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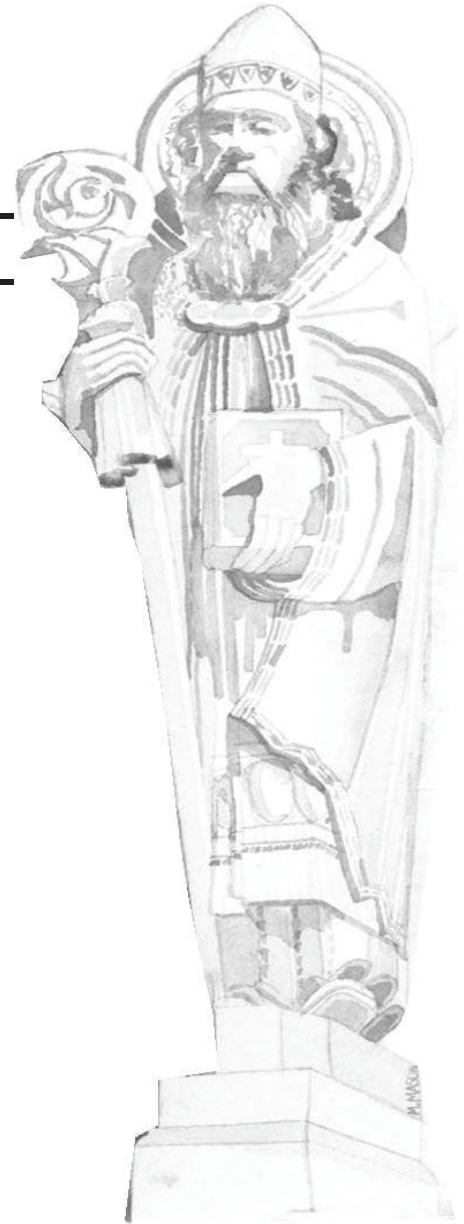
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THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

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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 that Jesus, Mary and Joseph lived. Today's feast offer 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, acceptance, appreciation and support. The Holy Family challenges us today: don't just live any place; live in a HOME.

**THE FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace', live at home.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
MOTHER OF GOD**

*Wednesday, January 1st is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on Tuesday, December 31st at 6:00pm, Wednesday, January 1st at 8:30am and 10:00am. Join the faithful in honoring Mary on this feast.*

**DIVORCED AND SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP**

The Divorced and Separated support group jointly sponsored by Sts. John & Paul, St. Richard and St. John Neumann Parishes will begin its next 13 week cycle of meetings on Monday, January 6, 2014. This group provides caring support to anyone who is experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. Meetings are on Monday evenings from 7-8:45pm and will be held at St. John Neumann Church in Room A of the Religious Education Hall. Anyone who has questions or would like more information should contact Ralph Joy at 412-741-5456 or rjoy205@verizon.net.

**BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION**

*The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 1st and Saturday, June 7th at **11:00am** in the school. **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 12th, January 26th, February 9th and February 23rd.*

Christian Giving

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<b>December 15th</b>	
<b>Regular Collection.....</b>	<b>\$7073.00</b>
<b>Monthly Collection.....</b>	<b>\$285.00</b>
<b>Parish Share.....</b>	<b>\$193.00</b>

**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](http://www.diopitt.org).

**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

**Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations**

The Holy Name Society of Corpus Christi Parish sponsors an Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on the second Friday of each month at Corpus Christi Parish, 2515 Versailles Ave, McKeesport, PA at 7pm. We pray for those discerning their callings to the religious life, priesthood, married life or single life. We worship our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in silence, song and evening prayer. All are welcome!!!

**Home With the Lord:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Robert Maringo. May he rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

**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.

**LRSS:** We will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:45-8:15pm in school cafeteria meeting room through January 7, 2014.

**Yarn is needed to make Lap Robes for disabled veterans. It can be dropped off at the rectory office or call Lorraine at 412-824-8834 to have it picked up.**

**REVERENCE IN OUR CELEBRATION  
OF THE EUCHARIST:**

**SILENCE IS NOT ONLY GOLDEN BUT SACRED**

Worship is the reverence and honor we offer God for being who He is and for what He has done for us. When we worship God, we use words, actions and gestures to express our love and devotion. This is especially true when we gather to celebrate the Eucharist, which is our greatest act of public worship. Our reverence and behavior should reflect the importance of each celebration. In order to set a prayer atmosphere, or silent preparation is essential. Quiet time is important to allow each individual to mentally prepare for the celebration. Therefore, it is our responsibility to maintain respectful silence once we enter the doors of the church. Complete cooperation is required. If important conversation is necessary, individuals should move outside the main body of the church to the entrance area. Let us attempt to observe this practice for our celebration here at St. Colman.

