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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

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MASS SCHEDULE	
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16 – WEEKDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Sandy & Lou Menduni by Bill & Mary Shaffer
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17	
THE SEVEN HOLY FOUNDERS OF THE SERVITE ORDER	
9:00 a.m.	John Bennett, Jr. by M/M Charles Nagy
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18 – ASH WEDNESDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Jessanna Delewese by Barb
7:00 p.m.	People of the Parish
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19	
THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Jim Filichia by M/M Richard Capuano
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20 – FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Donald Mertz by Bill & Mary Shaffer
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21	
SATURDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY	
4:00 p.m.	Rose Angelo
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:30 a.m.	Hubert and Mildred Naderer
10:30 a.m.	People of the Parish

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, FEBRUARY 16: Laurie Davis, Leeann Wing, Sarah Palka

PARISH NEWS

RICE BOWL: **THIS week**, the Church invites us to begin the journey of Lent. We are given forty days to reflect on those obstacles in our lives that prevent us from better loving ourselves, our God and our neighbors. We do this through the three Lenten pillars: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Let the **Rice Bowl** accompany you as together we grow in solidarity, lifting up and reflecting on the needs of our brothers and sisters around the world – and on how what we give up for Lent can change lives. **Please pick up a Rice Bowl in the church and fill it throughout this Lenten Season.**

MEN’S CLUB FAMILY BREAKFAST: The Men’s Club will host the Parish Breakfast **THIS 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.**

The **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will make sandwiches for the Holy Family Soup Kitchen **THIS Sunday (February 15, 2026) after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Kulp Hall.** Many hands make light work, so please join us. As always, any extra plastic grocery bags that you would like to donate are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION: Half of the proceeds of Ash Wednesday collection will be contributed to **J.O.I.N. (organization for inner-city needs).** J.O.I.N. is a diocesan agency that provides emergency assistance to the poor in the form of food, food certificates, clothing, and prescription assistance, utility help, infant formula, eyeglasses, bus transportation, Ensure for seniors, car repair, and referrals to other public and private service providers. The other **half of the money will go to the St. Margaret of Cortona, St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Please be generous.**

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SHROVE DINNER: The St. Margaret Knights of Columbus will be serving their Annual Shrove Dinner on **Tuesday, February 17th, 5:00-7:00 p.m. in Kulp Hall.** Come and enjoy some delicious spaghetti and meatballs with secret recipe red sauce. The Shrove Dinner is free, but donations are accepted and appreciated.

LENTEN PRESENTATIONS: This year, we will have two presentations during Lent. The first one will be on **February 26, 7:00 p.m.** given by our previous pastor, **Msgr. Frank Lane.** It will be at 7:00 p.m. in the church. The second one will be given by **Fr. Jeff on March 19th, 7:00 p.m.,** on **“The Footsteps of St. Paul’s Ministry”** including Fr. Jeff’s slides of his travels through Asia and Europe. Refreshments will follow both presentations.

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY, AND GOOD FRIDAY, are both days of **FAST for Catholics Ages 18-59 inclusively. On Fast Days, one full meal and two lesser meals are permitted. Only liquids are allowed between meals.**

Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and ALL Fridays of Lent are days of ABSTINENCE from meat for all persons 14 years of age and older. We are asked to abstain from meat on these days in penitential self-denial and in solidarity with, and in service to, the hungry of the world.

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 18. Masses are at **9:00 a.m.** and **7:00 p.m.** Ashes will be distributed during these Masses. Come and start Lent on a spiritual note!

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION AND ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT: Every Thursday, beginning at **9:30 a.m.** and, concluding at **Noon.** The Church is open until **8:00 p.m.. There will be no daytime Adoration on Holy Thursday, April 2nd, but we will have Adoration following the 7:00 p.m. Mass until 10:00 p.m. that evening.** Due to the **two presentations on February 26 and March 19,** these Stations and Vespers will be **AT 6:00 p.m.** on these evenings.

ALL DAY EXPOSITION of the EUCCHARISTIC for our parish and the whole diocese on Thursday, February 19th, **9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m.**

THURSDAYS, February 19, March 5, 12, and 26, the Stations of the Cross will at **7:00 p.m.,** followed by **sung Evening Prayer (Vespers) and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament,** which concludes Adoration. Please note that none of these are done on Holy Thursday. Stations of the Cross, Evening prayer and Benediction will be at **6:00 p.m.** on February 26th and March 19th.

