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Parents should enroll in Protecting God's Children at virtus.org		

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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, JANUARY 13 –****ST. HILARY, BISHOP/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

9:00 a.m. Delouris Elliott by the Delewese Family

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Nancy & Bud Manes by Becky Saggio

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15 – WEEKDAY

10:30 a.m. No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Special Intention by the Family

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17 – ST. ANTHONY, ABBOT

9:00 a.m. Herby & Mary Scheckelhoff by the Guggenbillers

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18 – WEEKDAY4:00 p.m. Paul & Mary Llanaez, Wm & Dorethy Dwane
by Cathy Llanaez**SUNDAY, JANUARY 19 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. Geno Delewese by the Family

ST. ZITA MINISTRY: January 13, 2025:

Carla Guggenbiller, Rhonda Schell, Mary Jones

PARISH NEWS**THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Sunday, January 12th,** Masses follow the regular weekend times. This feast today marks the official end of the Christmas season this year.**SVDP SOCIETY** will hold its monthly meeting **Monday, January 13, 2025, 6:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall.** New members are always welcome.**THE SVDP SOCIETY** will make sandwiches for St. Lawrence Haven on **Sunday, January 19, after the 8:30 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.**ST. MARGARET MEN'S CLUB SUB SALE: The Men's Club will be selling their famous sub sandwiches after all Masses next weekend, January 18th-19th. Help support our Men's Club and pick up some subs for dinner, the game or just a snack.****THE CATHOLIC TIMES:** In February 2025, we will continue the annual tradition of promoting *The Catholic Times* subscriptions and renewals. **As of January 1, 2025, all subscriptions are managed online.** That being said, we will provide recourse for parishioners who are unable to use the internet to do so. We do not want anyone to miss out on this excellent local Catholic content.**ST. MARGARET SILENT AUCTION:** St. Margaret of Cortona is seeking a new chairperson to helm the Silent Auction at the Parish Festival. The auction is a vital function that raises crucial money for the parish each year. If you are interested in learning more and supporting our church, please contact Missy Banyots at melissabanyots@yahoo.com.**ST. MARGARET PRESCHOOL** is filling up, with one class on a waitlist and limited spaces in the Full-day program; consider visiting their website for a tour and learning more about their Catholic education program for 3-to-5-year-olds in the fall. Visit St. Margaret of Cortona Church website to learn more about the Preschool Full-day program, and schedule a tour if desired. (aboyd@cducation.org)**THIRD THURSDAY HOLY HOUR:** Start the New Year off right by attending the first Third Thursday Holy Hour of 2025! **The Holy Hour will be Thursday, January 16th at 7:00 p.m. in the church.** The Holy Hour will be led by Deacon Chris Walsh.**ST. MARGARET WOMEN'S CLUB** will meet on **Thursday, January 23, 6:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall.** All ladies are invited to attend and learn more about our Women's Club.**WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION** will be observed on **Sunday, February 9th.** All couples married in 2000, 1995, 1990, 1985, 1980, and 1975 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 3rd.****ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

NAME _____

PHONE # _____

DATE OF MARRIAGE _____

NAME OF CHURCH _____

MEN'S CLUB FAMILY BREAKFAST: The Men's Club will host the Parish Breakfast on Sunday, February 9th, 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.**SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: January 13-19**

MONDAY,	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Borrelli Center
TUESDAY,	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting, Borrelli Center Lower Level
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,	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
SUNDAY,	8:30 a.m.	Mass
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: JANUARY 5, 2025

Total Offertory Collection	\$	8,749.50
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$	9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	-\$	250.50

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**YEAR-END REMINDER – OFFERTORY STATEMENTS:** Due to the new income tax regulations, **we will not be sending out offertory contribution records for 2024.** 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 email a request for your offertory statement by sending a request to stmargaretcol@yahoo.com.

JANUARY 18-19	ALTAR SERVERS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	GREETER/USHER	LECTORS
Saturday, January 18, 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Gerken, Lexi Tierney	Peter Hersha, Tim Nelson		Peg Kuhns
Sunday, January 19, 8:30 a.m.		Emily Keesecker, Rick Keesecker	Mark Nolan	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, January 19, 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina Racanelli, Leo Racanelli	Theresa Bickerdt, Pam Cribbs		Michael Racanelli

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

THE BEN SMITH "YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE" Scholarship provides a one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship to a graduating senior student at any Hilliard public school pursuing a degree in K-12 education. Additional consideration will be given to students pursuing a degree in a special education-related field that will help positively impact the lives of those with special needs. **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/> (Click "Apply Here" to access the application after navigating to the previous link). The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **February 28th**.**

If you have any questions about the scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, Catholic Foundation VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – THE REVEREND JEFFREY RIMELSPACH SCHOLARSHIP: 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/> (Click "Apply Here" to access the application after navigating to the previous link). The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **February 28th**.**

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HOLINESS IS A CHALLENGE FOR US ALL, WHATEVER OUR SPECIFIC VOCATIONS. We are called to be holy in all aspects of our lives. This is an ongoing process, often slowed by setbacks. When the saints were alive, they did not regard themselves as saints; rather, they knew they were sinners – and they strived to be saints. The process of becoming holy is, even for saints, painful and filled with struggle. **Now you are a sinner, strive to be a saint.** Serra for priestly and religious vocations.

