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MASSES:

Sundays: 8:00, 9:30 AM, and 12:00 Noon
Saturdays: 12:00 Noon and 5:00 PM Vigil
Evenings before Holy Days: 6:00 PM
Holy Days: 8:00 AM and 12:00 Noon
Weekday Mass: 8:00 AM

WEBSITE: stcolmanardmore.com
E-MAIL ADDRESS: stcolmanchurch@gmail.com

CONFESSIONS:

Saturdays: 4:00 - 4:45 PM

ANOINTING OF THE SICK:

Anyone going to the hospital, especially for an operation, should contact a priest at our rectory and arrange to receive the Sacrament of the Sick.

BAPTISMS:

Sundays at 1:00 PM
Contact priest for an appointment at the rectory

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTIONS:

P.R.E.P.: Grades 1 through 12, Sundays,
10:30AM - 11:50 AM.

RCIA:

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process whereby adults can discover if God is calling them to join the Catholic faith tradition. Call the Rectory for more information.

MARRIAGE:

Arrangements should be made with the priest at least six months prior to the marriage.

REGISTRATION:

New members can register at the rectory. Welcome.

**25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME --
SEPTEMBER 24, 2017**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, September 24

5:00 P.M. (Vigil) Richard Bailey

8:00 A.M. Philomena Tori

9:30 A.M. Thomas Hunsicker

12:00 P.M. Stephen J. Strickland

Monday, September 25 -- St. Colman

8:00 A.M. Wagner & Myer Rodgers

Tuesday, September 26 -- Ss. Cosmas & Damian

8:00 A.M. Mary Jo Lyons

Wednesday, September 27 -- St. Vincent de Paul

8:00 A.M. Mario Caniglia

Thursday, September 28

8:00 A.M. Donna Formwalt

Friday, September 29 -- Ss. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael

8:00 A.M. Msgr. Francis Statkus

Saturday, September 30 -- St. Jerome

12:00 P.M. James Weaver

THANK YOU

Last Sunday's Offertory Collection was **\$4609**. Our Collection for Hurricane Harvey relief came to **\$2023**. Thank you for your generous support of your parish.

SECOND COLLECTION TODAY

Will be for our children at Ss. Colman-John Neumann School.

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL
& FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The joint meeting will take place on Monday, **September 25** at 6:00 P.M. in the Rectory Meeting Room. All are welcome.

Next weekend's second collection will be for the victims of Hurricane Irma -- the Archdiocese will forward the funds to Catholic Charities USA for humanitarian and church relief in St. Thomas, USVI.

P.R.E.P.

Parish Religious Education Program today at 10:30 A.M. for our students Grades 1 to 12 who do not attend a Catholic school.

Parents Meeting. A brief "Back to PREP" meeting for all parents will be held **today**, 10:30 A.M. in the Parish Hall.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Baby Bottle Drive. Next Sunday, **October 1**, we will distribute empty baby bottles in Church after each Mass. We ask that you take a bottle and return it with coins, cash or check as a donation to Mother's Home in Darby, a shelter for pregnant women in a crisis situation due to homelessness, domestic violence or absence of support. We will be collecting your baby bottles on Sunday, **October 29** after each Mass.

Clothing Drive. Our clothing drive will be Saturday, **October 14** in our parking lot, 9 A.M. to 2 P.M. The Society is using GreenDrop trucks to support the clothing drive. They need men's, women's and children's clothing, kitchenware, games/toys, appliances under 50 pounds. **No** furniture, TVs, computer monitors, or large appliances.

**ANNUAL ANOINTING OF THE SICK
AT ST. COLMAN**

Vigil Mass of Anointing will be celebrated next Saturday, **September 30** at 5:00 P.M. for all who need the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. If you are chronically ill, advanced in age, or recuperating from illness or surgery, please come and sit in the front pews of the Church in order to be anointed.

POST-ABORTION HEALING RETREAT **October 6 - 8** in Malvern-Frazer. The retreat is designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God. For confidential information, call Lauren (215) 720-5828.

FUNDRAISER FOR LARRY KIRK

Larry Kirk grew up in Ardmore and attended St. Colman's School. He has been diagnosed with spinal and prostate cancer and is paralyzed from the chest down. There will be a fundraiser for him and his family at the Italian American Big Club, Friday, **October 6**, 7 to 11:30 P.M. Tickets are \$50 per person, includes drinks, food and music. Call Ed D'Amora (610) 291-0536.

ST. AUGUSTINE'S CONFESSIONS:

A COLLEGIUM SEMINAR

Dr. Paul Camacho and Dr. Ian Clausen, from Villanova University, will co-lead the seminar in our Parish Hall for 5 Mondays (**9/25, 10/2, 10/9, 10/16, and 10/23**), 7 to 8:15 P.M. \$30 (if possible) cost includes seminar, book, refreshments. To register, go to: bit.do/augustine_confessions_seminar

BISHOP KENRICK COUNCIL

Bishop Kenrick Council is one of the oldest councils in Montgomery County, and it meets here at St. Colman, the second Tuesday of each month in the Rectory Meeting Room. The Council is always looking for new members like you, think about joining us. Call Grand Knight Mike Vecchione (610) 256-6130.

