickerdt Brian Brown	Christine Santiago

PARISH NEWS:

JESUS AND THE EUCHARIST this **Sunday, February 4th, 7:00 p.m.**, in Kulp Hall. This week, the discussion will be **"God is with Us,"** led by **Judith Engel**. 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 to attend.**

WALKING WITH PURPOSE, a Bible Study for Women, meets in Kulp Hall on **Tuesday, February 6th with two sessions: Morning 10:00-11:45 a.m. and Evening 6:00-7:45 p.m.** Please join us and bring a friend! No previous Bible study experience necessary.

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 _____

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: There will be a meeting of the St. Vincent de Paul Society on **February 12, 6:30 p.m.** in Kulp Hall. **New members are always welcome.**

MEN'S CLUB FAMILY BREAKFAST: The Men's Club will host the Parish Breakfast **NEXT 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 IN REBUILDING A VIBRANT WOMEN'S CLUB! We want to extend a warm invitation to all women of our parish community to join us in **re-establishing and revitalizing St. Margaret's of Cortona Women's Club!** As we embark on this exciting journey of rebuilding, we envision a vibrant and inclusive space where friendships flourish, support abounds, and memories are made. **Our next meeting is scheduled for February 22, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. in Kulp Hall.** Your presence and input are invaluable as we work together to shape the future of our Women's Club and lay the foundation for a thriving community of women united in faith, friendship, and service. Whether you're passionate about organizing events, lending a helping hand, or simply connecting with fellow parishioners, there's a place for you here. **If you're interested in joining us or have any questions, please reach out to Maria Blauvelt – Women's Club Facilitator via email at mblauvelt001@gmail.com or call/text at 614-327-2261.**

"SOUPER BOWL" COLLECTION – The St. Margaret Knights of Columbus will have their annual **"Souper Bowl"** collection after each Mass next weekend, **February 10 and 11th**. So remember to bring your cash or checks and be an **"MVP" (Magnificent Valuable Parishioner)** by donating generously this year! **All of the money collected goes directly to those in need in our own parish.**

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – SHROVE TUESDAY DINNER: The Knights of Columbus Shrove Dinner will be held on **Tuesday, February 13th, from 5:00-6:30 p.m.** Dinner will be Spaghetti and Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Salad and water/soft drinks provided! There is no charge, but donations gratefully accepted. If you would like to bring a side dish, or dessert to share, please feel free to do so.

ASH WEDNESDAY IS FEBRUARY 14: The date of Ash Wednesday is determined by the date on which Easter Sunday falls each year. **Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first Full Moon, after the Vernal Equinox (the first day of spring).** This year, Easter falls on **March 31**. The earliest date on which Easter can fall is March 22. The latest date on which Easter can fall is April 25. It is a day of both Fast and Abstinence.

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION: Half of the proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to **J.O.I.N. (Organization for Inner-city needs)**. J.O.I.N. is a diocesan agency that provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, food certificates, clothing, and prescription assistance, utility help, infant formula, eyeglasses, bus transportation, ensure for seniors, car repair, burial assistance and referrals to other public and private service providers. The other half of the money will go to the **St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Vincent de Paul Conference**. Please be generous.

SEMINARIAN COLLECTION: This past year, our diocese went from about **20 seminarians up to 36 seminarians studying to be priests for our diocese. This is great news!!** We will ordain five young men to the priesthood this May. BUT, educating seminarians is expensive. Each seminarian studies for usually **6, 8 or 9 years after high school to become a priest**. Each year of their education, the diocese spends almost \$55,000.00. This adds up! Yes, the Appeal, helps out, but more money is needed. Therefore, the diocese has launched an additional campaign – **"A Good and Growing Need"** to assist with these costs. **All parishes in our diocese will have a special second collection at all Masses on February 24-25 of this year. Please help support this necessary cause. Thank you. – Fr. Jeff**

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request, email it to cwelycz@breezelineohio.net, or call 614-562-8570.

All prayer requests are confidential.

