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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

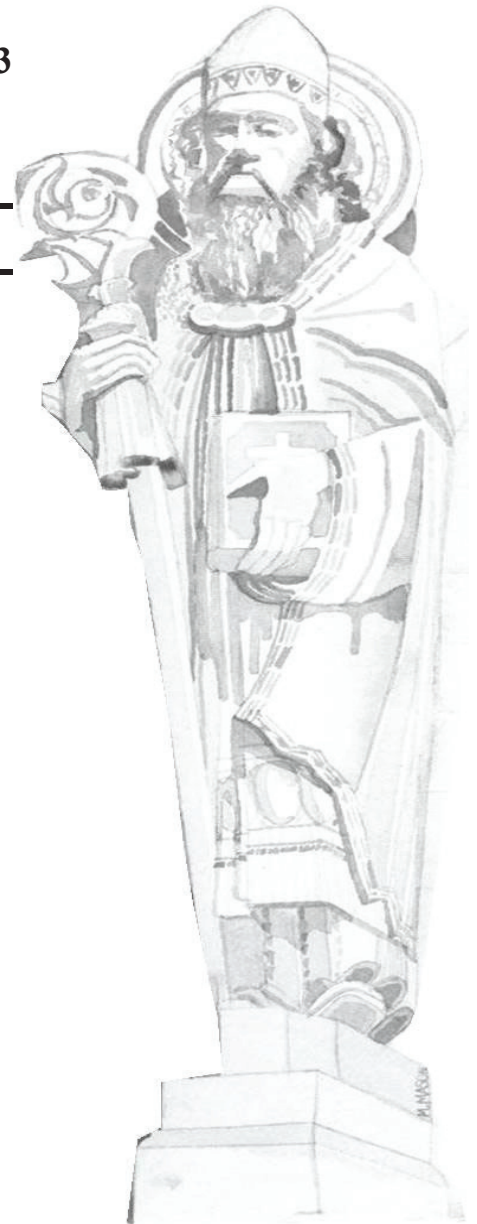
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

Bulletin Deadline 2 weeks in advance of publication

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 9am-4pm

If you are having a planned hospital procedure or stay and would like Anointing of the Sick beforehand, please contact Fr. Kunkel @ 412-823-2564.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who have wheat intolerance. Please let Father Jim or Deacon Herb know.



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.



THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

The birth of our Savior drew little attention the night it took place outside the city of Bethlehem. Had the shepherds nearby not been jolted by God's messenger and a chorus of angels, Jesus' birth might have gone totally unnoticed. Yet, here we gather over two thousand years later to praise a humble birth that turned out to shake the earth to its core. Here we gather to celebrate the great God-man event that would forever change the world. More than any other time of the year, there exists among most people a sense of joy, contentment and happiness at Christmas. Certainly the carols, the lights, the warm hearths and family gatherings reinforce this sense of love, harmony and tranquility among us. The challenge for us as followers of the Innocent One of God is to harness this sense of joy and love and let it permeate our hearts and souls throughout the entire year. The world cannot afford for us - as faithful stewards of the almighty God dwelling within us - to put it all back in the attic of our lives like we do with all the lights, ornaments and decorations of the season. We must be heralds of the Good News of our salvation in Jesus Christ to a world that is still dwelling too much in darkness. Let us bring the gift which is Jesus to all we meet.

Thoughts to reflect on and share: "Christmas Day is a day of great rejoicing and hope. Hope in the knowledge that if an infant, born to a teenage mother, and raised by a step-father in abject poverty, could rise above such conditions to become the savior of the world, then we can rejoice knowing truly that anything is possible through God for all of us." My family and I wish everyone the most Blessed, Hopeful and Peaceful Christmas." Deacon Herb **Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.**



Loving Father,

help us to remember the **birth of Jesus** that we may share in the **song of the angels**, the gladness of the shepherds, and the **worship of the wise men**. Close the door of hate and **open the door of love** all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the **blessing which Christ brings**, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be **Thy children**, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts. **forgiving and forgiven** for Jesus' sake.
Amen

Weekly offering	
Sunday, December 18th	
Offertory.....	\$5997.00
Monthly.....	\$364.00
Parish Share.....	\$935.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$9,705.00

DIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE 1-888-808-1235
DIOCESAN DATABASE & REGULATIONS FOR ALL MINISTRIES: Protecting God's Children - This is a session required by the Diocese for ALL Volunteer ministers and staff members of the Parish, including catechist, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, or any of the other 57 ministries in the parish. You **MUST** attend this session to complete your clearance process. Without this class, you are not to minister in the parish. There are many sessions listed on the Diocese of Pittsburgh website at www.diopitt.org.



BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at 11am in the school cafeteria meeting room. **Please note this date** if you anticipate a baptism in the next few months. This class may be taken before the birth of your child. The class is required prior to the celebration (along with membership in the parish and attendance at Mass). The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on January 15th, January 29th, February 12th and February 26th.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

Today we welcome our Lord and Savior who became man to save us from sin and bring us everlasting life. In that same spirit may we ask God to strengthen us for the work ahead in the **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** Planning initiative. Help us to be open to the ways in which we can help build the Church of Pittsburgh. There will be parish-based opportunities for prayer and conversation - check your bulletin and learn more at OnMissionChurchAlive.org.



The rectory office will be closed from Noon on Thursday, December 22nd until Tuesday, December 27th and Friday, December 30th until Tuesday, January 3rd. Father Jim, Deacon Herb and the office Staff of St. Colman Parish wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Catholic Men's Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month @ 9am in the School Cafeteria meeting room.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Meeting 2nd Friday of each month 6:15-8pm All women welcome!

