



SAINT MARGARET OF CORTONA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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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.

Parish Secretary	Barbara Maiberger	614-279-1690
Marketing:	Ben Romaker	937-638-5937
Parish Council:	Tim Nelson	614-777-9454
Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.):		614-279-1690
Youth Group:	Marty Vamos	614-527-1196
	Brian Brown	614-308-5697
Men's Club:	Paul Goodberlet	614-607-1381
Women's Club:	Maria Blauvelt	614-327-2261
St. Vincent de Paul:	Mary Plageman	614-425-5548
Funeral Ministry:	JoMarie Wilson	614-562-3026
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
	Lisa Latorre (Ages 3-5)	614-579-0220

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

E-mail Address: stmargaretcol@yahoo.com

You shall call his name

Jesus,

for he will save his people
from their sins.

– Matthew 1:21

MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, DECEMBER 29 – FIFTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. Sandy Barrett (Birthday) by Bill Barrett

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 30 – SIXTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. Tatiana Pirie by Elaine Prochak

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31 – SEVENTH DAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

4:00 p.m. John Bennett Jr. by M/M Charles Nagy

THURSDAY, January 1 – SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

10:30 a.m. The Home Bound Ministries by Jim Gildea

FRIDAY, January 2 – SAINTS BASIL THE GREAT AND GREGORY NAZIANZEN, BISHOPS

9:00 a.m. Tatiana Pirie by Elaine Prochak

SATURDAY, January 3 – CHRISTMAS WEEKDAY

4:00 p.m. Yola Lancia (Birthday) by Bill & Mary Shaffer

SUNDAY, January 4 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish

10:30 a.m. Jack Krimm by Elizabeth Mitchell

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, December 29: Laurie Davis, Leeann Wing, Sarah Palka

PARISH NEWS:

HEARTFELT THANKS to all who have volunteered in making our Christmas Liturgy beautiful in any way. To all who have cleaned and decorated the Church, to our choir Director, and all of the choir members and musicians who provided us with such beautiful Christmas Music. To all who contributed to the Christmas flowers in memory of a loved one, and to those who arranged the flowers and decorations on the Altar. Everything is very beautiful and inspiring.

THANK YOU!

I wish to thank all those who sent cards and gifts. I am truly grateful and deeply appreciative. **May the newborn Christ bless each of you and MAY YOU ALL HAVE A BLESSED NEW YEAR.** ~Fr. Jeff

INCENSE WITH MASSES: Incense will be used at all of the Epiphany Masses on January 3rd & 4th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: There will not be Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions on Thursday, January 1st.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:

Wednesday, December 31st, THERE WILL NOT BE a 9:00 a.m. Mass. Mass will be at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31.

The office will also be closed: **Thursday, January 1, 2026 for The Solemnity of the Blessed Mother, A Holy Day of Obligation. THERE WILL NOT BE A 9:00 A.M. MASS Thursday, January 1st.** The Mass on January 1st will be at 10:30 a.m. **ONLY.** There will not be Eucharistic Adoration or Confessions on Thursday.

COFFEE AND DONUTS will be served after the 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. Masses **NEXT Sunday, January 4th.** Please join us for this informal parish gathering. ALL are welcome!

PLEASE COMPLETE YOUR PARISH SURVEY BY JANUARY 6TH, 2026

- 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 above and fill out the survey today!

I thank you in advance.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Jeff



THE CATHOLIC TIMES: In February 2026, we will continue the annual tradition of promoting *Catholic Times* subscriptions and renewals. Beginning **January 1, 2026, all subscriptions will be 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.

December 31-January 1	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Wednesday, December 31 4:00 p.m.	Volunteers Needed			Barbara Fink
Thursday, January 1st 10:30 a.m. The Holy Mother of God	Volunteers Needed			
January 3-4	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, January 3 4:00 p.m.	Lexi Tierney	Madeline Eberle Peter Hersha		Barbara Fink
Sunday, January 4 8:30 a.m.		Emily Keesecker Rick Keesecker	Mark Nolan	Joe Wickham
Sunday, January 4 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Jacoby Gorham	Pam Cribbs Mary Lynn Plageman		Christine Santiago

NEW YEAR SCHEDULE 2026**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 3rd-4th.**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – Sunday, January 11th, Masses follow the regular weekend times. This feast today marks the official end of the Christmas season this year.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: There will be a Parish Council meeting on Monday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall.

DECEMBER – A GOOD TIME FOR GIVING: The month of December is an excellent time to give generously to the parish offertory or Bishop's Annual Appeal. As this is the season of giving gifts, why not give a generous gift to your parish in the form of cash, securities, or business gifts with your employer's company? We are all called to be good stewards of what God has entrusted to us; may we share generously with our parish family during this season. Thank you for your continued generosity. **May God bless you!**

YEAR-END REMINDER – OFFERTORY STATEMENTS: We will not be sending out offertory contribution records for 2025. 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.

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.**

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: December 29-January 4

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Parish Office Closed
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO Mass
	10:30 a.m.	Mass, Solemnity of the Holy Mother
	9:30 a.m.	NO Confessions
	9:30 a.m.	NO Exposition of the Eucharist
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
		Parish Office Closed
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: DECEMBER 21, 2025

Total Offertory Collection	\$ 9,525.21
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+ \$ 525.21

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SCHOOL NEWS**TURN YOUR OHIO TAXES INTO A CATHOLIC SCHOLARSHIP**

There is no method more effective of supporting Catholic families than a gift to the Emmaus Road Scholarship Fund, because **those who contribute will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Ohio income tax!** You will be credited your full gift amount at tax time and a family attending Catholic schools will receive the gift in the fall. The limit for the matching credit is \$750.00 for individuals and \$1,500.00 for couples filing jointly. You can designate your choice of Catholic school in the diocese as the grantor of the scholarship! Learn more, confirm eligibility, and make your gift before December 31 at emmausroadscholarship.org.

BISHOP READY HIGH SCHOOL EUCHRE EXTRAVAGANZA: Bishop Ready High School invites you to our annual **Euchre Extravaganza on Friday, February 6th**, at Bishop Ready High School. A favorite community tradition benefiting boys and girls basketball. Gather your friends for an evening of fun, fellowship, and friendly competition. **Doors open at 6:00 p.m., play begins promptly at 7:00 p.m.** The Cost is **\$30.00 per person (includes food, fun, and 11 games of Euchre)**. Food included and cash bar available. **Participants must be 21 or older.** Preregistration is required and space is limited. Register online at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/euchreextravaganza2025/event/euchreextravaganza2025/>.

For questions or additional information, please contact **Athletic Director David Oddi** at doddi2@cducation.org. **We hope you'll join us for a great evening supporting Bishop Ready athletics!**

AROUND US

A GIFT FOR YOUR SPOUSE: Give the gift of a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend providing you and your spouse the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage! "But some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit, a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." Help your marriage be like the rich soil and attend an upcoming **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on February 6th-8th, 2026**. Get away from jobs, kids, chores, and phones and focus only on each other. Location: **Procter Camp and Conference Center – London, OH.** Other weekend dates are available on our website. **Apply at WWME.org.** Early registration is recommended.

ST BRENDAN THE NAVIGATOR IS NOW HIRING a Pastoral Associate – responsible for planning, coordinating, and administering to the care needs of their sizable parish and its grieving families. Read the full job description at bit.ly/jobsstb and contact **Fr. Dooley** (frdooley@stbrendans.net) with your interest in the role.

THE CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2026 CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR. The CMLC is accepting nominations for the 2026 CMOY. 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.**

HAVE A VERY HAPPY, SAFE AND BLESSED NEW YEAR!

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.

