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Council 12939:	Mike Racanelli 614-332-0795

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, SEPTEMBER 1 – WEEKDAY**

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Norm Gilbert (Birthday)

**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 – ST. GREGORY THE GREAT,
POPE/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – WEEKDAY9:00 a.m. Paul & Patricia Thurn (Wedding Anniversary)
by Don & Loretta Schlegel**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 – WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Ray Saggio by Becky Saggio

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6 – WEEKDAY

4:00 p.m. Anthony Borrelli by Kathy & Barb

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 –**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**8:30 a.m. For Strength in Response to Vocations
by Jim Gildea

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

ST. ZITA September 1: Mike & Sandy Wilcox**PARISH NEWS:****OFFICE CLOSED,** the Parish Office will be closed on Monday September 1, in observance of Labor Day.**PRESCHOOL TRAFFIC:** With the school year upon us, just a reminder to please use the utmost caution when driving through the Church/Preschool parking lots at all times.

Parishioners: **Preschool drop off is between 8:40 a.m.-9:10 a.m. Monday-Friday.** If you are attending daily Mass at 9:00 a.m., it is suggested you park in the south parking lot area to avoid the Preschool Drop off line all together. **If you wish to park in the north parking lot, please drive around the back of Kulp Hall/Preschool building to avoid the Drop off Line; otherwise, you MUST wait in the Drop off line.** There are also students who walk to school with a parent so please be aware in all areas of the parking lot. Please, **NEVER** get out of your car and move the plastic safety guys that are sitting in front of the preschool or drive through the grass to pass our preschool parents who are dropping their children off. Preschool parents: please drive **SLOWLY** as soon as you enter the church parking lot. Please be cautious of parishioners or neighbors who may be walking through the lot or attending 9:00 a.m. Mass or parents and students walking to school who may be walking through the parking lot areas. Thank you for your attention in this matter. It's going to be a great school year!

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet this **Wednesday, September 3, in Kulp Hall.** All are welcome to come and enjoy this fellowship of knitters and crocheters. Since summer vacation travel is over, school is back in session, buses, cars, and children are out and about back on the streets. The prayer shawl ministry has put **mini-driving/travel shawls** in the vestibule of the church. Please feel free to take one and say the prayer attached to it when you get in your car to venture out.

ST.MARGARET RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES (PSR) begin next Sunday, September 7, in the Borrelli Center.

BANNS OF MATRIMONY are announced for **Ben Romaker** a member of St. Margaret of Cortona Parish and **Avery Colman.** They will be married at **St. Margaret on Saturday, September 20th, 2025.** May the Lord protect them and bless them with much happiness.

ST. VINCENT DePAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION, after all Masses THIS weekend (Aug. 30-31), to benefit the work of our St. Vincent dePaul Society conference. Our busy conference provides neighbors in the 43204 ZIP code with a range of assistance, including help with utility bills, rent (funds permitting), furniture, clothing, household items, and more. **We greatly appreciate your generosity.**

PARISH DIRECTORIES: There are still parish directories in the Parish Office for those who had their picture taken and haven't yet picked up their directories.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONATION: St. Margaret of Cortona, in conjunction with the Knights of Columbus, is hosting a **Blood Drive in Kulp Hall on Tuesday, September 9th, from noon until 6:00 p.m.** While walk-ins are welcome, please set your appointment online at redcrossblood.org. Thanks for your support to this life saving program.

WALKING WITH PURPOSE – A Bible Study for Women will begin this fall on **Tuesday, September 30th, in Kulp Hall.** Join us for a 6-week study. Our study guide is **Rooted and Radiant: A Study of Colossians.** There are two sessions: **Mornings 10:00-11:45 a.m. and Evenings 6:00-7:45 p.m.** No previous Bible experience necessary. And as always, bring a friend! If you are new to WWP, please join us at any session to register. Study Guide can be ordered at www.shop.walkingwithpurpose.com. For more information, email us at wwwpstmargaretofcortona@aol.com.

