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| Parish Center Religion Classes | Sunday, 9:00 a.m. |
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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.-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

E-mail Address: stmargaretcol@yahoo.com

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.

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MARCH 4 – ST. CASIMIR

9:00 a.m. Garen Lancia (Birthday) by Bill & Mary Shaffer

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Patricia Wickham (48th Wedding Anniversary)
by the Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. NO Mass

THURSDAY, MARCH 7 – ST'S PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

9:00 a.m. Ralph DeMatteo (Anniversary)

FRIDAY, MARCH 8 – ST. JOHN OF GOD, RELIGIOUS

9:00 a.m. Donald Mertz by Bill & Mary Shaffer

SATURDAY, MARCH 9 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

4:00 p.m. Betty Reinhard by Mike & Rita Dean

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. Kerma Dallas by the Family

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

ST. ZITA MINISTRY March 4: Mike & Sandy Wilcox

| March 9-10 | ALTAR SERVERS | EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS | LECTORS |
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| Saturday, March 9 4:00 p.m. | Elizabeth Gerken Lexi Tierney | Peg Kuhns Nate Rohyans | Ken Hagy |
| Sunday, March 10 8:30 a.m. | Ella & Walter Duckro | Mary Lynn Plageman Joe Wickham | Joe Lombardi |
| Sunday, March 10 10:30 a.m. | Chiarina Racanelli Leo Racanelli | Jeff Metzger JoMarie Wilson | Michael Racanelli |

PARISH NEWS

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST of **Clement Koval, Father of Julie (Doug) Matheny. Grandfather of Haley Barkley and Tony Matheny and Great Grandfather of Rose Matheny.** Mr. Koval died this past week. Our prayers are with his family at this time of sorrow.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: NEXT SUNDAY, March 10th the Knights of Columbus will have Pancake Breakfast after both Masses. The breakfast is free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated. All are welcomed to attend.

RADIO FUN THAT WILL LEAVE YOU SMILING: Deacon Tom Rowlands will be on the radio on March 7th, from 8:30-9:15 a.m. Dcn. Rowlands will be playing on a team with two other deacons, in a basketball tournament to see which Deacon Team will win the gold medal! Deacon Andy Naporano will also be on the radio on March 7, from 12:15-1:00 p.m. Dcn. Naporano will be playing on a team with two other deacons, in a basketball tournament to see which Deacon Team will win the gold medal! For every donation made in their names prior to, or during, the AM 820 radio event, their teams will receive additional shots. To make a donation call 614-459-4820 or go online to StGabrielRadio.com.

ST. MARGARET BIBLE STUDY: "Biblical Answers to Modern Problems" led by **Mr. Ken Hagy, our Director of Religious Education,** meets on **Wednesday evenings at 6:45 p.m.,** in the **Borrelli Center.** All are invited. Any questions contact **Ken Hagy at 614-582-4081.**

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.

WHAT ARE THE SCRUTINIES? During the Sundays of Lent, we will be celebrating the **Scrutinies** with our **Candidates** and our **Elect** (those that are unbaptized, previously called Catacumens) at the 10:30 a.m. Mass. **Scrutinies** are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect. And, to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. These rites deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all. All the faithful in the assembly will derive benefit from experiencing the **Scrutinies** and joining in the Intercessions for our Candidates and the Elect.

THE SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY would like to thank: **Anne & Bruce McPherson, Scott Robinson, Tony Palka, Brian & Kate Brown, Mike Loutsis, Louise Retzlaff, Julie Carr, Andy & Sandy Siers, Greg Goodhart, and Karen Maguire** who helped make sandwiches on February 18 for St. Lawrence Haven.

GOOD AND GROWING NEED – SEMINARIAN COLLECTION: Our prayers were answered. Donations received from our parish totaled **\$2,973.00**, for the seminary collection. If you missed the extra collection at last week's Mass, you can still make a donation by going **online at bit.ly/3HNI2Rw**. Sincere Thank you for your generosity.

MEN'S CLUB FESTIVAL SAUSAGE SALE: The Men's Club will be taking orders for Homemade Italian Festival Sausage during the 2024 Lenten Season. The sausage will be made on May 16th, 2024. Pick-up dates are **May 18th-19th** after Masses or by previous arrangement. All orders must be prepaid and ordered by the last **Fish Fry on March 22nd**. Contact **Ed Gabel at 614-397-8575** or **Paul Goodberlet at 614-607-1381** for further information. Please fill out the order form below. Orders can also be dropped off at the Parish Office or at the Friday Lenten Fish Fries. Please make checks payable to St. Margaret of Cortona.
BE SURE TO INCLUDE A VALID PHONE NUMBER WITH ORDER.

PREPAY MEN'S CLUB HOMEMADE FESTIVAL SAUSAGE SALE

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Number of Pounds (1,2,3 etc.) _____ x \$6.00 = Cost _____

Cash/Check Number _____ Total LBS. _____ Total Cost _____

IT'S FISH FRY TIME! Bring your family to **"The Best Fish Fry in Town!"** on the **Fridays of Lent, March 8, 15, and 22.** 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, help clean up, and to help serve the dinners. To sign up, please e-mail Larrypish@columbus.rr.com or text **Larry Pishitelli at 614-214-8568.**

THE VIGIL PROJECT: CATHOLIC MUSIC AND WORSHIP: **St. Brendan the Navigator** is excited to host the nationally recognized **Vigil Project on Tuesday, March 5th at 7:00 p.m.!** This traveling Catholic troupe and their **"True Presence Night"** makes for an impactful evening of **Adoration, music, visuals, and testimony. Rooted in Scripture and the Catechism,** The Vigil Project is an uncommon opportunity that can't be missed. Better yet, the event is free of charge! **Plan to visit our friends in St. Brendan's Church.**

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: February 25, 2024

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| E-Catholic Online donations | \$ 3,417.00 |
| Weekly Offertory Collection | \$ 4,722.00 |
| Total Offertory Collection | \$ 8,139.00 |
| WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED | \$ 9,000.00 |
| DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK | - \$ 861.00 |

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

DAILY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday at 9:00 a.m.
Join us for Lent!

