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

Knights of Columbus, Council 12939:	Mike Racanelli	614-332-0795
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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 23 – ST. TURBIUS OF MOGROVEJO, BISHOP
 9:00 a.m. Yola Lancia by Bill & Mary Shaffer

TUESDAY, MARCH 24 – ST. OSCAR ROMERO, BISHOP/MARTYR
 9:00 a.m. Alex Guggenbiller (Birthday)
 by the Guggenbiller Family

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25 – THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD
 9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

THURSDAY, MARCH 26 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
 9:00 a.m. Michael Barrett (Birthday) by Bill Barrett

FRIDAY, MARCH 27 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
 9:00 a.m. **NO MASS**

SATURDAY, MARCH 28 – LENTEN WEEKDAY
 4:00 p.m. Thomas C. Brannock by the Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 29 –
PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD
 8:30 a.m. People of the Parish
 10:30 a.m. Jessanna Delewese by Dennis Lee

ST. ZITA MINISTRY – MARCH 30: Carla Guggenbiller, Rhonda Schell, Mary Jones

PARISH NEWS

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.

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.

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, bmurra4@gmail.com or 614-546-6942.** Thank you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 5TH SUNDAY COLLECTION, after all Masses NEXT weekend March 28-29, to benefit the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society conference. Our busy conference provides neighbors in the 43204 ZIP code with a range of assistance, including help with utility bills, rent (funds permitting), furniture, clothing, household items, and more. We greatly appreciate your generosity. Checks should be made out to **the St. Vincent de Paul Society.**

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY sends along its heartfelt thanks to the following people who helped make sandwiches last Sunday for our monthly donation to the **Holy Family Soup Kitchen:** Julie Carr, Rosie Crago, Angelo Dallas, Sharon Glassner, Sandy & Andy Siers, Mary & Dale Smith, and Linda Stern. Your help is much appreciated!



ST. MARGARET OF CORTONA ANNOUNCES NEW PAROCHIAL VICAR/PASTOR.

As announced this past weekend at Mass, **Fr. Frank Brown** has received a new assignment to **St. Margaret of Cortona Parish**, which will begin on **Tuesday, July 14th**. He will be our Parochial Vicar until **November 30**. He will become Pastor on December 1st. He is a graduate of St. Francis DeSales, Ohio University, and the Pontifical College Josephinum. Fr. Brown was ordained in 2020 and has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Brendan, St. Peter (Chillicothe), St. Mary (Waverly), and St. Catharine of Siena. His hobbies include: hunting, wrestling, Brazilian jiu-jitsu, and bocce ball. **Congratulations, Fr. Brown, on your new assignment! St. Margaret Parish WELCOMES YOU!!!**

THE LAST FISH FRY! THIS FRIDAY, MARCH 27th IS THE LAST CHANCE to attend THE BEST FISH FRY IN TOWN! We NEED YOU!!! We still need volunteers for this last night, serving and clean-up. 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). Please come and help make 2026 the best Fish Fry ever!

2026 MOTHER’S DAY FLOWER SALE: Help make the church grounds beautiful by ordering your Mother’s Day flowers from **St. Margaret’s Back to the Garden Ministry.** All profits from the sale will be used for flowers and landscaping supplies for the church. Just fill out the order form, place it and a check (or cash) in an envelope marked **“Flower Sale.”** Place your order in the collection basket no later than **April 19th** or take to the Parish Office on **Monday, April 20th.** Pick up your flowers after all Masses on **Saturday, May 9th** or **Sunday, May 10th.** Thank you for your order!

LENTEN SCHEDULE 2026

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.

THURSDAY, March 26, the Stations of the Cross will be 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.**

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 FINAL FISH FRY – THIS FRIDAY, March 27th, 4:30-7:30 p.m. in Kulp Hall. Plan to come and join us!!

