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	Parents should enroll in Protecting God's Children at virtus.org	

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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, MARCH 2 – LENTEN WEEKDAY**

9:00 a.m. Special Intention for the Homebound Ministry
by Jim & Sally Gildea

TUESDAY, MARCH 3 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Jessanna Delewese (Birthday) by Peg Kuhns

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4 – ST. CASIMIR

9:00 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, MARCH 5 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Leonard & Pearl Conley

FRIDAY, MARCH 6 – LENTEN WEEKDAY

9:00 a.m. Mary McPherson by M/M Bruce McPherson

SATURDAY, MARCH 7 – SAINTS PERPETUA AND FELICITY, MARTYRS

4:00 p.m. Rose Marie LoBiondo (Birthday)
by Paul Goodbertlet

SUNDAY, MARCH 8 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
10:30 a.m. Michael Hancock by Paul Goodbertlet

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, March 2: Seth Sabado, Maureen Hales

PARISH NEWS

YOUNG AT HEART: This Monday, March 2, our Young at Heart group will meet for lunch at Noon at York Steak House on W. Broad Street at I-270. Come and join us.

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 be served following the presentation. Due to this presentation, Stations and Vespers WILL BE AT 6:00 P.M. All are invited.

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.

ST. GABRIEL RADIO DEACON CORNHOLE CHALLENGE: MARCH 18TH-20TH. DCN. THOMAS ROWLANDS is stepping up to the boards, warming up, and giving it his best shot to support local Catholic radio, AM 820. You can give him a head start right now with an early online gift at StGabrielRadio.com. Every early donation means extra tosses for our deacon when the tournament kicks off March 18th, 19th, and 20th! Dcn. Thomas will be on the radio on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 5:15-6:00 p.m.

BIBLE STUDY: This Wednesday, March 4th, 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

GOOD FRIDAY, is a day 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 presentation on March 19, the Stations and Vespers will be AT 6:00 p.m.

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. Stations of the Cross, Evening prayer and Benediction will be at 6:00 p.m. on 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 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 is every Friday of Lent 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 9:00 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.

March 7-8	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, March 7 4:00 p.m.	Lila Johnson Nicholas Johnson	Donald Kelly Ermagene Kelly		Ken Hagy
Sunday, March 8 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd	Andrea Boyd Rose Tri		Joe Lombardi
Sunday, March 8 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina & Leo Racanelli	Theresa Bickerdt Jeffrey Metzger		Michael Ranavelli

FISH FRY! The 28th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry, THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN, will continue **THIS Friday, March 6th,** continue for the next 4 Fridays of Lent **thru 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), or Larrypish@columbus.rr.com. Please come and help make 2026 the best Fish Fry ever!**

YOUR CATHOLIC RETIREMENT: LIVING OUT YOUR FAITH IN PEACE, JOY, AND CHARITY: As you enter retirement, consider how your faith can guide this new chapter. Reflect on the time, talents, and resources God has entrusted to you – and how you might use these gifts to serve others through volunteering, mentoring, or charitable giving. *Your Catholic Retirement™* offers a unique opportunity to live out your calling in new ways, integrating Catholic teachings into your estate planning while continuing to support the faith you cherish.

One meaningful way to make a lasting impact is by supporting the **St. Margaret of Cortona Endowment Fund.** Your contributions, whether through cash gifts, appreciated stocks, a life insurance policy, or retirement distributions, will sustain St. Margaret of Cortona Parish well beyond the weekly offertory. Your generosity today will help ensure our parish's mission thrives for generations to come. *To designate a gift to the St. Margaret of Cortona Endowment Fund, please contact your financial advisor with:*

- Legal Name: The Catholic Foundation, 257 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215
- Tax ID: 31-1116640
- Fund Name: St. Margaret of Cortona Endowment Fund
- Fund ID: 320AGB

Please let Julie Barber know about your beneficiary designation gift so that you may be recognized in The Catholic Foundation's Kyrle Bequest Society. Julie can also be contacted with any questions at **614-443-8893 or jbarber@catholic-foundation.org.**

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 _____
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 Cash/Check Number: _____ Total Pounds: _____ Total Cost: _____

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: February 22, 2026	
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 11,055.53
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+\$ 2,055.53
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY	

CATHOLIC MAN OF THE YEAR: Donald Schlegel, a parishioner of ours here at St. Margaret of Cortona, is nominated for the **Columbus Diocese Catholic Man of the Year.** This is quite an honor for Don and recognizes his many hours of work here in the diocese with the Catholic Record Society and his writing of the book: *Illustrated History of the Diocese of Columbus.* He has also been active here in our parish in many different ways over the many years that he and Loretta have been members. He and the other nominees for this award will be honored at a banquet with **our Bishop on Friday, March 6, St. Patrick Church** in downtown Columbus. There will be a Mass there at 11:45 a.m., followed by a luncheon. The cost for the lunch is **\$12.00.** All are invited to attend as we honor Don.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: March 2-8

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	12:00 p.m.	Young at Heart Lunch, York Steak House
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	6:30 p.m.	Parish Council, Kulp Hall
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
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	Exposition of Eucharist
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Vespers, 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

SCHOOL NEWS

SUPPORT BISHOP READY and enter for a chance to win one of three top prizes! This annual raffle helps fund our mission of academic excellence, spiritual formation, and community service in the Catholic tradition.

How It Works: Purchase tickets online or through the main office for \$25.00 per ticket.

The raffle is a 50/50 split: Bishop Ready receives 50% of profits, and 3 tickets will be drawn to share the remaining 50%.

Deadline to purchase: Thursday, March 12, 11:59 p.m. Winners notified Friday, March 13. For questions, contact **jhohenberger@cducation.org.**

Purchase tickets at: <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/readyrallyraffle2026/> Thank you for supporting our Silver Knights! Good luck to those participating!

AROUND US

CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY OF COLUMBUS is welcoming new members! The Christ Child Society of Columbus is a non-profit 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 after-care 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 at 614-306-3823** or visit our website, www.ChristChildSociety.org.

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All prayer requests are confidential.



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