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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.

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MASS SCHEDULE**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 – ST. POLYCARP, BISHOP/MARTYR**

9:00 a.m. Paul Lancia by Bill & Mary Shaffer

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24 – LENTEN WEEKDAY9:00 a.m. Victor & Mary Dolores Lynske
by M/M Bruce McPherson**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - LENTEN WEEKDAY9:00 a.m. Jack Krimm (Anniversary)
by Natalie & Jeff Hutchinson**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27 – ST. BREGORY OF NAREK, ABBOT/
DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28 – LENTEN WEEKDAY4:00 p.m. Joseph "Jack" Cannon
by Leanne Gasser Brannock**SUNDAY, MARCH 1 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**8:30 a.m. Jack Krimm by Mickey Wilgus
10:30 a.m. People of the Parish**ST. ZITA MINISTRY, FEBRUARY 23: Steve & Mary Strawser****PARISH NEWS**

ALL ARE INVITED to a **Lenten Presentation THIS THURSDAY, February 26th, 7:00 p.m.** in the church, given by our previous pastor, **Msgr. Frank Lane**. Refreshments will follow the presentation in Kulp Hall. **Due to this presentation, Stations and Vespers WILL BE AT 6:00 p.m.**

A SECOND LENTEN PRESENTATION 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 the presentation. All are invited.

FISH FRY!

The **28th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry, THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN**, will continue **THIS Friday, February 27th**, and run for the next 5 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!

BIBLE STUDY: This **Wednesday, February 25, 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.**

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.

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.

DAILY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 9:00 a.m. Join us for Lent!

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.

THURSDAYS, 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.

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!!!

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

Our FISH FRY is 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!!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

THE CHRISM MASS, March 31st at 3:30 p.m. – 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 8:45 p.m. 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.

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

February 28/March 1	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Ministers	Greeters/Ushers	Lectors
Saturday, February 28 4:00 p.m.	Lexi Tierney Jamie Wohrer	Christine Dietsch Marty Vamos		Barbara Fink
Sunday, March 1 8:30 a.m.	Josie Forster	Daniel Bosieh Rick Keesecker		Peg Kuhns
Sunday, March 1 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina Racanelli Leo Racanelli	James Duckro Darwin McVey		Michael Racannelli

RICE BOWL: 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 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: _____

CARPPOOL 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**.

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, at 614-443-8893** or dkurth@catholic-foundation.org.

OUR NEW FESTIVAL CHAIRMAN: We are happy to announce that **PAUL GOODBERLET** has accepted the role as our Parish Festival Chairman. Also we are so happy that our Festival will continue. The dates this year are **July 24 and 25**.

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 six-week session and will be based on the Book of Ephesians. To order your book, please go to: www.shop.walkingwithpurpose.com. More information is in the vestibule of church or email us at: wwpstmargaretofcortona@aol.com

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: February 23-March 1

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
WEDNESDAY	9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
	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	Eucharistic Adoration
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Vespers, Church
	7:00 p.m.	Presentation by Msgr. Frank Lane, Church
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	4:30 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

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: February 15, 2026

January Direct Deposit	\$ 6,375.00
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 5,595.02
Total for the week	\$ 11,970.02
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+\$ 2,970.02

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS is welcoming new members! The Christ Child Society of Columbus is a nonprofit organization of volunteer members dedicated to making a difference in the lives of children in Central Ohio. Volunteers donate their time through outreach programs such as providing layettes for newborns, clothing for infants, meals for lunch and aftercare programs, educational scholarships, support for foster care children and families, enhanced learning programs for school-age children and providing hygiene bags for high school students. Christ Child Society is a wonderful way to build a connection with faith-based women, while serving children and families in our community. Please join us! For membership information, contact **Amy Lebron, 614-306-3823** or visit our website, www.ChristChildSociety.org.

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