FATIMA 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday, **October 15**, Archbishop Chaput will consecrate our Archdiocese to Our Lady of Fatima at the 11 A.M. Mass at the Cathedral. All are invited to participate.

ROOM AVAILABLE

Room with private bath in walking distance to Suburban Square. Rent \$375 in exchange for driving elderly woman to store, doctors, etc. Call Mrs. Gerard (212) 517-8497.

SCHEDULE FOR SEPT. 30-OCT. 1

Altar Servers:

5:00 P.M. Andrew & Kellen Stevens

9:30 A.M. Delaney & Makenna Sill

12:00 P.M. Isabella & Jacqueline Guerra

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Communion:

5:00 P.M. Joanne Hunsicker, Vicky Rodgers

8:00 A.M. Francis & Lizzy Vithayathil

9:30 A.M. Andrew Cypher, Marian D'Amora

12:00 P.M. Lais Bobula, Kate Kittleman

Lectors:

5:00 P.M. Ro Colantuono

8:00 A.M. Marita Podder

9:30 A.M. Michael Lignowski

12:00 P.M. Joseph Fitzmyer

Cantors:

5:00 P.M. Linda Solomon

8:00 A.M. Kristen Rake

9:30 A.M. John Durkin

12:00 P.M. Olivia Guerra

HELP WANTED

St. Katharine Day School has the following positions available: SPED Teacher for Life Skills Program on Wynnewood campus; Kitchen Manager for breakfast and lunch for Wynnewood campus; part-time Teaching Assistants for Wynnewood and Radnor campuses. Contact Kathleen Gould, Principal at kgould@stkds.org.

HELP WANTED

St. Colman is looking for a wedding coordinator. This position entails guiding couples through the wedding rehearsal and being present on the day of the wedding to facilitate the ceremony. Please contact the Rectory (stcolmanchurch@gmail.com).

7-week basketball clinic for boys and girls, grades 3-8 at SCJN gym, beginning 9/26. Cost is \$150, call Jimmy (215) 431-9634.

THANK YOU

Thanks to everyone for their generous donations of rosaries for the Rosary Project for Africa. Once again, this summer we sent an enormous box packed full. We will be collecting again next summer.

TECHNOLOGY UPDATE

St. Colman is gathering email addresses so that we can better communicate with you. If we do not already have your email address, please email it to the Rectory as soon as possible (stcolmanchurch@gmail.com). This will assist us with informing you of weather emergencies or last minute changes in the schedule.

KEEP ST. COLMAN GREAT

Ours is an outstanding parish with a rich history of extraordinary parishioners. To assist in assuring that the future is also vibrant and thriving, we would like to hear your suggestions. Please email our Rectory with comments regarding what you like about the parish and how we can improve it.

CATHOLIC FAITH INSTRUCTIONS

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you curious about what the Church teaches and why? Do you simply want to know more about your faith? Beginning soon, one-hour instructions will be held one night a week. Learn about the faith in a comfortable, interesting and informative manner. Please contact the Rectory as soon as possible, you'll be glad you did.

FATIMA CENTENNIAL REFLECTION: MARY, THE MOTHER OF GOD

“Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners...” Christians say these words whenever they pray the rosary. For us, Mary’s title as “Mother of God” is a given.

And yet, this title was a point of great contention for a period in the early Church. While the Church had been calling Mary the Mother of God from the beginning, a fifth century patriarch named Nestorius argued that we should call Mary “Mother of Christ” and not “Mother of God.” He said that to call Mary the Mother of God implies that Mary is the origin of God. Since God has no origin, but is Himself the origin of all things, Nestorius argued that it would be wrong to say that God has a mother. Great controversy followed and the issue was finally resolved at the Council of Ephesus in 431 A.D., when the Church declared once and for all that Mary is indeed “Mother of God” (or, in Greek, Theotokos). The Church defends this title of Mary with such fierceness because what is at stake is the very nature of who Jesus is. To say that Mary was only the mother of Jesus’ humanity but not His divinity introduces a separation between the divine and human natures of Jesus. But the Church affirms that Jesus is fully God and fully man, inseparably united in one Person. Therefore, Mary as Mother of Jesus is really and truly Mother of God. This truth communicates to us a beautiful lesson about God. Through it we understand that when God united Himself to our human nature in Jesus Christ, He did not keep His Godhead aloof or separate from our humanity. Instead in the incarnation, God gave Himself over entirely, binding Himself inseparably and irrevocably with our human nature to undergo all of the risk, vulnerability and suffering that unity with our humanity would entail. Let us strive then not just to reflect how beautiful it is that God gives Himself so completely and with such abandon to us, but let us also seek to reciprocate that love by surrendering ourselves ever more completely to God. Let us ask Mary under her title of Mother of God to pray for us.

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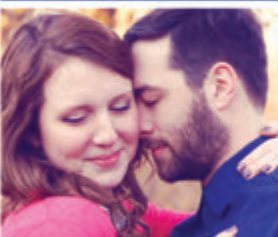
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