LENTEN PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE: **Monday, March 16th, 7:00 p.m.** in church. This is our opportunity for **ALL of us to gather and celebrate the Sacrament of Penance (or Confession)** as a parish family. Please come and join us for this!!! **OTHER PRIESTS ARE AVAILABLE then for Confessions**

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION SCHEDULE: Every Saturday of Lent (except Holy Saturday) from **3:00 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.,** and on every **Thursdays AT 9:30 a.m. (except Holy Thursday), on Monday, March 30th, Confessions will be heard from 4:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.** in the church, **which will be the final opportunity before Easter.**

Our FISH FRY – every Friday of Lent from February 20th, until March 27th, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall. Plan to come and join us!!

February 21-22	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, February 21 4:00 p.m.	Anna Gerken Emma Gerken	Tim Nelson Need Sub	Peter Hersha	Barbara Fink
Sunday, February 22 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd Josie Forster	Daniel Bosieh Andrea Boyd		Joe Wickham
Sunday, February 22 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Jacoby Gorham	Pam Cribbs Mary Lynn Plageman		Christine Santiago

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY, March 29th – Masses on this weekend are at the regular time.

THE CHRISM MASS, March 31st – St. Paul Church, Westerville. All are welcome.

HOLY THURSDAY, April 2nd – **MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER is 7:00 p.m. followed by Eucharistic Adoration until 10:00 p.m.** There will be no morning Mass

GOOD FRIDAY, April 3rd – The Solemn Liturgy of Good Friday is 2:00 p.m. There will be no morning Mass

HOLY SATURDAY, April 4th – The Vigil Mass of Easter is at 9:00 p.m. tonight. Come and welcome our neophytes into our church at this Mass. **THERE IS NO 4:00 P.M. MASS!!**
The Blessing of the New Easter Food will be at 1:00 p.m. today.

EASTER SUNDAY, April 5th – Masses at the regular times of 8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. ONLY.

HAVE A GREAT AND UPLIFTING LENT!!

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

FISH FRY! The 28th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry, THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN, will be begin **THIS Friday, February 20th,** and run for the six Fridays of Lent **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. **Cost: Adults – \$18.00; Seniors – \$17.00; Children (10 and under) – \$7.00; Children (3 and under) – FREE. Family dinner \$40.00 – includes 2 adults and all children.** To volunteer, **RSVP to Larry Pishitelli at 614-214-8568 (text) or email at 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.

CARPOOL TO CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE – There will be a carpool from **St. Margaret to the 2026 Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, February 28th.** Meet in the parking lot next to Kulp Hall at 6:30 a.m. We will depart promptly at 6:35 a.m. For questions about the carpool (or if you need to be talked into going to the conference!), please contact **Mike Brewster at 614-705-9182.** To register for the conference, go to CatholicMensMinistry.com.

BIBLE STUDY: NO BIBLE STUDY ON ASH WEDNESDAY. It will resume on February 25th.

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 16-22

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	5:00 p.m.	Shrove Dinner, Kulp Hall
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS, DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
	7:00 p.m.	ASH WEDNESDAY MASS, DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-7:00 p.m.	ALL DAY ADORATION
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
	7:30 p.m.	Vespers
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	4:40 p.m.	Lenten Fish Fry, Kulp Hall
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
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Movie Night, Kulp Hall

MEN'S CLUB FESTIVAL SAUSAGE SALE

The Men's Club will be taking orders for Homemade Italian Festival Sausage during the 2026 Lenten Season. Pick up dates are **May 16th and 17th** after all Masses or by previous arrangement. All orders must be prepaid and ordered by the last Fish Fry on March 27th. Contact, **Ed Gabel at 614-397-8575 or Paul Goodberlet at 614-607-1381** for more information. Please fill out the order form below. Orders can also be dropped off at the Parish Office or at the Friday Lenten Fish Fry. Please make checks payable to **St. Margaret of Cortona.** **BE SURE TO INCLUDE A VALID PHONE NUMBER WITH ORDER.** **PREPAY MEN'S CLUB HOMEMADE FESTIVAL SAUSAGE SALE: \$6.00 PER POUND (3 LINKS PER POUND)**

Name: _____
 Phone: _____ Sold By: _____
 Mild Sausage # of Pounds (1, 2, 3, etc.); _____ X \$6.00 = Cost _____
 Hot Sausage # of Pounds (1, 2, 3, etc.); _____ X \$6.00 = Cost _____
 Cash/Check Number: _____ Total Pounds: _____ Total Cost: _____

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: February 8, 2026

Weekly Offorty Collection	\$ 12,225.28
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+\$ 3,225.28
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

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 All prayer requests are confidential.



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