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday beginning at 9:30 a.m. and, concluding at Noon. The Church is open until 8:00 p.m. There will be no daytime Adoration on Thursday, March 28th, Holy Thursday. But we will have Adoration following the 7:00 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass until 10:00 p.m. that evening.

EVERY THURSDAY IN LENT, STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed beginning at 7:00 p.m., followed by sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. (Please note that none of these are done on Holy Thursday.)

LENTEN PARISH COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE: Monday, March 18th, 7:00 p.m. in church. This is our opportunity for ALL of us to gather and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (or Confession) as a parish family. Please come and join us for this!!

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Every Saturday of Lent (except Holy Saturday) from 3:00-3:30 p.m., and on every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. (except Holy Thursday), On Monday, March 25th, Confessions will be heard from 4:30-6:30 p.m. in the church, which will be the final opportunity before Easter.

Our FISH FRY – every Friday of Lent until March 22nd, 4:30 -7:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall. Plan to come and join us!!

HOLY WEEK:

PALM SUNDAY, March 24th, Masses on this weekend are at the regular times.

THE CHRISM MASS, March 26th, St. Paul Church, Westerville. All are welcome.

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH – MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is 7:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m. There will be no morning Mass.

GOOD FRIDAY, March 29th – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday is 2:00 p.m. There will be no morning Mass.

HOLY SATURDAY, March 30th – The Vigil Mass of Easter is 9:00 p.m. tonight. Come and welcome our neophytes into our church at this Mass. **THERE IS NO 4:00 P.M. MASS!!** The Blessing of the New Easter Food will be at 1:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday, March 31 – Masses at the regular times of 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. ONLY.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES: There's still time to renew or subscribe to *The Catholic Times*. The subscription cost is \$26.00 this year. 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 home page to sign up for a new subscription, a renewal or a gift. 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.

ALL FRIDAYS OF LENT are days of **ABSTINENCE** from meat for all persons 14 years of age and older. We are asked to abstain from meat on these days in penitential self-denial and in solidarity with, and in service to, the hungry of the world.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. CHARLES AUDITIONS: St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will hold high school women's auditions for its spring production, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time* on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 5 and 6 at 4:00 p.m. at the St. Charles Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad Street. Production Dates: April 25-28, 2024. For more information, email Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: March 4-10

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| MONDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Rosary, Church |
| | 6:30 p.m. | Parish Council Meeting, Kulp Hall |
| | 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 |
| | 6:45 p.m. | Bible Study, Borrelli Center |
| THURSDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:30 a.m. | Confessions |
| | 9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon | Exposition of Eucharist |
| | 7:00 p.m. | Stations of the Cross, |
| | 7:30 p.m. | Vespers, (Evening Prayer) Benediction |
| FRIDAY | 9:00 a.m. | Mass |
| | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | Lenten Fish Fry, Kulp Hall |
| SATURDAY | 3:00 p.m. | Confessions |
| | 4:00 p.m. | Mass |
| SUNDAY | 8:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 9:00 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast |
| | 9:00 a.m. | PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center |
| | 10:30 a.m. | Mass |
| | 11:00 a.m. | Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast |

AROUND US

SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF ITALY ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE CELEBRATION: Thursday, March 14, 6:00 p.m., (doors open at 5:30 p.m.), The Guild Athletic Club (GAC), 1114 Ridge Street, Columbus, Ohio. 43215. Members \$20.00, Non-members \$25.00 (pay at event). Join us in commemorating this Patron Saint in sharing an Italian Feast. We are asking attendees to bring a dessert to share as we celebrate St. Joseph at the center of our table. **RSVP to Ginny Fulcher Clark at 614-309-6142 or ginny1912@gmail.com**

LAGHI CHAIR LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM: The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2024 Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair Lecture will feature a presentation by alumnus Father Thomas Petri, OP, STD, President of the Pontifical Faculty of the Dominican House of Studies in Washington, DC. He will present "*Grace, Freedom, and Beauty: Saint Thomas Aquinas on the Blessed Mother*" on Wednesday, March 13, 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center. Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call 614-985-2274. The Pio Cardinal Laghi Chair was inaugurated at the Josephinum in 1992 in honor of Pio Cardinal Laghi, then Prefect of the Congregation for Catholic Education. American cardinals and presidents of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops promoted the funding of this chair in recognition of Cardinal Laghi's dedicated service to the Catholic Church in the United States.

"Come and See" Weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum: The Pontifical College Josephinum, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-in weekend for March 7-10. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty and staff. Live-in weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For information, contact the **Vocations Office** at 614-221-5565, or email vocations@columbuscatholic.org or contact your parish priest.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:

Monday, March 4th, 6:30 p.m. Kulp Hall



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