

# SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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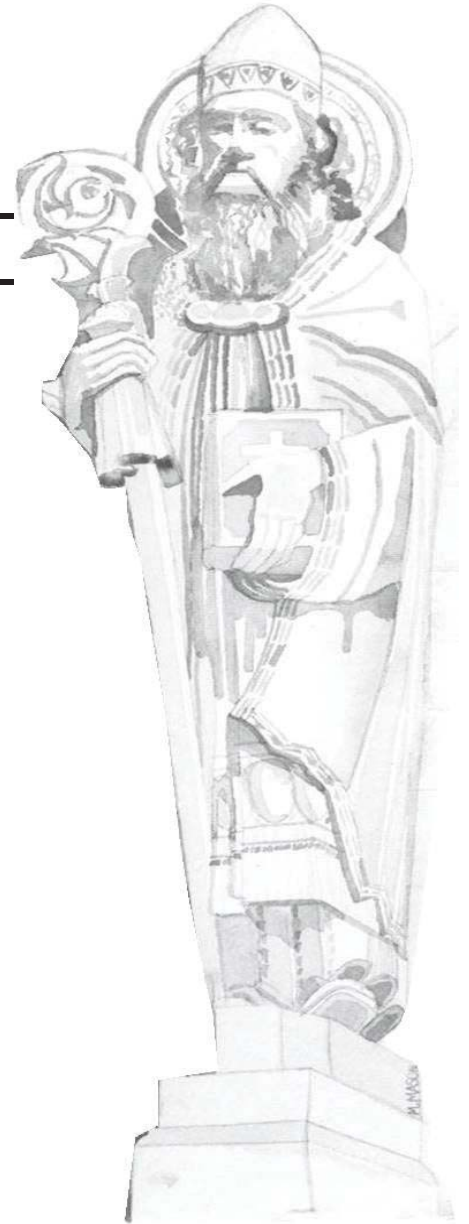
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THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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## *ST. COLMAN MISSION STATEMENT*

*We, the parish community of St. Colman, actively seek to proclaim the glory of God through worship, the Eucharist, and service to others. Through this community of faith, we endeavor to spread the Word and the Good News of Jesus Christ. We unite with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and are guided by Jesus Christ Our Lord and Savior.*

### MASSES

Weekdays		8:30 am
Sundays	(Vigil)	6:00 pm
		8:00 am
		10:00 am
		12:00 pm
		5:30 pm

**Confessions** Saturday 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

**Baptisms** Call Rectory for registration and parent program.

**CCD Religion Classes** Tuesday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

**Weddings** Call Rectory for arrangements.

**Bulletin Deadline** 2 weeks in advance of publication

*No matter what your present or past status in the Catholic Church. No matter what your current family or marital situation. No matter what your past or present religious affiliation. No matter what your personal history, age background, race or color. You are invited, welcomed, accepted and loved at St. Colman Catholic Church.*

## Pastor's Notes

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### **CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

*The story of Christmas is a story of love - a simply, fundamental love, uncluttered by details - the love of God who became one of us. It is the story of a God who wished to share our humanity so that we could share His divinity. It is the story of a God who came to earth to be a light in the darkness that so often blinds our humanity. This is the reason for our joy, our hope, in this beautiful season. It is also the motivation for us to become beams of light to the dark corners of our world. May the peace and joy of this holy season fill your lives now and for the coming year.*

**Best Wishes from Fr. Jim, Fr. Jack and Deacon Herb**

### **INVALID MARRIAGES: CAN WE DO SOMETHING?**

*A common question that we receive concerns sacramental status and sponsor eligibility in the cases of individuals who are presently involved in an invalid marriage. All Catholics are required to follow Catholic Church Law in their decision to marry. If individuals chose to marry outside the Catholic Church or without proper permission of the Catholic Church, the marriage is not recognized by the Catholic Church and automatically denies an individual from the reception of the sacraments and the spiritual privilege of serving as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. However, individuals still remain members of the faith community. Invalid marriages seem to be quite common and surface often when dealing with families, eg. The Baptism of a child. We invite those in such marital situations to contact a priest and determine how the marriage may be validated. Oftentimes there was no previous marriage and the process is simple. If a former marriage is involved, the case requires more attention. If you have family members, friends or neighbors who might not see this information, please share this article with them. It can be a form of evangelization, sharing the Good News with someone who might just need a simple invitation.*



Bishop William Waltersheid will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for eighth grade students from St. Colman and St. Maurice Parishes on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7 pm here at St. Colman Church. Any parishioners who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation and wish to participate in the ceremony, please contact the parish office at 412-823-2564. Confirmation is a pre-requisite for marriage in the Catholic Church.