**RETOUVAILLE: 4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE** - the 4 stages of marriage are : (1) Romance, (2) Disillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage of Awakening. If your marriage suffers from Disillusionment or Misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 17-19, 2014, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

**NEW YEAR HOLIDAY**

The Rectory Office will be closed on Tuesday, December 31st and Wednesday, January 1st. Office hours will resume on Thursday, January 2nd. *Happy New Year!*



**Lost in Church: A cherished pair of Rosary Beads from Rome ~ small brown gemstones in a blue snap pouch. If found please drop them off at rectory office.**

**LUCKY MARCH RAFFLE**

Tickets are now available for the Lucky March Raffle sponsored by the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. For a donation of \$10, the ticket provides 26 chances to win from \$125 to \$1000 during the month of March 2014. Only 1,000 tickets are available, and winning numbers are taken from the 7pm PA 3-digit Lottery. All cash winnings are determined by the amount of money indicated on each day of the ticket's calendar. No prizes will be awarded on Sundays. Tickets are available by calling 412-243-4651, ext 647. Please pay by cash or check made payable to Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill. Credit and debit cards are not accepted for raffle tickets. All tickets and money must be returned to the Sisters of Charity by February 26, 2014. All proceeds benefit the Sisters of Charity. The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill is an international apostolic congregation of women religious who serve in four countries, nine United States dioceses and four United States archdioceses. The Sisters of Charity minister primarily in areas of education, health care, pastoral care and social services. For additional information visit [www.scsch.org](http://www.scsch.org).

**FROM THE PARISH SECRETARY**

**Moving into or out of the Parish??** Parishioners who have a change of address, either coming into or moving out of the Parish, should notify the Parish Secretary as soon as possible. It costs us \$.50 to \$.99 every time a packet of envelopes or a parish share is forwarded to us. **Newly Married??** Also, newly married couples are reminded that they, too, must register as a "New" family if they are living within the parish boundaries and intend to belong to St. Colman Parish. Once you are married, **you are no longer registered on your parent's census card.** Please register with the parish office as soon as possible.

**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**





**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH ~ December 29th**

8:00 am ~ Regis Carl ~ Family

10:00 am ~ Living & Deceased Members of AOH Div. #17 ~ AOH Div#17

12:00 pm ~ Julia Wahrhaus ~ Family

5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

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

8:30 am ~ Clarence Puhala ~ Wife, Irene

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

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

6:00 pm ~ James, Patrick & Dorothy Trainor ~ Family

**Wednesday ~ Solemnity of Mary ~ January 1, 2014**

8:30 am ~ Josephine Drenning ~ Judy Pressto & Lavender Hzlets

10:00 am ~ Patricia Ward ~ John & Diane & Family

**Thursday ~ Sts. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen ~ January 2nd**

8:30 am ~ Mary Mullen ~ Dena Seman

**Friday ~ Christmas Weekday ~ January 3rd**

8:30 am ~ Della Carothers ~ Richard Carothers

**Saturday ~ St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ January 4th**

6:00 pm ~ Margaret & David O'Connor ~ Jim & Kathy Speranza & Family

**THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD ~ January 5th**

8:00 am ~ Jennifer Cwynar ~ Mom, Dad & Nicole

10:00 am ~ Anne Calcutta ~ Family

12:00 pm ~ Carolyn Clugston

5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



**Saturday ~ January 4th**

6:00 pm ~ Tina Kuniak, Barbara McCabe, Joe Saxman, Debbie Sargo

**Sunday ~ January 5th**

8:00 am ~ Paul Messineo, Gloria Common, Mary Jo Meyer, Lorraine Meglio

10:00 am ~ Sue Buchholz, Linda Lorenz, Kraig Riley, Marci Mason

12:00 pm ~ Elaine Clugston, Martha Mallik, Karen Haas, Lynn Bahleda

5:30 pm ~ Pamela Ross, Christine Stinson



**Saturday ~ January 4th**

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

**Sunday ~ January 5th**

8:00 am ~ Jim Sciulli

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Charles Riley



**Saturday ~ January 4th**

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

**Sunday ~ January 5th**

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Monica & Kevin Tinsley, Tara Ponitz

12:00 pm ~ Carly Haas, Lucca Paoletti

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino, Landon Dunnick