March 28-29	Altar Servers	Extraordinary Minister	Greeter/Usher	Lectors
Saturday, March 28 4:00 p.m.	Lila Johnson Nicholas Johnson	Christine Dietsch Tim Nelson		Ken Hagy
Sunday, March 29 8:30 a.m.	Siena Boyd	Daniel Bosieh Andrea Boyd	Mark Nolan	Christine Santiago
Sunday, March 29 10:30 a.m.	Chiarina Racanelli Leo Racanelli	Jeffrey Metzger Michael Racanelli		Gabriella Racanelli

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.**

THE ST. MARGARET PSR PROGRAM is looking for a new **2nd Grade Catechist** for the 2026-2027 school year (and hopefully beyond). The primary focus of the 2nd Grade PSR curriculum is to prepare the students for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. PSR classes are held Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:15 a.m. from September through April. For more information, please contact **Mike Brewster at 614-705-9182.**

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION: Classes are filling up at St. Margaret Preschool with one class moving to a waitlist. Don't delay! If your child will be age 3-5 in the fall, consider visiting our website to learn more about a nurturing, Catholic education at St. Margaret. To schedule a tour, email **Andrea Boyd** at aboyn@cdeducation.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. Pickup 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: _____

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Hot Sausage: # of Pounds (1, 2, 3 etc.) X \$6.00 = Cost _____

Cash/Check Number _____

Total Pounds _____ Total Cost _____

YOUR TITHE TO GOD: March 15, 2026

E-Catholic March	\$ 3,000.00
Weekly Offertory Collection	\$ 3,323.00
Total for the week	\$ 6,323.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED	\$ 9,000.00
DIFFERENCE FOR THIS WEEK	-\$ 2,677.00

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RETIRE WITH PURPOSE: LET YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH LEAD THE WAY:

As you look ahead to retirement, imagine a future built on more than financial security – one where you live your Catholic faith with greater purpose and joy. This new chapter invites you to share the gifts of time, talent, and treasure that God has generously given you. **Your Catholic Retirement™** provides Catholics with resources to plan for this life stage in accordance with Church teachings, while creating opportunities to leave your legacy and support the charities closest to your heart. One meaningful way to make a lasting impact is by supporting the St. Margaret of Cortona Endowment Fund. Whether through a cash donation, appreciated stocks, a life insurance policy, or a retirement distribution, your contribution will strengthen St. Margaret of Cortona Parish far beyond the weekly offertory. Your generosity will sustain our parish's mission for generations, positively impacting lives and faith journeys for years to come. It's never too soon to start a conversation. Contact **Julie Barber at 614-443-8893, ext. 1190** or jbarber@catholic-foundation.org to learn more about the resources available to help you start planning today!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS: March 23-29

MONDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	7:00 p.m.	O.C.I.A. Rectory Lower Level
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
THURSDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	9:30 a.m.	Confessions
	9:30 a.m.-12:00 Noon	Exposition of Eucharist
	6:30 p.m.	Women’s Club Meeting, Kulp Hall
	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross and Vespers, Church
FRIDAY	9:00 a.m.	Mass
	4:30 p.m.	Parish Fish Fry –
		LAST ONE OF THE SEASON
SATURDAY	3:00 p.m.	Confessions
	4:00 p.m.	Mass, Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms
SUNDAY	8:30 a.m.	Mass, Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms
	9:00 a.m.	PSR/CSG, Borrelli Center
	10:30 a.m.	Mass, Palm Sunday, Distribution of Palms

AROUND US

SALT AND LIGHT 5K: The Salt & Light Campus Ministry at Ohio Dominican University is hosting its **3rd Annual Salt & Light 5K on April 18th, 10:00 a.m.** This event supports Salt & Light's mission to foster faith, service, and community among students through service projects, worship nights, and retreats, while also benefiting Asia's Hope, a nonprofit dedicated to providing care and education for at-risk children in Southeast Asia. We invite the ODU and greater Catholic community to join us in supporting students and a meaningful global cause.

VIRTUAL MINI-RETREAT FOR WOMEN DISCERNING RELIGIOUS LIFE:

Becoming Women of Peace: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow. The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single Catholic women, ages 18-45, to a prayerful mini-retreat on **Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 2:00-5:00 p.m. EST on Zoom.** During this free, online gathering, we will explore the witness of inspiring women of faith such as St. Mary Magdalene and St. Catherine of Siena – women who proclaimed hope, courage, and peace in challenging times. Together, we will reflect on how their example can guide us today as we seek to **be peace, build peace, and preach peace** in our own lives and communities. *There is no cost to attend, but registration is required by April 20.* For more information, visit: oppeace.org/become-a-sister or contact **Sr. June Fitzgerald, OP,** (june.fitzgerald@oppeace.org) or call/text 570-336-3991.

ST. MARGARET PRAYER CHAIN

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All prayer requests are confidential.



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