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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, OCTOBER 6 – ST. BRUNO, PRIEST**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for Clay Weiland Family

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7 – OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY9:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Homebound Ministry
by Jim Gildea**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8 – WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9 –**ST. DENIS, BISHOP AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10 – WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Glenn Goodberlet by Paul Goodbertlet

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 – ST. JOHN XXIII, POPE

4:00 p.m. Ray Saggio by Becky Saggio

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12 –**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

8:30 a.m. John Kuhn, Jr. by Chuck & Maureen Mech

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

ST ZITA MINISTRY October 6: Seth Sabado, Rissa Blevins**PARISH NEWS:****COFFEE AND DONUTS:** The Spiritual Life and Worship Committees will sponsor coffee and donuts on Sunday, October 5, after the 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. Masses. All are welcome to come and enjoy the morning.**THE MEN'S CLUB** will be having their first **Sub Sale for the fall** on **October 11th and 12th**. Help support the Men's Club and purchase subs for the game.**VOCATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING** on **Monday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.** in the Rectory office conference room.**OCTOBER HOLY HOUR**There will be a Holy Hour in the church at **7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9th**. This month's Holy Hour will be led by **Father Jeff**.**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY:** Please join us on the front lawn of **St. Margaret on Saturday, October 11th** at Noon for the **2025 Public Square Rosary**. This will be one of thousands of Rosary Rallies taking place all over the United States to pray for the conversion of hearts in our country. We will start promptly at Noon, so please arrive a few minutes early. **As always, this event is B.Y.O.R. (Bring Your Own Rosary).****OCTOBER MASS COUNT:** Every year throughout the Diocese we are asked to count the people who come to church. **Beginning THIS WEEKEND, Saturday, October 5th-6th**, the ushers will be counting the attendance of all weekend Masses during the entire month of October.**YOUNG AT HEART LUNCHEON:** The Young at Heart Club will meet for lunch on **Monday, October 6, 12:00 Noon**, at the **York Steak House on West Broad Street**. **Anyone 55 or older is welcome to join us for conversation and friendship.****THE SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMITTEE** will sponsor a collection for **Birthright of Columbus** at each Mass **THIS WEEKEND, October 4/5**. The collection baskets will be located at both entrances of the church. If you would like to write a check, please make the check payable to **St. Margaret of Cortona with Birthright of Columbus on the memo line**. Birthright of Columbus offers support to women facing the many challenges of an unplanned pregnancy or who think they may be pregnant. They also provide maternity and baby items, such as clothing, diapers, and other material assistance. If you would like to donate directly to Birthright, you may mail your donation to: Birthright of Columbus, 3445 Great Western Boulevard, Columbus, Ohio 43204.**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING:** We are having a training and information meeting on **Sunday, October 12 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass**. Those interested, please meet in the church at approximately 11:30 a.m. Boys and girls, third grade through high school, are invited to participate in this important Youth ministry. For more information, please contact **Bruce Murray: BMURRA4@gmail.com or 614-546-6942**. The **make-up (alternate) date** is **Thursday, October 16th at 6:45 p.m.** Meet in church.**WALKING WITH PURPOSE, AN INVITATION TO ALL WOMEN OF THE PARISH:** Please join us in Kulp Hall on **Tuesday evening, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. for our Women's Advent Christmas dinner**. Our speaker for this event is **Rachel Muha**. Rachel is founder of **The Brian Muha Foundation/Run the Race Club**. She started her ministry when forgiving the attackers who murdered her son. Her organization provides exceptional enrichment and leadership development opportunities to young people in the Columbus area helping to shape the future of inner-city children. **Her book, Legacy of Mercy, is the story of a mother's forgiveness and healing through such tragedy. Please come to hear her inspirational story! Reservations are necessary by Sunday, November 16.** Please RSVP to email: wwwpstmargaretofcortona@aol.com or call the church office with your response to attend. Dinner is free of charge but donations are welcome. Bring a friend!**Note: Nonperishable food items will be collected for the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center Food Pantry should you wish to bring a donation. Sponsored by WWP Women's Bible Study.****A GOOD BOOK TO READ:** Last weekend our Catholic Church Canonized (or made Saints) two young men – **CARLO ACUTIS** and **PIER GIORGIO FRASSATI**. As you know, on the weekend of August 30-31, I spoke at some length on the life of Carlo Acutis. I invited everyone (young and old) to get to know him as an excellent role model for all of us – especially our young people of today. I mentioned in my homily that it would be great if everyone read the book written by his **Mother, ANTONIA SALZANO ACUTIS** entitled **"My Son Carlo."** I do strongly recommend this book to be read. You can get it through Amazon and all major outlets. – Fr. Jeff