SCHOOL NEWS

ST. BRENDAN SCHOOL – OPEN ENROLLMENT: Open enrollment has begun for Kindergarten at St. Brendan School this fall. Preschool families at St. Margaret are afforded top priority for acceptance during open enrollment. However, these few open spaces will be filled very quickly, so if St. Brendan is your school of choice, ensure you register ASAP at stbrendans.net/school.

ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Charles Preparatory School will host its annual Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday, February 2, from 1:00-6:30 p.m.**, in the school's Walter Student Commons. Dinner will be prepared by the Susi Family and its staff from Berwick Manor. Guests will enjoy a bountiful meal of spaghetti with meatball, salad, rolls, ice cream, and a beverage. Cost is \$15.00 for Adults; \$10.00 for Senior Citizens; \$7.00 for Children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free). There is also a special \$60.00 Family Rate (dine-in, up to 6 immediate family members). Tickets purchased at the door and carryout orders will be available.

TRINITY 8TH GRADE PASTA DINNER in Kulp Hall, **February 1, 4:00-7:00 p.m.** All are welcome.

NOVICE WRESTLING PROGRAM AT ST. CHARLES, JANUARY 7-FEBRUARY 27: The 2025 Cardinal Novice Wrestling Club will be hosted at St. Charles Preparatory School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings, from 6:15-7:30 p.m., between January 7 and February 27, 2025. Open to boys and girls in grades K-8. Cost is \$120.00 for the 16 sessions. To register or for more information, please contact **Vince DiSabato** at wrestlingcoach@scprep.org.

AROUND US

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025 – SPEAKER: FATHER JOE YOKUM. Please join us on **Friday, February 7th**, St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Father Yokum who is pastor of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and chaplain for the Franklin County Sheriff's Department, Grove City Police Department, and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Fr. Yokum will present a talk entitled "Pastoral Care for Law Enforcement Officers and their Families." At present there is no sponsor for this meeting. If you are interested in sponsoring this meeting or another luncheon, **contact David Kilanowski** at dkilano@aol.com. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Mr. Weaver's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! Our next meeting will be on March 7, 2025, when Bishop Fernandes will present the Catholic Man of the Year. Please mark your calendar to attend.

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB (CMLC) is accepting nominations for the Columbus Diocese 2025 Catholic Man of the Year. The winner will receive the award at Columbus St. Patrick Church (280 N. Grant Avenue) on **Friday, March 7, 2025** during the CMLC luncheon which immediately follows the 11:45 a.m. Mass.

THE MEN'S CONFERENCE IS COMING! In the Final Year of the Eucharistic Revival, WE ARE MEN ON MISSION: As we enter into the greatest phase of the National Eucharistic Revival, we are called to take ownership of Eucharistic Renewal in our country – and more specifically – our Diocese. Our initiative during this final year is to "Walk with One" and invite the Holy Spirit to show us one person to accompany us in an encounter with Christ. **The 2025 Men's Conference is the perfect opportunity to invite others to what will undoubtedly be a life-altering event of faith.** Join us for an unforgettable day of faith and fellowship as we welcome three internationally-known speakers to engage, challenge, and inspire us in our Mission as Men of Faith, and our Call to Be Saints. **Register now and enjoy special Early Bird pricing through the end of the year. We can't wait to see you on February 22nd!**

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you and your spouse all the tools for a better, stronger, more loving marriage. Join us February 7-9 to get away from jobs, kids, chores and phones to focus only on each other! Location is at the Procter Camp and Conference Center in London, Ohio. Other weekend dates are available on our website. RSVP at www.WWME.org, or call **Don or Kim Downs** at 614-893-1935. Early registration is recommended.

ST. DYMPHNA PRAYER SERVICE FOR MENTAL HEALTH: The winter months can be hard for many people. This service is for all those who battle or are praying for those with anxiety, depression, and mental health issues. We invite everyone to join us on Sunday, **January 26, 2:00 p.m.**, as we pray for the intercession of St. Dymphna, the patron saint of mental health. This service, which will be held in the **Adoration Chapel at the Maria Stein Shrine**, includes prayers and veneration of St. Dymphna's relic. Speaking at the service is **Nick Clune, certified CPMAP Mentor trained through the Catholic Psych Institute.** Nick specializes in helping men and women build fulfilling relationships, overcome anxiety and depression, and discover deeper meaning in life through the integration of psychology, spirituality, and Catholic anthropology.



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