



You shall call his name
Jesus,
for he will save his people
from their sins.
– Matthew 1:21

SAINT MARGARET OF CORTONA

CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Parish Secretary	Barbara Maiberger	614-279-1690
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Director of Music:	Joe Peppercorn	614-678-6443
St. Christopher Catholic School	Principal, Angie Eisenacher	614-488-7650
St. Brendan School	Principal, Mike DeMassimo	614-876-6132
Parish Center Religion Classes		Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
Dir. of Rel. Ed.	Ken Hagy (Grades 1-8)	614-582-4081
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Parents should enroll in Protecting God's Children at virtus.org
Knights of Columbus, Council 12939: Mike Racanelli 614-332-0795

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, DECEMBER 22 – LATE ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Jim Gildea by Dora Liptkin

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23 – ST. JOHN OF KANTY, PRIEST

9:00 a.m. Bill & Gennoah Hammond

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 – CHRISTMAS EVE

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

4:00 p.m. People of the Parish

10:00 p.m. John & Durna Shaffer, Deceased Members of Carter Family by Bill & Mary Shaffer

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25 – THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

10:30 a.m. Jim & Betty Rimelsbach

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26 – ST. STEPHEN, THE FIRST MARTYR

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27 – ST. JOHN, APOSTLE/EVANGELIST

4:00 p.m. John Kuhn, Jr. by Keith & Linda Brickner

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 –**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

8:30 a.m. Randy Williams

10:30 a.m. People of the Parish

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, December 22: Carla Guggenbiller, Mary Jones, Rhonda Schell

PARISH NEWS:

OFFICE CLOSED: The Parish Office will close on **Wednesday, December 24th** at **12:00 Noon** and remain closed on **December 25th**, in observance of **The Nativity of the Lord**. **THERE WILL NOT BE A 9:00 A.M. MASS ON WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY OR FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 25 OR 26TH**. The office will be open on **Monday, December 29th**.

INCENSE WITH MASSES: Incense will be used at the December 24th, 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass and also used at all of the Epiphany Masses on January 3rd & 4th.

EUCARISTIC ADORATION: There will not be Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions on **Thursday, December 25**.

THE MEN'S CLUB would like to thank the **Altar Servers** of St. Margaret for your service to our parish. Please be sure to see **Fr. Jeff** and pick up your **Christmas card from the Men's Club**. The Men's Club meets the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in **Kulp Hall**. We invite all the men of the parish to come and join for Faith, Fellowship and Fun.

MANY THANKS: Thanks to Bill and Mary Shaffer for their generous donation of \$500.00 for Christmas Flowers for the altar and to all the other people who gave money for our Christmas Flowers.

CHRISTMAS 2025 SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE – A Holy Day of Obligation for today **OR tomorrow**. Masses on **Wednesday, December 24th** are:

4:00 p.m., which is our Children's Mass and we welcome all children for a special homily

10:00 p.m., which is preceded by Christmas Carols beginning at **9:30 p.m.**

CHRISTMAS DAY – A Holy Day of Obligation for today **OR yesterday**. Mass on **Thursday, December 25** is at **10:30 a.m. ONLY**.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY – **Sunday, December 28th**. Masses follow the regular weekend times.

NEW YEAR'S DAY — SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD.

This **IS** a **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION** for all Catholics to attend Mass. Masses are on **Wednesday, December 31st, 4:00 p.m.** **OR** on **Thursday, January 1st, 10:30 a.m.**

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY – **Sunday, January 4th**. Masses follow the regular weekend times. There will be incense at all the Masses on January 3-4th.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: December 22-28

MONDAY	9:00 a.m. Mass
	7:00 p.m. NO O.C.I.A., O.C.I.A. will resume on January 5, 2026
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m. Mass
WEDNESDAY	4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass, 9:30 p.m. Singing of Carols 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m. NO Mass 9:30 a.m. NO ADORATION 9:30 a.m. NO CONFESSIONS 10:30 a.m. Christmas Mass, THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m. NO Mass
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m. Confessions 4:00 p.m. Mass
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m. Mass 9:00 a.m. NO PSR/CSG, 10:30 a.m. Mass

