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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 9 – ST. FRANCES OF ROME	
9:00 a.m.	Ralph DeMatteo (Anniversary) by Chris DeMatteo
TUESDAY, MARCH 10 – LENTEN WEEKDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Bill & Gennoah Hammond
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11 – LENTEN WEEKDAY	
9:00 a.m.	NO MASS
THURSDAY, MARCH 12 – LENTEN WEEKDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Louise Kendall
FRIDAY, MARCH 13 – LENTEN WEEKDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Barbara Evans by the Family
SATURDAY, MARCH 14 – LENTEN WEEKDAY	
4:00 p.m.	David Hernandez by Elaine Prochak
SUNDAY, MARCH 15 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT	
8:30 a.m.	People of the Parish
10:30 a.m.	Jessanna Delewese by Christine Dietsch

ST. ZITA MINISTRY: March 9: Jim & Julie Bertolino, Terry & Karen Burns

PARISH NEWS:

WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN: Walking With Purpose Bible Study for Women will begin our winter/spring session **THIS Tuesday, March 10 in Kulp Hall, 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.

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.**

ST. PAUL'S JOURNEYS PRESENTATION: Fr. Jeff will talk on the missionary journeys of St. Paul along with his slides of the places where Paul Visited. St. Paul is our great evangelizer, and a model for all of us – especially during this Lenten season. **This will be on Thursday, March 19th, 7:00 p.m. in the church. Refreshments will follow. All are invited.**

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! Deacon Thomas will be on the radio on Wednesday, March 18, 2026 from 5:15-6:00 p.m.**

FISH FRY! The 28th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry, THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN, will continue **THIS Friday, March 13th,** and continue for the next three 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 two adults and all children.** To volunteer, **RSVP to: Larry Pishitelli, 614-214-8568 (text) or e-mail, Larrypish@columbus.rr.com.** Please come and help make 2026 the best Fish Fry ever!

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.

DAILY MASSES: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & 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, Stations and Vespers will be AT 6:00 p.m.** on that evening.

THURSDAYS, March 12 and 26, the Stations of the Cross will begin 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.**

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 until **March 27th, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall. Plan to come and join us!!**

March 14-15	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, March 14 4:00 p.m.	Elizabeth & Emma Gerken	Corinne Brewster Michael Brewster		Pat Fehribach
Sunday, March 15 8:30 a.m.		Bryan Adkins Louise Retzlaff	Mark Nolan	Pat Fehribach
Sunday, March 15 10:30 a.m.	Sara Banyots Josie Forster	Pam Cribbs Jo Marie Wilson		Christine Santiago

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

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

THE CHRISM MASS, March 31st: 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. & 10:30 a.m. **ONLY.**

HAVE A GREAT AND UPLIFTING LENT!!

BIBLE STUDY: This Wednesday, March 11, 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.**

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 & 25.**

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To Feed the Hungry
- To Give Drink to the Thirsty
- To Clothe the Naked
- To Shelter the Homeless
- To Care for the Sick
- To Visit the Imprisoned
- To Bury the Dead

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY

- To Convert Sinners
- To Instruct the Ignorant
- To Advise the Doubtful
- To Comfort the Sorrowful
- To Bear Wrongs Patiently
- To Forgive Injuries
- To Pray for the Living and Dead

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 9-15

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
	6:30 p.m.	St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Borrelli Center
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Walking With Purpose, Kulp Hall
	6:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Rosary, Church
	7:00 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Meeting, Borrelli Center Lower Level
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
	9:30-11:00 a.m.	Exposition of the Eucharist (ENDS TODAY AT 11:00 a.m.)
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross/Vespers
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	4:30-7:30 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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION ON THURSDAY, MARCH 12TH WILL END AT 11:00 a.m.

MEN'S CLUB FESTIVAL SAUSAGE SALE

The Men's Club will be taking orders for Homemade Italian Festival Sausage during the 2026 Lenten Season. Pickup dates are **May 16th & 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 (614-397-8575) or Paul Goodberlet (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: _____

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: March 1, 2026

E-Catholic February	\$ 4,360.00
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 8,283.96
Total	\$ 12,643.96
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+ \$ 3,643.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

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!

JOIN US FOR CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY'S

ANNUAL DAY OF REFLECTION: "Faith in Action" with Fr. Michael Hartge, Emily Jaminet and Molly Fanning, **April 15, 2026, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00pm, 10:00 a.m. Mass**, followed by Speaker Presentations, lunch, table discussions and sharing. Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559 Roxbury Road, Columbus, OH 43212. Registration at christchildsociety.org, \$25.00 per person.

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All prayer requests are confidential.



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