IT'S FISH FRY TIME! The 26th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry will be here in less than two weeks, **from February 16th-March 22nd, 4:30-7:30 p.m.** Bring your family to **"The Best Fish Fry in Town!"** This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and have fun serving your parish. All parishioners are encouraged to participate, especially the new members. Volunteers get a free dinner. Our Fish Fry is the largest and Best Fish Fry in Town! This would not be possible without the help of our dedicated volunteers. We need new volunteers! Helpers are **needed to assist baking desserts and set up beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Fridays.** We also need volunteers to wash the pans and help clean up, and to help serve the dinners. Many people make volunteering at the parish Fish Fry as their Lenten sacrifice, although it is more fun than a sacrifice. This is a fun way to meet new people and get involved in parish life. To sign up, please send an email to Larrypish@columbus.rr.com or text **Larry Pishitelli, 614-214-568;** or just show up when available. "The mission of the St. Margaret of Cortona Fish Fry is to promote fellowship among the parishioners and the community, to provide an opportunity for all parishioners and their children to become involved in Parish life; and lastly to raise additional income for the parish."

THE CATHOLIC TIMES: February is the month when annual subscription renewals traditionally begin for the print edition of *The Catholic Times*, the information source for the Diocese of Columbus. In the past, payment for new subscriptions and renewals were collected through the parish; **an online system is now in place to make the process easier.** Simply visit *The Catholic Times* website, catholictimescolumbus.org. Access the **subscribe tab** at the top of the homepage to sign up for a new subscription, a renewal or a gift. This year, there is an **increase in subscription to \$26.00.** For many years the price of subscription has remained steady, but the cost of production has not. It is important to us to continue to be able to provide award-winning, authentically-Catholic content to parishioners, but obviously that costs money. Current subscribers will receive a paper statement in the mail that can be returned to: **The Catholic Times, Diocese of Columbus, 197 E. Gay Street with a check for \$26.00 or paid online at the website.** Or, if necessary, drop an envelope marked Catholic Times in the regular collection at Sunday Mass with name, address and payment. Please consider supporting Catholic journalism and keeping up on the events in the diocese, especially during these changing times.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: February 5-11

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Rosary, Church
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Walking With Purpose, Kulp Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
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
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Men's Club Parish Breakfast, Kulp Hall
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass, World Marriage Day Celebration
	11:00 a.m.	World Marriage Day Reception/ Parish Breakfast

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

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

THE REVEREND JEFFREY RIMELSPACH SCHOLARSHIP provides a one-time scholarship to two students who are **active members of St. Margaret of Cortona** and who are attending or will be attending a Catholic High School with special preference to **Bishop Ready and St. Charles**. Applicants are judged on active involvement in the parish life at St. Margaret of Cortona Parish and demonstration of leadership, community service, and Catholic values in their personal lives. **The link to apply for the Rimelspach Scholarship can be found at <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/the-reverend-jeffrey-j-rimelspach-scholarship/>.**

BEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP: The Ben Smith "You Can Make a Difference" Scholarship provides a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship to a senior student graduating from a Hilliard high school or is an active member of St. Margaret or St. Brendan Parishes and will be pursuing a career path that will help positively impact the lives of those with special needs (this could be teaching, nursing, starting a non-profit, etc.). The link to apply for the Ben Smith Scholarship can be found at: <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/ben-smith-you-can-make-a-difference-scholarship/>.

THE CATHOLIC FOUNDATION'S APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOLARSHIPS is now open and will close **February 26th.** Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships empowering over 200 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit <https://catholic-foundation.org/grants/scholarships/>. If you have any questions about our scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

THERE IS STILL TIME TO REGISTER for the **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.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: January 28, 2023

Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 11,197.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+ \$ 2,197.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

AROUND US

SERRA, NOW MORE THAN EVER! Are you looking to get more involved in promoting, encouraging, and praying for vocations? **Serra Clubs, a lay apostolate, have been in our Columbus Diocese for 70 years.** We seek members to stand alongside our priests and seminarians to support vocations for the Diocese of Columbus. **GOD IS STILL CALLING – Serra Club of North Columbus meetings include the Rosary, lunch, and a speaker at 11:30 a.m. on the 1st Tuesday of every month at the Jessing Center at the Josephinum.** Downtown Serra Club meetings include lunch and a speaker at Noon on the 2nd Friday of each month at the Cavello Center at St. Charles Preparatory School. Check out our website SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG for more information and scheduled event.

DID YOU KNOW? – WORLD'S LARGEST DIAPER DRIVE KICK-OFF EVENT: Each year, Bottoms Up Diaper Bank hosts the World's Largest Diaper Drive (WLDD). The goal for 2024 is to collect **1,000,000** diapers during the month of May! To learn more, come to our free 2024 WLDD Kick-off Event in Columbus at the **Greek Orthodox Cathedral on February 29, 6:00 p.m.** Please RSVP at rsvp_columbus@bottomsup.life, or contact **Beth Snoke at 614-554-5664**, if you would like to attend.

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