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: DECEMBER 14, 2025

Weekend Offertory Collection \$ 8,583.22

WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED \$ 9,000.00

DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK -\$ 417.78

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

December 24-25	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Wednesday, December 24 4:00 p.m.	Sara Banyots Lexi Tierney			Ken Hagy
Wednesday, December 24 10:00 p.m.		Peg Kuhns	Mark Nolan	Barbara Fink

December 27-28	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, December 27 4:00 p.m.	Lexi Tierney	Carrie Vamos Marty Vamos		Peg Kuhns
Sunday, December 28 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd Josie Forster	Andrea Boyd Louise Retzlaff	Mark Nolan	Christina Santiago
Sunday, December 28 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina & Leo Racanelli	Gabriella Racanelli Jo Marie Wilson		Michael Racanelli



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

REQUESTED BY:

Fritz Akabutu
Mr. Ron Bellisari
Bonacci Family
M/M Terrence Burns
Donna Burton
M/M Daniel Callaghan
Kathy Collins
Rosalia Crago
Margherita Dallas-Hennon
M/M David Deary
Christina DeMatteo
Barbara Dixon
M/M John F. Downey
Pat Fehribach
M/M Steven Force
M/M Todd Gajda
M/M Dwain Guggenbiller

Mrs. Della Highman
Ms. Mary Ann Joseph
Ms. Margaret Kuhns
Ms. Catherine Llaneza
Mike & Barb Maiberger
Mrs. Audrey McCarthy
M/M Jason McNamara
M/M Bruce McPherson
John & Maureen McEwen
Phyllis Morgan
M/M William Oldham
Mr. James Pavlak
Ms. Louise Retzlaff
Ms. Valerie Romer
Marilyn Russell
M/M David Russi
Mrs. Becky Saggio
Ms. Elva Saucedo-Ramirez
William & Mary Shaffer & Family

Mrs. Patricia Spare
Eugene and Maryann Tambellini
Mrs. Donald Thomas
Margherita Filichia
Mr. Albert Tornare
M/M Scott Tri
Mrs. Suzanne Webb
M/M Douglas Whitley
Mrs Maggie Whitmoyer
M/M Michael Wilcox
M/M J.B. Wilson

M/M Roman Welyczkowsky
M/M Jeffrey Wobser

IN MEMORY OF:

Cecilia Akuba Hyahh Akabutu
Mary Sue Bellisari, Antoinette Bellisari
The Bonacci, Delewese & Stephens Families
Family & Friends of Burns Family
Errol Burton
Charles & Catherine Lindus and Daniel & Dorothy Callaghan
Bill & Thelma Collins, Tom Collins and Roy & Tina Bailey
Edward & Elizabeth Stefanko
Angelo & Anna Dallas, Dallas & Oddi Families, and Carl Hennon
Batcho & Deary Family
Ralph & Dean DeMatteo, Agriesta Families
Betty Dixon
Annabell Gains, Regina Fadley
Jerry and Matt Fehribach
Herman Benedetto, Sam & Linda Force
Allison Gajda, Gary Spare, Pompy Vincenzo
Alex Guggenbiller & Richard Dirksen and Living & Deceased Members of the Guggenbiller & Dirksen Families
Frank & Mildred Iezzi, Kelly Marie Highman and Michael Highman
Philip Joseph & Rose Joseph
Kuhns & Beebe Family
Paul & Mary Llaneza, William & Dorothy Dwane
Deceased Family and Friends, Msgr. Borrelli

Dale McNamara
M/M Victor Lyskey, M/M Robert McPherson
Irma & Jack Krimm
Loved Ones
Rutkowski & Oldham Families
John Pavlak
Kenneth D. Retzlaff
Chapla & Romer Families
Anne & Stephen Sevick, Steve Sevick Jr.
M/M George Russi, Sr. Pat Russi, OP and M/M Robert Arnold
Raymond Saggio, Chris/Victoria Saggio and Michael Vogel, Lindsay Whitley