### **GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER**

**December 18th**

**Regular Collection.....**

**Monthly Collection.....**

**Parish Share.....**

**The above figures are not available at this time due to the holidays. Watch for them in next weeks bulletin.**

**DIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE**

**1-888-808-1235**

**DIOCESAN DATABASE & REGULATIONS FOR ALL MINISTRIES:**

All ministers including catechists, staff, choir, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc. are required by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to be cleared in the following ways: 1) Be registered on the Diocesan Database. 2) Sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct. 3) Be cleared by the Dept. of Public Welfare for Child Abuse. 4) Be cleared by the State Police Criminal Record Check. 5) Attend Protecting God's Children for Adults Workshop. If you have not completed the above or have questions, and are presently involved in any ministry in the parish, please call Mike Krygowski@412-824-7226 or email at St\_Colman\_Parish\_Poc@yahoo.com. Forms are available in the Parish Office. All costs are covered by the parish.

### **FROM THE OFFICE OF THE BISHOP**

*You may have seen in media reports that Father Bartley S. Sorensen was removed from active ministry and placed on administrative leave as a result of an allegation that he viewed child pornography on a computer. He was also arrested by civil authorities. In accord with the **Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People** of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and our own diocesan policies, we are making sure that you are aware of this information. We recognize that you may have concerns about this, since Father previously served in your parish. Although there were no prior accusations against Father Sorensen, if there is anything that you feel the need to report concerning Father Sorensen's time in your parish, please call the diocesan Victim's Assistance Hotline at 1-888-808-1035 and/or the civil authorities' Child Abuse Hotline number at 1-800-932-0313.*

### **A CHRISTMAS PRAYER**

*God of all gifts, we thank you for the many ways you have blessed us this day. We ask you to bless us and those we love who are not with us today. In our gratitude and love, we remember your humble birth into our lives and pray for those who are without enough. We remember the stable in which you were born and pray for those who have no place to live. We remember your message of caring and giving and we pray for peace in families and nations throughout the world. We thank you for your gift of the Holy Spirit who brings our hearts to life this Christmas Day and forever. Amen*

**FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:**

**St. Colman Grief Sharing Group:** Every third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm in the school Cafeteria.

**LRSS** - Every Tuesday beginning January 10th for 12 weeks.

**ST. COLMAN GRIEF SHARING GROUP**

*St. Colman Grief Sharing Group will meet every third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm in the school cafeteria. Anyone grieving from the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. Your loss can be recent or from years past. Please join us for a comforting environment to share your grief or to just be with those who care. Any questions may be addressed by contacting Don Cwynar at [bsco105@aol.com](mailto:bsco105@aol.com) or call 412-829-1889.*

**BAPTISM CLASS AND DATES OF CELEBRATION**

The next Baptism classes are scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd and Saturday, June 2nd at **11:00am** in the school. **Please note these dates** if you anticipate a baptism in the next few months. The class is required prior to the celebration (**along with membership in the parish**). The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on January 1st, January 29th and February 12th.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS  
LIFELINE OF HOPE**

For information and discussion please contact the Parish Advocates for Persons with Disabilities, Bill & Eileen Ketter by email at [Ketter.Eileen@yahoo.com](mailto:Ketter.Eileen@yahoo.com) or phone @412-825-6051 or the rectory office @412-823-2564.

**FOOD BANK:** *There is a container in the vestibule of the church near the rectory office for the collection of Food Bank items. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any time. Please consider helping your neighbors in need.*

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

Saint Colman Parish Religious Education Program began in September for grades K-8. Please Note: It is a Diocesan Policy for all students to receive a **minimum of 2 full years** of education before the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grades 1 and 2) and **8 full years** before Confirmation. If your child does not attend a Catholic School, make sure they are registered. If you are a member of another parish, permission of your pastor is required to attend St. Colman. Registration is still taking place. If you need to register your child/children please call the rectory office at 412-823-2564.

