

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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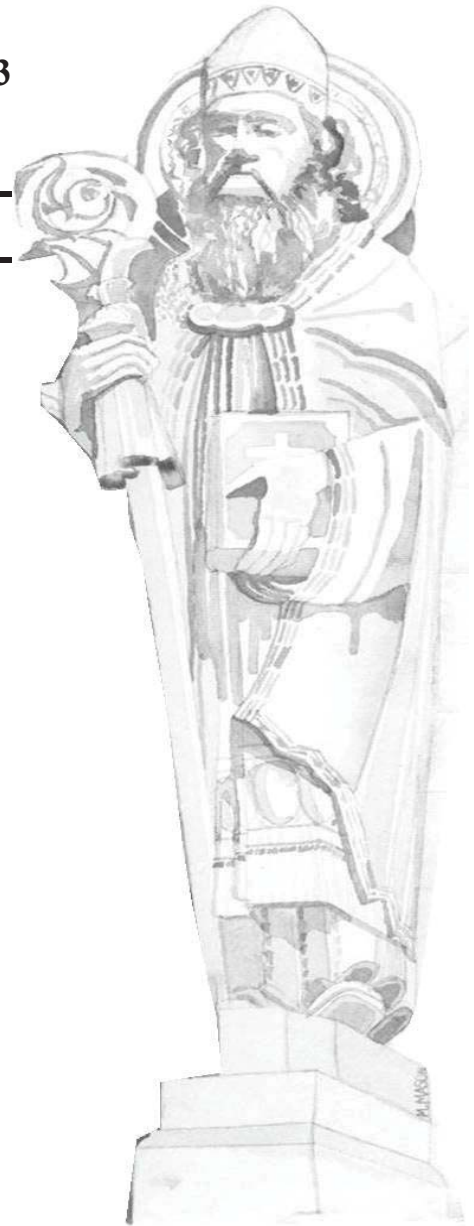
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ST. COLMAN MISSION STATEMENT

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 FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

We are often tempted to put the Holy Family upon an unreachable pedestal, precisely because of its membership: Jesus, Mary and Joseph. But when God became incarnate in the person of Jesus Christ, He chose to be born into a human family. Like all families of this world, it was a family of sleepless nights, fear of the future, frustration and helplessness and fragile hopes and dreams. No family is perfect but a good, healthy and loving family (like the Holy Family) is very possible if each member is willing to work at it. We have to live the same kind of faith and love in our families the Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived. Today's feast offers each of us an occasion for recognizing and appreciating the treasure which is family; perhaps this special day might also prompt us to consider how well we are tending to that treasure. A home is built on the foundations of love, commitment and a shared history. It is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, appreciation and support. The Holy Family challenges us today: don't just live any place; live in a HOME.

Sunday, December 14, 2014	
Weekly Collection.....	\$6062.00
Monthly Collection.....	\$612.00
Parish Share.....	\$2714.70

**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 7th and June 6th at **11:00am** in the school cafeteria meeting room.. **Please note this date** 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 11th, 25th & February 8th & 22nd.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**
Thursday, January 1st is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holyday of **OBLIGATION** for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00pm, Thursday, January 1st at 8:30am and 10:00am. Join the faithful in honoring Mary on this feast.

THE CHURCH EVANGELIZING!
Facilitator Training: Volunteers are needed to facilitate the discussion of Bishop Zubik's pastoral letter and attend a two hour facilitator training session. Training Sessions: January 17th, 10am-noon at St. John Neumann, Franklin Park; January 24th, 10am-noon at St. Patrick's, Canonsburg; January 24th, 2-4pm at St. Gregory, Zelienople; February 7th, 1am-noon at St. Paul Seminary. **The Church Evangelizing!** is more than a letter. It is a movement to be a closer friend to Jesus and to introduce our friends to Him. During the Lenten Season we will focus on the themes of evangelization and missionary discipleship. We encourage the faithful to gather in small faith sharing groups to read, reflect on, and discuss Bishop Zubik's recent pastoral letter *The Church Evangelizing!* For more information, contact Michael Therrien, STL, STD Secretary of Evangelization and Catholic Education Email: mtherrien@diopitt.org Office phone number 412-456-3156.

The Practice of Cremation and the Church
Church law now permits the practice of cremation for our deceased faithful. **However**, this permission is given as an exception rather than a general rule. The preferred form of final disposition of the deceased in the Catholic Church continues to be the burial of the body. In our diocese, when a family decides on cremation, permission must be granted through the parish priest. In addition, and of significant importance, is the fact that when a cremation of a Catholic person is arranged, the remains must be given a proper burial in either a cemetery plot or a columbarium in a cemetery. Proper respect of the remains does not include any other disposition of the remains of the faithful. Funeral Directors will be reminded of this policy concerning the permission of the parish priest for cremation. We ask that you share this information with family members, friends or neighbors who do not attend church regularly.

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Perry "Peppy" Talackine, Laura Charles and David Schricker. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

"Sanctuary Lamps"
The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Amanda Stolz as requested by the McDevitt Family.

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Ladies of Charity: Last Monday of the month in the meeting room of the cafeteria. 7-9pm.

