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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
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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

E-mail Address: stmargaretcol@yahoo.com

MASS SCHEDULE	
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD	
9:00 am	Lilda Delewese (Anniversary) the Family
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3	
ST. BLAISÉ, BISHOP/MARTYR, ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP	
9:00 a.m.	Ann Ciuba (Birthday) by Cindy & Roman Welyczkowsky
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – WEEKDAY	
9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 5 – ST. AGATHA, VIRGIN/MARTYR	
9:00 a.m.	Jim Filichia by M/M Richard Capuano
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6	
ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS	
9:00 a.m.	Gary Shaffer by Bill & Mary Shaffer
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7 – WEEKDAY	
4:00 p.m.	John & Marie Fink by Barbara Fink
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8 – FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME	
8:30 a.m.	John & Durna Shaffer by Bill & Mary Shaffer
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, FEBRUARY 2: JB and JoMarie Wilson

PARISH NEWS

THE ST. MARGARET MEN’S CLUB will be offering **Coffee and Donuts after both SUNDAY Masses this Sunday, February 1, in Kulp Hall.** Everyone is invited to come and enjoy coffee, donuts and fellowship.

THE CATHOLIC TIMES: In February 2026 *The Catholic Times* will be moving to an all-digital reporting model, with the last print issue mailed the week of Ash Wednesday. **A subscription is no longer required to view content.**

YOUNG AT HEART LUNCH: Our Parish Young at Heart Group will meet for lunch on **Monday, February 2, at Olympic Diner at NOON,** on the corner of Roberts Road and Rome-Hilliard Road.

BE A “SOUPER” BOWL MVP (Magnificently Virtuous Parishioner)!!!! The St. Margaret Knights of Columbus will be having the **Annual Souper Bowl Collection** after all three Masses the weekend of **February 7th and 8th.** You can be an MVP by giving generously (by cash or check). All money collected goes to help people in need within our own parish

BIBLE STUDY: The Bible Study **Wednesday, February 4, 6:45 p.m.,** on **The Acts of the Apostles, given by Ken Hagy** in the Parish Center. **There is still time to join in.**

MEN’S CLUB FAMILY BREAKFAST: The Men’s Club will host the **Parish Breakfast on Sunday, February 15th, 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.

ALL DAY ADORATION: Each Lent, every parish in our diocese is asked to take a day for **all-day Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration.** Our parish has **Thursday, February 19. We will host the Diocese on this day.** We need a **minimum of TWO Adorers for every hour between 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.** The sign-up sheet is in front vestibule on brown table. Please sign up for an hour.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT COMPLIANCE: In our vigilant efforts to provide a safe environment for children and families, St. Margaret of Cortona Parish follows all diocesan policies. **All parish volunteers (18 years or age and older) who participate in any parish program or ministry that “have been delegated care, custody, or control of children and youth” must comply with the Safe Environment plan.** Summarized, this program consists of a one-time class (**Protecting God’s Children**) and a **fingerprinting + background check to be renewed every five years.** Information on this process can be found on our website. Under “About,” click “Protecting God’s Children” (or the information below) to learn more or to register. **For questions, you may call our Parish Office or Ken Hagy** who serves as our Safe Environment Coordinator.

COMPLIANCE PROCESS

- I. Taking a Protecting God’s Children class...**
 - Go to www.columbuscatholic.org and click “Offices & Ministries” from the navigation.
 - Click “Safe Environment”
 - Under “Employees & Volunteers” and “VIRTUS Training,” click “Register.”
 - Review upcoming class offerings for a convenient time and location. When ready, click “Start Registration” at the top or bottom of page.
 - Create a User ID and Password. Complete your registration.
 - II. Fingerprinting + Background Check...**
 - Go to www.fastfingerprints.com and click “Schedule Appointment” from the navigation.
 - Click “I Have a Code”
 - Input your Access Code from the Diocese of Columbus: **IGHWKX**
 - Provide your Zip Code and select a location and time that is convenient for you. The closest location to St. Margaret is 1486 Bethel Road.
 - Fill out the required forms and specify/ensure your results are being sent to Diocese of Columbus — Safe Environment Office **OID: 7296**
 - Keep a receipt and bring it to the Parish Office. **St. Margaret will reimburse any incurred fees.**
- Unlike the one-time “Protecting God’s Children” class, the fingerprinting + background check must be completed/renewed every five years.**

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY CELEBRATION will be observed on **Sunday, February 15th.** All couples married in **2001, 1996, 1991, 1986, 1981, and 1976, 1971 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 2nd.**