October 11-12	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, October 11 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth & Emma Gerken	Madeline Eberle Peter Hersha	Not Filled	Barbara Fink
Sunday, October 12 8:30 a.m.	Kate P. Brown Josie Forster	Rick Keesecker Anita Mitchell	Mark Nolan	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, October 12 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Joseph Michael	Jeffrey Metzger Mary Lynn Plageman	Not Filled	Christine Santiago

PARISH FALL FESTIVAL! There will be a Fall Festival in Kulp Hall on Saturday, October 25th from 5:00-7:30 p.m. Party will include a free dinner (hot dogs, mac & cheese, and baked beans), kids' games, costume parade/contest, fall-themed photo set, and soccer shootout competition. Please bring a bag or two of wrapped candy to share if you can. **Dinner is sponsored by St. Margaret Knights of Columbus Council 12939.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: October 6-12

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Lunch, York Steak House
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	7:00 p.m.	Vocations Committee Meeting
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
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.	Holy Hour, Church
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	12:00 Noon	Public Square Rosary, Church Front Lawn
	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

CREMATION AND THE CATHOLIC CHURCH: Many people have asked about the possibility of cremation and burial in the Catholic Church. The Order of Christian Funerals, which is the document governing burial of Catholics in the United States says: "Although cremation is now permitted by the Church, it does not enjoy the same value as a burial of the body. The Church clearly prefers and urges that the body of the deceased be present for the funeral rites, since the presence of the human body better expressed the values which the Church affirms in those rites. When the choice has been made to cremate a body, it is recommended that cremation take place **AFTER** the funeral Mass." It goes on to say, "The cremated remains of a body should be treated with the same respect given to the human body from which they come. This includes the use of a worthy vessel to contain the ashes, the manner in which they are carried, the care and attention to appropriate placement and transport, and the final disposition. The cremated remains should be buried in a grave or entombed in a mausoleum or columbarium. The practice of scattering cremated remains on the sea, from the air, or on the ground, or keeping remains in the home of a relative or friend of the deceased are **NOT** the reverent disposition that the Church requires. Whenever possible, appropriate means for recording with dignity the memory of the deceased should be adopted, such as a plaque or stone which records the name of the deceased." It is now permitted that the cremated remains may be in the church for the funeral Mass on an appropriate table in the front of the church. It is appropriate that **NO** picture or memorabilia be with it for the funeral Mass. Hopefully this answers some questions about the issue of cremation.

OUR CONFERENCE OF THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet On Monday, October 13, 6:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall. Parishioners are encouraged to attend and learn how our St. Vincent de Paul group works. New members are always welcome; our conference meets regularly at 6:30 p.m. on the second Monday of the month.

BIBLE STUDY ON THE FIRST LETTER OF ST. PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS: Fr. Jeff will offer a four-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: SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

E-Catholic September (Additional)	\$ 1,823.00
Direct Deposit September	\$ 6,588.00
Weekly Offeratory	\$ 4,033.75
Total for the Week	\$ 12,444.75
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+\$ 3,444.75

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SCHOOL NEWS

BISHOP READY RAFFLE: Don't miss your chance to watch THE Ohio State Buckeyes take on Penn State on Saturday, November 1 (Kickoff TBD)! A generous donor has gifted 2 AMAZING tickets to this can't-miss game and we're raffling them off to benefit Silver Knight Athletics. Ticket Details: Section 28B, Row 9, Seats 23 & 24, Covered seating + clear, unobstructed view. Raffle Prices: 1 ticket - \$30.00, 4 tickets - \$100.00. Purchase tickets online at <https://www.biddingforgood.com/auction/auctionhome.action...> or stop by school - we'll handle your entry forms for you. All proceeds support our Silver Knight Athletes.

BISHOP WATTERSON SUB SALE: Help support the Bishop Watterson Band Program. Our Fall Sub Sale begins on October 8th and ends on October 22. Subs will be student-prepared and ready for pickup in the Cafeteria on November 15, between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Your support helps the band with transportation, uniform and instrument maintenance. Thank you and GO EAGLES!

AROUND US

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.

THE 7TH ANNUAL COLUMBUS CATHOLIC YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE: Explore the "Arise" Breakout Speakers at the Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference, with options for the Holy Spirit's call, women's ministry, men's spiritual search, and a discussion on Catholicism, featuring speakers like Reverend Father PJ Brandimarti, Emily Knuth, John Mullen, and Sr. Loretta De Dominicis, with tickets available for \$45.00. Go to CCYAC.ORG.

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