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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 16 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
 9:00 a.m. Les Hammond

TUESDAY, MARCH 17 – ST. PATRICK, BISHOP
 9:00 a.m. Ron & Michael Vogel by Becky Saggio

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18 – ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM,
 BISHOP/DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**
 9:00 a.m. NO MASS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19 – ST. JOSEPH,
 SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**
 9:00 a.m. Audrey & Donald Mertz by Bill & Mary Shaffer

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
 9:00 a.m. Vevrant Howard Griffith

SATURDAY, MARCH 21 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
 4:00 p.m. John & Marie Fink by Barbara Fink

SUNDAY, MARCH 22 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Larry Butts by Maria Elliott

ST. ZITA MINISTRY, March 16: Sandy & Mike Wilcox

PARISH NEWS:

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PANCAKE BREAKFAST
 The St. Margaret, Knights of Columbus will host the Pancake Breakfast THIS Sunday, MARCH 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.

LENTEN PARISH COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
 THIS 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.

A SECOND LENTEN PRESENTATION will be given by Fr. Jeff this Thursday, 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.**

PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST of Ralph Parsons, father of parishioner Julie (Harold) Walker. Mr. Parsons died last week. Our prayers and sympathy are with his family at this time of sorrow.

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.

THE SVDP SOCIETY will be making sandwiches for **St. Lawrence Haven THIS Sunday, MARCH 15, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass in Kulp Hall.** Many hands make light work. Also, we will be collecting used plastic bags after all the Masses. They are used to package the bagged lunches for the homeless. Thank you for your continued support.

FISH FRY!
 The 28th Annual St. Margaret of Cortona Lenten Fish Fry, **THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN**, will continue **THIS Friday, March 20th. ONLY 2 (TWO) REMAINING, through March 27th, 2026.** We still need 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 at 614-214-8568 (text) or email at Larrypish@columbus.rr.com.** Please come and help make 2026 the best Fish Fry ever!

WALKING WITH PURPOSE BIBLE STUDY FOR WOMEN
 Walking With Purpose Bible Study for Women will continue our winter/spring session on **Tuesday, March 17 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. More information is in the vestibule of church or email us at: wwpstmargaretofcortona@aol.com.

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

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 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: _____

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 _____

March 21-22	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, March 21 4:00 p.m.	Lexi Tierney Jamie Wohrer	James Duckro Peg Kuhns		Patricia Fehribach
Sunday, March 22 8:30 a.m.		Anita Mitchell Jeffrey Wobser	Mark Nolans	Joseph Lombardi
Sunday, March 22 10:30 a.m.	Morgan Kuno Joseph Michael	Theresa Bickerdt Darwin McVey		Brian Brown

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: 16-22

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	Communal Penance Service, Church
	7:00 p.m.	Baptism Preparation Class, Parish Office
TUESDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	10:00 a.m.	Walking with Purpose, Kulp Hall
	6:00 p.m.	Walking With Purpose, Kulp Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Men's Club Meeting, 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
	6:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross, Church
	7:00 p.m.	Presentation by Fr. Jeff, Church (refreshments to follow)
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass
	8:30 a.m.	Mass
SUNDAY	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass

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 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. on that evening.

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

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.

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 at 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.**

HAVE A GREAT AND UPLIFTING LENT!!

MANDATORY PRACTICE FOR SERVERS FOR HOLY WEEK
 There is mandatory practice for Holy Week Altar Servers. All training will be in the church. Those scheduled for Holy Thursday will meet for training Wednesday (April 1st) at 6:30 p.m. Those scheduled for Good Friday will meet Friday (April 3rd) at 10:00 a.m. Those scheduled for Holy Saturday will meet Saturday (April 4th) at 9:30 a.m. Any questions? Contact Bruce Murray at bmurra4@gmail.com or 614-546-6942. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY
 This Wednesday, March 18, 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.

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: March 8, 2026

February Direct Deposit	\$ 7,175.00
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 6,485.65
Total for the week	\$ 13,660.65
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	+\$ 4,660.65

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