O.C.I.A. DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) is a yearly catechesis program that prepares adults for full membership into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. We welcome any non-baptized adults and Christians baptized in other denominations who are interested in the Catholic faith. Adults and young adults who were baptized Catholic and would like to continue their journey to full initiation into the Church through the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Eucharist are also invited to join the sessions. **Classes begin Monday, September 15, 7:00 p.m. Please call the Parish Office at 614-279-1690 if you are interested in preregistering for O.C.I.A. Sessions are held on Monday evenings.**

BIBLE STUDY ON THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS: Fr. Jeff will offer a **4-Part Bible Study on St. Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians this October/November, on October 23 & 31, and November 6 & 13.** These will all be at **7:00 p.m. in Kulp Hall.** A Bible Study is a great way to delve a little deeper into the Bible. All are invited to attend these sessions. I invite you to put these dates on your calendars now and plan to attend. You don't have to be a Bible scholar to attend.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: AUGUST 25, 2025

Total for the Week	\$ 5,149.06
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	-\$ 3,850.94

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

September 6-7	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, September 6 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Gerken Lexi Tierney	Corinne Brewster Michael Brewster		Ken Hagy
Sunday, September 7 8:30 a.m.		Daniel Bosieh Nate Rohyans	Mark Nolan	Peg Kuhns
Sunday, September 7 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Joseph Michael	Madeline Eberle Darwin McVey		Kate Brown

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: September 1-7

MONDAY	– Parish Office Closed, Labor Day
	9:00 a.m. Mass
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m. Mass
	9:00 a.m. St. Margaret Pre-School starts 2025-2026 Season, Borrelli Center
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m. NO MASS
	12:00p.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
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 begins, Borrelli Center
	9:00 a.m.-12:00 Noon Coffee and donuts, Kulp Hall
	10:30 a.m. Mass

PASTORAL PLANNING 2025-2026 SURVEY OPEN:

Every parishioner in our Diocese is asked to do this. The survey is widely shared across all of the diocesan digital and social media platforms. Please take a moment to fill out the survey. Go to this QR Code:



GAZA – SPECIAL COLLECTION: We join with **Pope Leo and the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops** in prayer for families in Gaza who are enduring conditions of catastrophic collapse as hostilities escalate and basic elements for survival vanish. Death from starvation and severe malnutrition has been rising daily. Families and civilians are grappling with death, injury, forced displacement, and deep psychological trauma. May God hold them in the palm of His hand. And may they know the love and compassion of many neighbors. If you would like to provide financial support to families in urgent need of assistance, consider an online gift to Catholic Relief Services. CRS is the official international relief agency of the **Catholic Church, providing critical support to devastated communities.** Give today at <https://www.crs.org/donate/holy-land-conflict> or by phone at 1-877-HELP-CRS.

SCHOOL NEWS:

CALLING ALL MINI-KNIGHT CHEERLEADERS! Registration is now open for girls in **Grades K-6** to learn from our Silver Knight Cheerleaders and perform under the Friday night lights! **Clinic Dates:** Monday, September 15, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, September 18, 6:00-7:30 p.m.; Performance: Friday, September 20 during the football game! Deadline to register is Friday, September 5th. Register, <https://tinyurl.com/38tzdaxj>. Questions, contact Coach Regan, sregan@cdeeducation.org. Let's hear it loud... GOOOOOO KNIGHTS!

AROUND US:

CANONIZATION MASS AT THE MARIA STEIN SHRINE: Join in celebrating the canonization of **Bls. Pier Giorgio Frassati & Carlo Acutis** at the Maria Stein Shrine. Mass will be at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 9 in the Adoration Chapel.** At the conclusion of Mass, the relic of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati will be presented for the faithful to venerate. St. Carlo Acutis's Eucharist Posters will be on display in the Shrine's Upper Room before/after the liturgy for public viewing. The Shrine is located at 2291 St. Johns Road, Maria Stein.

