

Total Offertory Collection

\$6,311.05

PARISH NEWS:

(PLACE DECAL) PRAY FOR THE ETERNAL REST of Ruth Oddi, a longtime member of St. Margaret Church of Cortona and Sophie Yavorsky, mother or parishioner, Winnie Guthikonda. Our prayers and sympathy are with her family at this time of sorrow.

BANS OF MATRIMONY are announced for Jack Rafferty and Kate Rowlands. They will be married at St. Margaret on Saturday, January 17th. May the Lord bless them with much happiness.

REGISTRATION for Families NEW to TRINITY PRESCHOOL 2009-2010

Preschool begins September 8, 2009 and ends May 28, 2010

Certified teacher, Mrs. Linda Broderick, with 23 years experience in Catholic Education

Ages 3-5 (August 30th is the cut off date for age 3; Child must be toilet trained;

Tuition:

Age 3: Classes on Tuesday and Thursday Morning
9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (8:30 drop off availability)
Cost \$1100.00/year

Age 4: Classes Monday, Wednesday, and Friday Morning

9:00 to 11:30 a.m. (8:30 drop off availability)
\$1300.00/year

Age 4 & 5: Classes Monday through Friday Afternoon
12:30 to 3:00 p.m.
\$1500.00/year

Yearly tuition is made in ten monthly installments and begins August 1st, 2009
Registration and Open House in the Borrelli Parish Center January 25 and February 1, 2009 from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

For registration, please bring:

1. Birth Certificate with original seal
2. Immunization record
3. Social Security Card
4. Baptismal certificate if not baptized at Saint Margaret
5. \$120.00 non-refundable deposit, which is *separate* from the tuition payments.

QUESTIONS: Mrs. Linda Broderick, Director (614) 274-1922

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2009: Parents of 7th & 8th grade students preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation should plan to attend an informational meeting **Sunday, January 25, 2009** in Kulp Hall. The meeting will begin at **8:35 a.m.** If you have any questions please call Ruth Ann Wolansky at 921-0577.

HELP MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Imagine you're a 15-year-old girl. You've just learned you're pregnant and your family and boyfriend want nothing to do with you. For the first time in your life you realize you are all alone. What do you do? This is a sad reality for many pregnant teens across Columbus. The good news is Birthright of Columbus and the Women's Care Center are two organizations that offer various forms of assistance, including a 24-hour hotline. But they need financial assistance. You can help. As we approach the 36th anniversary of Roe vs. Wade on **January 22nd**, the need to help these local teens and women throughout their pregnancies and beyond continues. There will be a special collection basket at all masses on **January 17th and 18th** at the front entrance of the church. The money collected will be split 50/50 to these two organizations on behalf of St. Margaret's parish. Whatever you can afford will help tremendously.

SILENT AUCTION: Our parish Festival 2009 is need of volunteers to help out with the silent auction. Please contact Joe Castorano at 614-279-1690, ext. 226.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS INTERNATIONAL FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP: Since 1972, councils have sponsored the Knights of Columbus International Free Throw Championship for boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14. The championship is set up to have the contestants compete within their own gender and age group. Joining us will be Mr. David

Spiller who spent five seasons as an assistant coach at Ohio State and helped guide the Buckeyes to the Final Four in 1999. He is currently the boy's head coach at Berne Union High School and has agreed to share his experience with the kids. Please consider joining us on **January 24th** at St. Cecelia's gymnasium. The event is sponsored by the St. Margaret of Cortona Knights of Columbus, Council 12939 and begins at 10 AM. For additional information, contact Paul Landry at 777-7631.

BINGO WORKERS:

SUNDAY, January 18th

Captain: Mike D'Ippolito, Mary Harmer, Ann Smith, Al Bellisari, Rosalia Crago, Geno D'Ippolito, Stephanie Douth, Kristine Pesta, Laura O'Toole, Carol Powers, Joseph Dickerson, Catherine Martin, Phil Volpe, Renee Nzeogu

THURSDAY, January 22nd

Kim Gajda, Matt Holewinski, Kevin Inks, David Metzler, Larry Pishitelli, Tom Smith, Dave Chapman, Marjorie Bryan, Carmen Helsel

AROUND US

DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST, Jesus calls us, His disciples, to continue His mission on earth to bring the Gospel to all peoples and nations. Through our prayers, sacrifices and donations we join with the missionaries who give their lives to mission work so that others might come to know Christ and live the life of faith as we do. The weekend of January 17 and 18, is the Society for the Propagation of the Faith Membership Drive. Through the Society we support the mission of Jesus throughout the world. Our support enables the Church in the mission fields to continue and increase its healing and saving work among the poorest of our sisters and brothers. Our donations enable those who have yet to hear the Good News to experience God's love and salvation. In more than 1,150 mission dioceses worldwide, priests, religious brothers and sisters, and lay catechists rely on the prayers and financial assistance from the society. They count on this support as they help young people who are searching for the meaning of life, as they help refugees in their spiritual and material needs, as they minister to the sick in hospitals, as they teach children in schools, as they prepare adults for Baptism, or as they help those who suffer because of war and natural disasters. During the Membership Sunday weekend, please pray for missionaries everywhere, especially the twenty men and women from our diocese, who are sharing Christ's Gospel message. I am most grateful for your continuing generosity and support of the most important task of the Church - evangelization. Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Frederick F. Campbell, D.D., Ph.D. Bishop of Columbus

FAMILY PLANNING WORKSHOP AT ST. CECILIA PARISH: A diocesan NFP workshop will begin **Tuesday evening, January 20, 7-9 P.M.**, at St. Cecilia Parish, 434 Norton Rd., Columbus. The five-session workshop, offered through the Marriage and Family Life Office, will continue on **February 3 and 17, March 24, and April 21**. Cost is \$60 per couple and includes all instructional materials; financial assistance is available. For more information or to register for the workshop, contact the Marriage and Family Life Office at (614)241-2560 or FLOMailbox@colsdio.org.

REMARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP TO PARISH CLERGY AND MARRIAGE PREPARATION MINISTERS:

Offered by the Marriage and Family Life Office, please consider suggesting this workshop to eligible couples, where one or both have been married previously. It will be held **Tuesday evenings at The Catholic Center**, 197 E. Gay Street, from **7 - 9 p.m.** Dates are **January, 13, 20, and 27, 2009**. Cost is \$50. For additional information or couples to register, call (614) 241-2560 or e-mail: flomailbox@colsdio.org

DIVORCE WORKSHOP: The next eight-week workshop will be held **Thursday evenings**, from **7-9 p.m.**, for the following dates: **January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 19, 26, March 5, March 12, 2009**, at the Catholic Center, 197 E. Gay St., Columbus. The fee is \$40 and scholarships are available. For additional information call the Marriage and Family Life Office at 614/241-2560 or go to www.familylife.colsdio.org and click on the **Hurting Families** link, to print a brochure and registration form.

RESPECT LIFE NEWS: The U.S. Bishops strongly opposes pending proposed legislation known as the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA). This bill has the intent of removing all restraints and regulations on abortion. Your expression of opposition to this proposed bill is one means to be a voice for the voiceless. Postcard strips for this purpose are/will be in the Vestibule. Also if you can, contact Senators Voinovich and Brown as well as your congressional representative to urge them to oppose FOCA
 Sen. George V. Voinovich, 524 Hart Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-3353 & Sen. Sherrod Brown, 455 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, DC 20510, 202-224-2315. You may also visit www.usccb.org/profile for more information. Pick up a summary fact sheet online at www.nchla.org/docdisp;ay.asp?ID=194 or pick up a careful analysis from the USCCB's Office of General Counsel at www.nchla.org/docdisplay.asp?ID=190.

MARCH FOR LIFE: Thursday, January 22nd. The event will begin with a **10:30 a.m. Mass** celebrated by Bishop Frederick F. Campbell at St. Joseph Cathedral downtown, followed by a walk to the Statehouse.

MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATION MASS: The Community of Holy Rosary & St. John the Evangelist Church is hosting the Mass on **Monday, January 19, 2009** beginning at **noon** at Holy Rosary/St. John Church, 660 South Ohio Avenue, Columbus. A Celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Life and Legacy with: Pastor and Praise & Worship. Artist: Pastor Sylvia Benson of Key to the Kingdom Ministries. Annual Parish Art Show
 Call (614) 252-5926, ext. 226 for more info.

SCHOOLS:

TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL is hosting its Building a Legacy of Learning (BALL) fundraiser on **Saturday, January 31st**. If you have any goods or services you would like to donate to the BALL for the silent or live auction, please contact Nancy Whitt at 579-4175.

ST. CHARLES SCHOLARSHIP TEST SATURDAY, JANUARY 31; TWO TEST TIMES; St. Charles Preparatory School will offer its annual scholarship test to prospective students at **9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 31st**. The test results are used to determine who will receive academically-based scholarships and grants offered by the school to its students in the 2009-2010 school year. For the 2008-2009 school year alone, St. Charles is providing nearly \$1 million in academic and financial aid to its students. The test is open to all eighth grade boys who are currently enrolled at any of the public, parochial, and private elementary or middle schools in Franklin or the other surrounding counties that comprise Central Ohio. Anyone interested in sitting for The St. Charles scholarship test must **register by calling Laurie Berndt in the school office at 614-252-6714 between 8:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.**

ST. CHARLES PREPARATORY SCHOOL: Nicholas Latorre, Gregory Lindsey and Alexander Wickham have received Merit Roll Honors. They have achieved a grade point average between 3.00 and 3.49.

WIN A \$5,000 TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO ANY SCHOOL!!! That's right, the \$5,000 scholarship will be paid directly to ANY school - preschool, elementary school, high school or college - towards a designated tuition bill for the 2009-2010 school year or it may be deposited directly into a 529 account. This includes out-of-state schools too! Tickets only cost \$20 each and may be purchased at the school or parish office by calling 445-9668 or online at www.stmarygv.com. Only 500 tickets will be sold. Get them while they last! The winning ticket will be pulled at St. Mary's 4th Annual Gala and Silent Auction on **January 24, 2009!** You do not need to be present to win. Help us sell tickets and you could win \$100 if you sell the winning ticket!

ST. MARGARET PRAYER LINE

Are you or someone you know in need of prayers? Call 878-6395 .
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