**Home with the Lord:** In the spirit of Christian Charity your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Ermalinda Degler, Dorothy Lauterbaugh and Marilyn Hopbell. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE****by: Bud Ozar**

This Christmas remember your tasks as a parent is the same as Mary's: We must not let our doubts, fears and unfulfilled expectations get in the way of our loving ACCEPTANCE of our children.

**RETRouvaille - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE**

*This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. Call today to start the healing process with a weekend beginning on January 13, 2012. Or contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 for confidential information or e-mail [3041@retrouvaille.org](mailto:3041@retrouvaille.org). More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).*

**LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY**-Our Parish will continue exploring and studying the Bible using the Little Rock Scripture Study (LRSS) series. This winter we will study the Gospel according to Luke a 12-week study beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Marked by the compassion of Jesus the gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Luke's focus on faithfulness will encourage you to trust. The study includes personal study, group sharing, and a video lecture. We meet at 6:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria. Study book set for this session is \$14 and payable upon registration at the rectory or by calling Sue Buchholz 412-824-5163. Registration is required. Refreshments served.

**INVITE A FRIEND TO MASS**

*This has been proven to be a most effective tool of evangelization - spreading the Good News. All of us need a nudge, a reminder, a sign of caring to help us be what we want to be. So, gently, warmly invite someone you know to join you either for the daily Mass or certainly to one of our Sunday Masses. Perhaps you will be the grace that brings someone back to the Lord.*

**Three ways God Answers Prayers**

1. *Yes, I think your request can be arranged.*
2. *No, I have something better in mind for you. Your request would only make things worse.*
3. *Wait awhile. Some things take time and patience. Accept the promise that all things work together for good with those who love Me. Check Romans 8:28*

Have a Blessed Christmas and  
Prosperous New Year





## **THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD**

### **Sunday ~ December 25th**

8:00 am ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish  
10:00 am ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish  
12:00 pm ~ NO MASS  
5:30 pm ~ NO MASS

### **Monday ~ St. Stephen ~ December 26th**

8:30 am ~ Francis & Mary Buchholz ~ Frank & Sue  
Buchholz

### **Tuesday ~ St. John, apostle ~ December 27th**

8:30 am ~ Anne Zupon ~ The Don Zupon Family

### **Wednesday ~ The Holy Innocents, martyrs ~ December 28th**

8:30 am ~ Irene Botti ~ son, Mark

### **Thursday ~ The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas ~ December 29th**

8:30 am ~ Leo Martinelli ~ Family

### **Friday ~ The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ December 30th**

8:30am ~ Harry Bell ~ Wife & Family  
**4:00 pm ~ Wedding: Ryan O'Rourke & Teresa Crys-  
ter**

### **Saturday ~ The seventh Day in the Octave of Christ- mas ~ December 31st**

6:00pm ~ James & Dorothy Trainor ~ Trainor & Bour  
Families

## **OCTAVE DAY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

### **Sunday ~ January 1, 2012**

8:00 am ~ Theresa Sabino ~ Family  
10:00 am ~ Jennifer Cwynar ~ Cheryl & Herb Riley  
12:00 pm ~ James L. DeMuzzio ~ Christine Dunmire &  
Family  
5:30 pm ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish



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**Saturday ~ December 31st**

6:00 pm ~ Bill Stanonik, Jim Bour Debbie Sargo, Barbara McCabe (1)

**Sunday ~ January 1st**

8:00 am ~ Mary Jo Meyer, Betty Lou Parello, Arlene Gross, Larry Canobbio

10:00 am ~ Linda Lorenz, Marci Mason, Marsha Fries, Alicia Cole

12:00 pm ~ Maureen Leonardo, Joyce Blotzer, Harry Bernacki, Janet Currie

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Deborah Logan



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**Saturday ~ December 31st**

6:00 pm ~ Barbara McCabe (2)

**Sunday ~ January 1st**

8:00 am ~ Jim Sciulli

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Pauline Schoffstall

5:30 pm ~ Charles Riley



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**Saturday ~ December 31st**

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

**Sunday ~ January 1st**

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Monica & Kevin Tinsley, Chloe Noah

12:00 pm ~ Alaina Fawcett, Stacie Knee

5:30 pm ~ Jacob Craig, Jordan Croll