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION	
NAME	_____
PHONE #	_____
DATE OF MARRIAGE	_____
NAME OF CHURCH	_____

February 7-8	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, February 7 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth Gerken Emma Gerken	Corinne Brewster Michael Brewster		Barbara Fink
Sunday, February 8 8:30 am		Anita Mitchell Louise Retzlaff	Mark Nolan	Joe Lombardi
Sunday, February 8 10:30 am	Josie Forster Joseph Michael	Darwin McVey Jeffrey Metzger		Brian Brown

IT'S FISH FRY TIME! St. Margaret of Cortona Parish will have our famous Lenten Fish Fry again this year! The 28th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry will be held on the six Fridays of Lent from **February 20th through March 27th, 2026**. The New Year brings new opportunities to give your Time and Talents to St. Margaret Parish! We need a lot of new volunteers this year to cover for those dedicated volunteers who have retired or passed away. **We NEED YOU!!!** This is a great opportunity to get to know your fellow parishioners and have some fun serving your parish. Please come to the meeting and give your input and sign up to help your parish at this important parish social event and fund-raiser. To volunteer, **please RSVP to: Larry Pishitelli, 614-214-8568 (text) or email: Larrypish@columbus.rr.com** Please come and help make 2026 the best Fish Fry ever!

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY – BEN SMITH SCHOLARSHIP

The Ben Smith "You Can Make a Difference" Scholarship provides a **one-time \$1,000.00 scholarship** to a graduating senior from St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Brendan, or senior 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 "Application" to access the application after navigating to the previous link).

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **February 27th**. 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 "Application" to access the application after navigating to the previous link).

The deadline to apply for this scholarship is **February 27th**. If you have any questions about the scholarship process, please feel free to contact **Dan Kurth, Catholic Foundation VP of Grants, 614-443-8893** or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: February 2-8

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Lunch
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	12:00 p.m.	Prayer Shawl Ministry
	6:45 p.m.	Bible Study, Kulp Hall
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/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: JANUARY 25, 2026

Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 4,229.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	-\$ 4,771.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN: Walking With Purpose Bible Study for Women will begin our winter/spring session on **Tuesday, March 10 in Kulp Hall at 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.** All women are invited to attend. Please join us and bring a friend! **"Fearless and Free"** is our study guide for this **6-week session and will be based on the book of Ephesians**. To order your book, please go to: www.shop.walkingwithpurpose.com. More information in the vestibule of church or email us at: wwpstmargaretofcortona@aol.com.

SCHOOL NEWS

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**. Pre-registration 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, doddi2@cducation.org**. We hope you'll join us for a great evening supporting Bishop Ready athletics!

ANNUAL ST. CHARLES SPAGHETTI DINNER: St. Charles School will host a Spaghetti Dinner **THIS Sunday, February 1st, 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 \$16.00 for Adults; \$11.00 for Senior Citizens; \$8.00 for Children ages 5-12 (4 and under are free)**. There is a **special \$70.00 Family Rate (dine-in, up to 6 immediate family members)**. Tickets only available at the door.

AROUND US

CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON – FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6

SPEAKER: Ismael Rodriguez. Join us **Friday, February 6 at St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring Ismael Rodriguez who is the Founding Headmaster of the Chesterton Academy of St. Benedict, an independent Catholic high school in the Columbus Diocese. Mr. Rodriguez will present a talk about the Chesterton Academy located in Worthington, Ohio. **Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m.** and our program. No reservations are necessary. **\$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting**. Bring a friend! Our next luncheon on **Friday, March 6, 2026** will honor the 2026 Catholic Man of the Year. **Bishop Fernandes** will present the Catholic Man of the Year who will be invited to share remarks with us. Please mark your calendar to attend!

BEYOND GIVING THINGS UP: LENTEN DISCERNMENT RETREAT:

Calling all Catholic, single women ages 18-45! What Are You Giving Up For Lent? Feeling stuck in the same Lenten routine? Join us, the Dominican Sisters of Peace, to discover a transformative spiritual practice that deepens your prayer life, sharpens your discernment, and opens your heart to God's presence in everyday moments. This will be a two-day Zoom event, February 27-28, 2026, giving you an opportunity to grow closer to Christ and experience Lent like never before. For more information, visit: opeace.org/become-a-sister or contact **Sr. Ana Gonzalez, OP, ana.gonzalez@opeace.org**. or **call/text 475-224-0519**. Appreciatively, Ana Gonzalez, OP.

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.



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