John & Durna Shaffer, Yola & Teresa Lancia, Panfilo & Contetina Lancia & Family
and Sandy & Lou Menduni, Don & Audrey Mertz
Vincenzo & Spare Family, Allison Gajda
Anna Evers, Clare Tambellini
Donald Thomas, James & Barbara Kindt and Elsie & Howard Thomas
Jim Filichia & Louis Filichia and John & Filomena Tiberi
Dee Tornare, Msgr. James Kulp and Msgr. Anthony Borrelli
Carmelo Tavella
Jarold Webb, Maushund and Walters Families
Lindsay Whiley
Jack Whitmoyer
DiSanto, Wilcox, & Sagraves Families
Jessanna Delewese, Erma & Geno Delewese, Lilda & Jean Delewese
Sam & Josephine Delewese, Jesse & Irene Wilson, and Gina Delewese Fulk
Constantin Welyczkowsky, John & Ann Ciuba
M/M M.P. Fenton Jr., Delbert Wobser

HAVE A MERRY AND BLESSED CHRISTMAS

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR PARISH SURVEY

I have recently written and spoken about your opportunity to complete our parish survey, known as the **Disciple Maker Index**. The survey is now available and I invite you to PLEASE take the survey. **You can do so:**

- By scanning the QR code just below or typing this link into your browser: bit.ly/margaretdmi
- By going to the St. Margaret website, www.stmargaretcolumbus.org, and clicking the link to the survey which is near the top of our homepage
- You can find the link to the survey at the St. Margaret of Cortona Facebook page or in your most recent Flocknote.
- Finally, you can scan the QR code which will be posted at each entrance to the Church and will also be posted in the office and at Kulp Hall and in the Borelli Center. This will open the link to the survey on your phone. Just click the link and complete the survey.

The survey will be open until **January 6, 2026**.

We will also have a few paper versions available for those who do not have internet access. You can get a paper version if you come to the office or if you ask Fr. Jeff after Mass while you are at church. Simply return the paper version to the box in the front vestibule of the church that is designated for survey responses. I am hoping that **EVERY** parishioner, 12 years of age and older (yes, we very much want to hear from our younger parishioners), will fill out the survey for themselves **individually** (each member of your family should complete a survey. Do not give a family response). Completing the survey will take only 10-15 minutes and is totally anonymous.

The results will be helpful to me as your pastor and to our staff and volunteers as we seek to support you on your journey of missionary discipleship.

Please go to the link about and fill out the survey today! I thank you in advance.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jeff



AROUND US

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR. To submit a nomination, please use the form located online at <https://www.catholicmensministry.com/man-of-the-year>. (The online form is required – no exceptions!) Nominees must be laymen who, through their daily actions, words, and prayers, exemplify the "good and faithful servant." The recipient of the award will be given the opportunity to share his personal testimony during an award ceremony with the Bishop at the CMLC luncheon meeting on **Friday, March 6, 2026**, **St. Patrick Parish in downtown Columbus**. Please read the instructions located on the website carefully to make certain the nomination submission is in compliance with CMLC's requirements. The Selection Committee will not consider a noncompliant nomination submission. Nominations MUST be completed and submitted by midnight on **January 15, 2026**.

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.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST

Saint of the Day: December 27, Patron Saint of Turkey

It is God who calls; human beings answer. The vocation of John and his brother James is stated very simply in the Gospels, along with that of Peter and his brother Andrew: Jesus called them; they followed. The absoluteness of their response is indicated by the account. James and John "were in a boat, with their father Zebedee, mending their nets. He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him" (Matthew 4:21b-22).

For the three former fishermen – Peter, James and John – that faith was to be rewarded by a special friendship with Jesus. They alone were privileged to be present at the Transfiguration, the raising of the daughter of Jairus and the agony in Gethsemane. But John's friendship was even more special. Tradition assigns to him the Fourth Gospel, although most modern Scripture scholars think it unlikely that the apostle and the evangelist are the same person.

John's own Gospel refers to him as "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (see John 13:23; 19:26; 20:2), the one who reclined next to Jesus at the Last Supper, and the one to whom Jesus gave the exquisite honor of caring for his mother, as John stood beneath the cross. "Woman, behold your son.... Behold, your mother" (John 19:26b, 27b).

Read the full article: "St. John the Evangelist" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, <https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-john-the-evangelist> (Accessed November 16, 2025).

THE LORD, YOUR GOD, IS IN
YOUR MIDST, *a mighty savior;*
HE WILL REJOICE OVER YOU
with gladness,
AND **RENEW** YOU IN HIS LOVE.

– ZEPHANIAH 3:17



