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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 11 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 12 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the Gildea & Womer Families by Jim Gildea

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 14 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 15 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 16 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

4:00 p.m. Clement Koval

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Michelle A. Doyle by Sue Cantwell

ST. ZITA MINISTRY March 11: JB & JoMarie Wilson,
Jessanna Delewese

PARISH NEWS

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: After the Sunday Masses this weekend, our Knights will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast. The breakfast is free of charge, but donations are greatly appreciated. All are welcome to attend.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL: There will be a meeting of the St. Vincent De Paul Society on Monday, March 11, 6:30 p.m., in Kulp Hall. New members are always welcome.

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 Catichumens) 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.

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.

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.

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.

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: March 16-17**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. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting,
Borrelli Center

TUESDAY

9:00 a.m. Mass
10:00 a.m. Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
6:00 p.m. Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
6:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Rosary,
Church
7:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting,
Borrelli Center Lower Level

WEDNESDAY

9:00 a.m. NO MASS
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

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. PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center **Every Sunday**

10:30 a.m. Mass

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. MARGARET PRESCHOOL ENROLLMENT: We are pleased to announce tremendous growth in our Preschool here at St. Margaret, and have expanded to offer a full-day program this fall. We are reaching waitlist status for some of our offerings, so do not delay in enrolling your child. If you have a child that will be aged 3-5 this fall, please visit stmargaretcolumbus.org/preschool to learn more, schedule a tour, or register your child.

March 16 & 17	ALTAR SERVERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	USHER/GREETERS	LECTORS
Saturday, March 16 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Gerken Emma Gerken	Madeline Eberle Arlene Quoye		Barbara Fink
Sunday, March 17 8:30 a.m.		Anita Mitchell Louise Retzlaff	Mark Nolan	Matthew Thomas
Sunday, March 17 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Chiarina Racanelli	Donald Kelly Ermagene Kelly		Gabriella Racanelli

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2024

IT'S FISH FRY TIME! Bring your family to **"The Best Fish Fry in Town!"** on the Fridays of Lent, March 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 and help clean up, and to help serve the dinners. This is a fun way to meet new people and get involved in parish life. To sign up, please e-mail Larrypish@columbus.rr.com or text Larry Pishitelli at 614-214-8568.

DAILY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and 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 29th, Holy Thursday. 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.

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. 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.

AROUND US

STATIONS OF THE CROSS, ORGAN IMPROVISATION:

On **Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 3:00 p.m.**, a special Stations of the Cross will be held at **St. Joseph Cathedral**. The Stations, presided over by Fr. Paul Keller, O.P., Director of Divine Worship, will have a unique addition of an organ improvisation by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, Director of Diocesan Music. Although the Stations of the Cross are a traditionally Catholic Lenten meditation on the sufferings of Christ's passion, Christians of all denominations are welcome to attend. Each Station will have a musical reflection and a prayer composed of musical notes as we contemplate Christ's suffering and death on the cross.

SPRING DIOCESAN VOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM WORKSHOP

We are excited to announce the Spring Diocesan Vocal Training Program Workshop! Even if you have previously attended a workshop, you are invited to join this "voice lesson" style workshop, where we will work on strengthening our vocal skills with vocal exercises, new repertoire and an opportunity to practice chant singing! The Workshop will be held at **St. Brendan the Navigator in Hilliard, Ohio from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20.** Please email Dawn Beckman at rtbddb@aol.com with your reservation. We hope to see you there!

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.

REFLECTING AHEAD

Next Weekend's Readings: (1st) Ez 37:12-14; (2nd) Rom 8:8-11; (Gos) Jn 11:1-45;

Q: What do you feel Thomas meant by "Let us also go to die with him."

Q: In many English translations, this Gospel features the shortest sentence in the bible, "Jesus wept." What other significance does this sentence have to you?

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.

MESSENGER

Reflection on John 3:14-21

Sometimes the messenger is a complete stranger, maybe someone at the door or on the other end of the call, who confronts me with my impatience, or rudeness, or prejudice I have nurtured.

Sometimes the messenger is my inner voice that comes when all is quiet and still and I have a chance to review the day – what I have done and said – and bring it to the light.

In the first reading from the book of Chronicles we are told that "early and often did God send his messengers to his people..." God is still sending His messengers to us, to wake us up to renewal and reform. As John says today, God did not send His Son into the world for a visit, but for life, for eternity. Jesus is ever-present as we encounter Him in His Word and in the Eucharist, in creation and sacrament, in the unique giftedness of each human person. We are called to be open to His messengers, bearers of grace and instruction, so that we may experience all that God desires for us: abundant life!

~ Fr. Jay



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