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

CDA: Meeting 2nd Friday of each month 6:30-8pm

East Catholic School Gala: Saturday, March 7th

BLIND AND VISION REHABILITATION SERVICE OF PITTSBURGH is in need of volunteers. In particular, volunteers are needed to drive clients to and from appointments during day and evening hours. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesday afternoons to help with leisure activities and on an as-needed basis at the reception desk. All volunteers can participate on a set schedule or on an as-needed basis. Training is provided. For more information contact Nancy Schepis, volunteer coordinator, 412-368-4400 ext 3430 or nschepis@pghvis.

RETOUVAILLE: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. Call today to begin the healing process beginning with a weekend on January 16, 2015. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or email 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/.

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 23-25, 2015 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh co-sponsor this retreat. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348. Registration information is also available at www.ccpgh.org.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH. THE PARISH OFFICE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY & HEALTHY NEW YEAR.

**A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR**

O GOD of new beginnings, and wonderful surprises, thank you for the gift of a new year.

*May it be a time of grace for me,
a time to grow in faith and love,
a time to renew my commitment
to following Your Son, Jesus.*

*May it be a year of blessing for me,
a time to cherish my family and friends,
a time to renew my efforts at work,
a time to embrace my faith more fully.*

*Walk with me, please, in every day
and every hour of this new year, that
the light of Christ might shine
through me, in spite of my
weaknesses and failings.*

*Above all, may I remember this year
that I am a pilgrim on the sacred path to You.*

AMEN

SPONSOR ELIGIBILITY

A common question arises, especially at this time of the year when Confirmations are occurring, concerning eligibility as a sponsor for the sacraments. Serving as a Godparent or Sponsor is a privilege in the Church and carries certain responsibilities and requirements. They should be chosen based on a regular practice of the Faith and participation in the parish life. Being a relative or a friend should not be the only criteria. The individual must obtain a form signed by their parish priest stating that they are Catholics in good standing. Sponsors must be fully initiated in the Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Participation in Sunday Liturgy and frequent reception of the Eucharist should be common practice. Efforts should be made to share in the life of the parish activities and contribute support. They should actively strive to live out their commitment to Christ and to the community by a loving response to those they meet daily. Individuals must be legally free to exercise this role; living in an invalid marriage (according to the laws of the Catholic Church) would exclude one from being a sponsor. Sponsors must also have reached the age of sixteen. These considerations should govern the choice of sponsors and should not be taken lightly. Eligibility forms to serve as a sponsor are obtained from the parish of registration and participation in the Faith. Those who move to another location outside of the parish, even though your family may still belong or you attended school at the parish in the past, must go to your proper parish. Students who are away at school are still considered members of the parish. But if you move elsewhere, you should register at a parish within a reasonable amount of time. Another common issue occurs with the marital status of individuals who are asked to be sponsors. Catholics must be married according to the laws of the Church. Marriages that occur outside of the Church e.g. District Justice, beach settings, non-Catholic Churches without permission, Las Vegas are not valid and exclude one from serving as a sponsor.



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ~ December 28th

8:00 am ~ Payne Family ~ Bill Payne
10:00 am ~ John Garofolo ~ Wife & Family
12:00 pm ~ AOH Div #17 Monroeville & LAOH Div#7
7 Turtle Creek ~ AOH Div#17 & LAOH Div#7
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ December 29th

8:30 am ~ Cecelia (Kubicko) Slatosky ~ Marianne Pinelli

Tuesday ~ Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ December 30th

8:30 am ~ Clarence Puhala ~ Wife

Wednesday ~ Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ December 31st

8:30 am ~ H. William Bell ~ Wife & Family
6:00 pm ~ Pauline Griffith ~ Elaine Potochnik

Thursday ~ The Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary ~ January 1, 2015

8:30 am ~ George Hovanec ~ Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
6:00 pm ~ Patricia O'Donnell ~ Betty McDevitt

Friday ~ St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen ~ January 2nd

8:30 am ~ David Christopher ~ St. Colman Choir

Saturday ~ Christmas Weekday ~ The Most Holy Name of Jesus ~ January 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Jim, Pat & Dorothy Trainor ~ Family

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

January 4th

8:00 am ~ Jennifer Cwynar ~ Herb & Cheryl Riley & Family
10:00 am ~ Anne Calcutta & Grace Thomas ~ Mary Lou Dahmen & Alan Thomas
12:00 pm ~ Winifred Quinn ~ Anita & Tony Saccomano
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ January 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Debbie Sargo, Jim Bour, Tina Kuniak, Bill Stanonik

Sunday ~ January 4th

8:00 am ~ Alison Sciulli, Mary Jo Meyer, Helen Wilson, Betty Lou Parello

10:00 am ~ Kraig Riley, Julie McDermott, Karen Murray, Mike Krygowski

12:00 pm ~ Maureen Leonardo, Joyce Blotzer, Theresa Lugar, Joe Kopper

5:30 pm ~ Elaine Potochnik, Christine Stinson



Saturday ~ January 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

Sunday ~ January 4th

8:00 am ~ Jim Sciulli

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Charles Riley



Saturday ~ January 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Andy Speranza, Nathan Holmes

Sunday ~ January 4th

8:00 am ~ Christian & Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Jimmy, Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Lucca Paoletti, Carly Haas

5:30 pm ~ Landon Dunnick, Mia Carter