Honoring Your Body: Spirit filled Yoga class resumes Thursday September 8th 6:45-8pm in Werthman Hall. 1st Class Free. Connie Tinsley 412-443-4837.

Holy Hour & Exposition: January 23, 2107

CHURCH ALIVE PROCESS

Consultation sessions at St. Colman have concluded. However, the information packets are available in the rectory office and in the church vestibule. Models for future parish structures are explained in the packets.

RETROVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES:

Hope and help for troubled marriages is available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 13, 2017, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburgh.org>.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION? NAR-ANON OFFERS HELP: Nar-Anon Family Groups are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Join us for support and recovery at St. John's Lutheran Church, 715 Lincoln Hwy, North Versailles, on Thursdays at 7:30pm. ***There is Babysitting Available** For more information call Linda L. at 412-874-5620. Nar-Anon World Services located at 23110 Crenshaw Blvd. Suite A, Torrance, CA 90505. (800) 477-6291 nar-anon.org.

There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** - December 31st.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Rudy & Ginny Schwoeble as requested by Family.

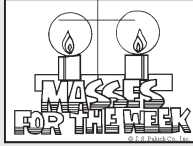
**"NOTRE DAME" NEW COURSE OF STUDY**

St. Colman's CMF invites all parishioners to attend a dynamic 12 session program entitled "*The Bible and the Virgin Mary.*" This program is designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge and cohesiveness of the Old and New Testaments. It's grounded in history yet actively engages the topics faced by today's Catholics. It's more than a Bible Study. ***It's Biblical Catechesis!*** The goal is to help Catholics grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God. Introduction to this session starts Monday, January 9, 2017 from 6:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in attending and would like to order your books, please do so before January 9, 2017. To order go to bibleandthevirginmary.com, use Promo code Matt for a 10% discount. For more information phone 412-596-2544 or email at TeddyN@comcast.net.

Please consider supporting Catholic Hospice as you explore volunteer possibilities: Catholic Hospice is reaching out and inviting you to consider volunteering with us in support of our pro-life mission towards end of life care. We would love to have people who share in our mission and are open to encountering one of life's most rewarding experiences, join our volunteer team. If patient care is not your primary interest, we are welcoming people who enjoy fundraising, community events or clerical work to join our team as well. Volunteer training for Patient Care will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 9am-4pm at our Sewickley office. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please call Robyn Aguzzi at 724-933-6222 or email raguzzi@catholichospicepgh.org. For additional information on Catholic Hospice go to www.catholichospicepgh.org. For groups of 5 or more, we'll bring training to your location. Meeting People Face to Faith...Embrace the Journey.

SPONSORS FOR SACRAMENTS

From time to time questions arise concerning sponsorship for the Sacraments, specifically Baptism and Confirmation. By tradition, when an individual was preparing for Christian Initiation (Baptism and Confirmation), a member of the Church was appointed to assist him or her in the long preparation, to give testimony about readiness for the Sacraments, and later to help the new Christian persevere in and deepen his life in Christ. Sponsors are members of the Church who have been fully initiated themselves, and are now delegated to represent the Church community in the life of the candidate. They must be worthy themselves. They should be chosen because they live the life of Christians and because of their closeness to the Church. Any qualities of kinship or friendship are ineffective if this essential one is lacking. A sponsor must be 1) Spiritually qualified and sufficiently mature for the role. 2) Already initiated into the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and the Eucharist. 3) Legally free to exercise this role (eg. Publicly living in an invalid marriage would exclude from being a sponsor). Signs of vitality such as weekly celebration of the Eucharist, frequent reception of Communion, and a seriousness about one's own religious formation and growth should figure in the decision concerning a sponsor. All these elements should be considered in choosing or serving as a sponsor in the Sacraments.



The Nativity of the Lord ~ December 25th

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

Monday ~ Saint Stephen, The First Martyr~ December 26th

8:30 am ~ Mary Sabolcik ~ Agnes

Tuesday ~ Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist ~ December 27th

8:30 am ~ Ann Zupon ~ Don Zupon Family

Wednesday ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs~ December 28th

8:30 am ~ Emil Kandala ~ Wife, Mary Ann

Thursday ~ Fifth Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ December 29th

8:30 am ~ Clarence Puhala ~ Irene Puhala

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

8:30 am ~ H. William Bell ~ Wife & Family

Saturday ~ Seventh Day Within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ December 31st

6:00 pm ~ Deceased Members off the Trainor Family & Paul Bour ~ Bour Family

Solemnity of Mary The Holy Mother of God ~ January 1, 2017

8:00 am ~ Della Carothers ~ Carothers Family
10:00 am ~ Mary Rose Milan ~ St. Colman Choir
12:00 pm ~ Willa Moore ~ Teresa Nah-Maynor
5:30 pm ~ **NO EVENING MASS**



Saturday ~ December 31st

6:00 pm ~ Bill Stanonik, Charmain Warble, Carol Deiuliis, Debbie Sargo

Sunday ~ January 1st

8:00 am ~ Mary Jo Meyer, Bill Eckenrode, Helen Wilson, Lorraine Meglio

10:00 am ~ Renae Brinza, Julie McDermott, Connie Tinsley, Kraig Riley

12:00 pm ~ Elaine Clugston, Marguerite Crokus, Martha Mallik, Joe Kopper

5:30 pm ~ **NO MASS**



Saturday ~ December 31st

6:00 pm ~ Karen Lindow

Sunday ~ January 1st

8:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Pauline Schoffstall

5:30 pm ~ **NO MASS**



Saturday ~ December 31st

6:00 pm ~ Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ January 1st

8:00 am ~ Christian & Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Chloe Noah, Tara Ponitz

12:00 pm ~ Lucca Paoletti, Analise Balaschak

5:30 pm ~ **NO MASS**