FALL LECTURE AT THE JOSEPHINUM: The Pontifical College Josephinum's 2025-2026 lecture series will begin with a presentation by Russ Breault, President and Founder of The Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc. In his image-focused presentation, "Shroud Encounter," Mr. Breault will cover key findings of the scientific investigation of the Shroud, relate new dating techniques, and explore the Crucifixion and Resurrection based on the Shroud image. The lecture will be held **Monday, September 29, 7:00 p.m. in the Jessing Center.** Free admission and parking; reservations not required. For more information, please call **614-985-2274** or visit www.pcj.edu/lecture.

OHIO MASS/MARCH FOR LIFE – FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3RD: The Ohio Mass for Life will take place at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, October 3rd at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Columbus, followed by the Ohio March for Life at the Ohio Statehouse.

THE 7TH ANNUAL COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE is scheduled for **October 18, 2025, at Saint Paul the Apostle in Westerville, OH**, celebrating the 25th Anniversary of St. Maria Faustina Kowalska's canonization. To register or for more information, go to CCYAC.ORG.

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, SPEAKER: FATHER JACQUES KIK. Join us **Friday, September 5** at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by **Father Jacques Kik, Pastor of Our Lady of Victory Parish.** Since July 2023, Our Lady of Victory Parish has been the spiritual home for the Maronite Mission of Our Lady of Lebanon. Fr. Kik's talk will be on "The Lebanese Maronite Church." St. Gabriel Radio is sponsoring the September luncheon. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Kik's presentation. No reservations necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

NOTRE DAME vs NORTH CAROLINA: St. Mary Magdalene Church Athletic Assoc. in Columbus is sponsoring a one-day bus trip to **South Bend Indiana** for the **Notre Dame vs North Carolina St. football game on Saturday, October 11th at 3:30 p.m.** Cost is **\$275.00 per person** which includes: Bus, ticket, sandwiches, snacks, soft drinks. Children accompanied by parent are welcome. Only 45 spots available. If you are interested in the Notre Dame trip, **contact Julius Palazzo at jmpalazzo@juno.com or call 614-946-5729.**

HEALING BROKEN HEARTS – TWO SEPARATE RETREATS, September 12-14. Retreats that bring peace, healing and closure.

1. The Consolation of the Holy Spirit: *Strength in the Challenge of Widowhood* "Look to him that you may be radiant with Joy" (Ps. 34:6)
2. Healing the Broken Hearted: *Retreat for the Divorced and Separated* "The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and those who are crushed in spirit He saves" (Ps.34:19)

HOPE FOR 30+ SINGLES: September 19-21, the story of the **Book of Tobit** is one of great hope for those who find themselves single (never-married, divorced, widowed). Given by **Fr. Joseph Bambenek from the Diocese of St. Paul & Minneapolis.** Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center, 5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH 45660. Cost: A donation includes meals, lodging. **To register, www.presentationministries.com or call 513-373-2397.**



THE BRIAN MUHA FOUNDATION MEMORIAN NIGHT OF CHAMPIONS, SEPTEMBER 20TH, 5:30 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, East Broad Street. The Foundations memorializes **Brian Muha**, a graduate of St. Charles Preparatory School and student at Franciscan University, who was killed in a random act of violence at the age of 19, twenty-six years ago. The foundation honors his kind and charitable spirit by helping others who are in need. The **Run the Race Club (RTR)** was started by Brian's mother, Rachael Muha and the foundation. RTR offers a safe and loving atmosphere on Columbus' West Side (The Hilltop) where children can go to play, learn and study. RTR provides education, clothing, food, furniture, toys and more to families in our community, at no cost. The Muha Foundation is able to help others continue to "Run the Race" through its generous donors and fundraising events such as the annual "Night of Champions." To purchase tickets, donate or view auction items, visit <https://one.bidpal.new/nightofchamps2>. To register visit, <https://brianmuhafoundation.org>.

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