

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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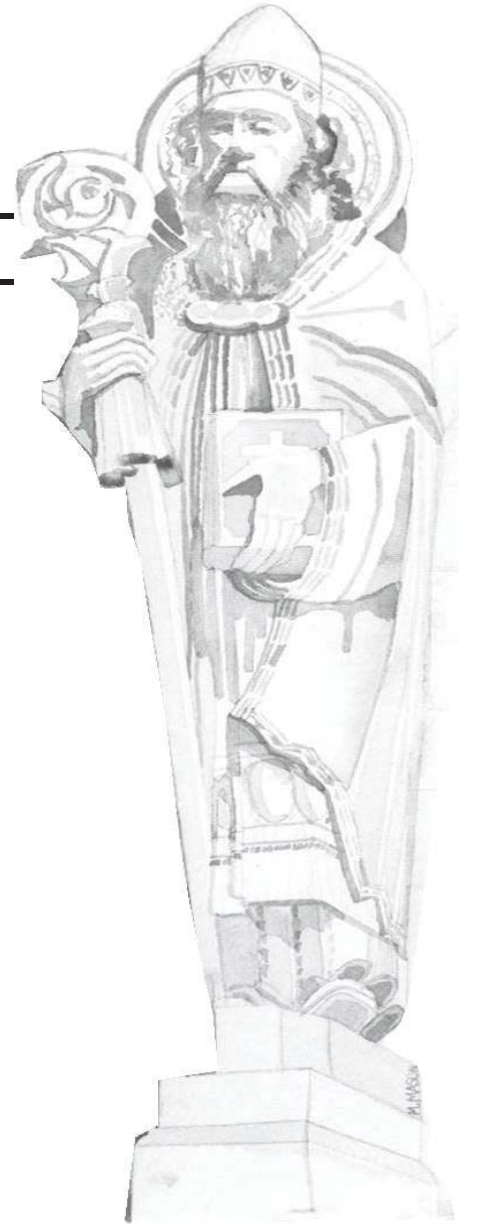
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November 27, 2011

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DEACON HERB RILEY

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Gerry J. Meyer*Business Manager*

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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FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Stay Awake ...be alert...keep on the watch...be prepared. This is the spirit set by Mark's Gospel for Advent, a season whose primary purpose is preparation for the Second Coming at the end of the world. We are warned to be careful because we know not the day nor the hour. This Advent warning reminds us of the moment of death, our judgment, the final time in one's individual life. But this is not the only meaning of the Advent message. We should be ready for Christ's constant coming every day in the activities of life, in our fellow human beings, in a "surprise visit" that he might make to us in any of a thousand ways. Be prepared to live when you wake up in the morning. Begin your day with the feeling: "I wonder where the Spirit of God will pop up today in my life. Am I missing any manifestations of God in those things which seem so ordinary?" The reflection of God is everywhere. Be alert and ready for those little divine beginnings that are all around us every day.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Thursday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holiday of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on Wednesday, December 7th at 6:00pm, Thursday, December 8th at 8:30am, Noon and 7:00pm. Join the faithful in honoring our Lady on this feast.

CONFRATERNITY OF THE ROSARY will hold their annual Christmas Luncheon on Wednesday, December 7th at Palmieri's Restaurant at 12:30 pm. We will order from the menu. For reservations call Dorothy Duchi at 412-823-7910.

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.

**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 or phone @412-825-6051 or the rectory office @412-823-2564.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Josephine Alexander as requested by Patti, Bill & Family and Elizabeth Evancho as requested by the Evancho Children.

GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER

November 20th

Regular Collection.....

Monthly Collection.....

Parish Share.....

The above figures are not available at this time, please watch for them in upcoming bulletins.

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.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Advent Wreath Lighting - The sign up sheet for the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony that takes place at all Masses during Advent is located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. This has become a seasonal tradition in our parish. Please sign up today. We hope to see some new families this year.

RETROUVAILLE

Are you married to a stranger? Do you feel alone? Do you argue - or have you just stopped talking to each other? Do you dread the drive home? Does talking about it only make it worse? This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 13, 2012, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com

MARRIAGE MOMENTS

"Let there be spaces in your togetherness." (Kahlil Gibran) As wonderful as togetherness is, where do you go to get some space just for yourself? Do you have a special time, space or hobby that regenerates your spirit?

PARENTING POINTERS

November 25th: The day after Thanksgiving offers us some free time - especially if leftovers free up cooking time. How will you use your free time? Hectic shopping? Nurturing family ties? Missing someone dear? Relaxing? Make family your priority.

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Breakfast with Santa: Saturday, December 3rd 9am in the school cafeteria.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY'S FINANCIAL AWARD OPPORTUNITIES: Duquesne University is Offering Two Financial Award Opportunities: **50% Tuition and Fee Scholarships to Fall 2012 Entering Education Freshman.** As part of the University's commitment to all new freshman entering our Leading Teacher preparation program in Fall 2012, Duquesne University is offering 50% tuition and fee scholarships. For more information about this scholarship opportunity, please contact the Office of Admissions at 412-396-6222 or visit www.duq.edu/lead. **Special Financial Awards are Available on Select Graduate Programs.** New students can save up to 25% on tuition and fees. Visit www.duq.edu/graduate for a list of available programs and eligibility requirements.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, Isp. This year's sketch is white on burgundy background. The cards are 7 for \$10 (plus \$1.50 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$2.00 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$5.00 shipping) Cards can be ordered by calling 412-307-1100 or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or at main entrance of the Home.

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 or call 412-829-1889.

OAKLAND CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

**2012 GOLDEN EAGLE LOTTERY
12 MONTH CALENDAR \$50 EACH**

You get two (2) randomly selected four (4) digit lottery numbers on each calendar

Pennsylvania State Lottery 7:00 pm drawing

If you are interested in a calendar please contact

Marissa Ponitz @412-664-0137

Deadline to purchase calendars is Monday,

November 28, 2011

Thank You!!!

Calendars make great Christmas Gifts!!

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 (grades 6-8). 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**In Service to One, In Service to All**

We are an organization like no other - nearly 1.7 million members throughout the world. An organization that since 1882, has embodied the selflessness of man as it has helped overcome adversity in the world. We are men of faith, guided not only by our belief in God and the Catholic Church, but by our belief in each other and in ourselves. We are the Knights of Columbus, believing that a man is more than simply a man, when he bears the title of "Knight". For more information about how you can become a Knight contact Tom Meshanko at 412-351-6704.

**HOLY SMOKE & STEAK MAN'S EVENT
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2011 AT CHRIST THE
DEVINE TEACHER, Chippewa**

Cigars - Beer - Steak

7pm-11pm

Blessed Pope John XXIII

Tickets are \$40 and include Cigar, Beer Steak Enjoy:

Raffles, Chuck-a-Luck, Poker...

Must be a Mature Man 21 and Over

Please drink Responsibly

Cigars courtesy of King Beaver Cigars, Monaca

**For more information or to purchase tickets please
call 724-846-7540**

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.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday ~ November 27th

8:00 am ~ Rudy Vucic ~ Dorothy & Kurt Linn
10:00 am ~ Terrie Miller ~ Mother & Sisters
12:00 pm ~ Joan Pollitt ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Advent Weekday ~ November 28th

8:30 am ~ Elizabeth Evancho ~ Betty McDevitt

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ November 29th

8:30 am ~ Danielle Holt ~ Randy & Joan Garloff

Wednesday ~ St. Andrew, apostle ~ November 30th

8:30 am ~ Don & Margaret Matthews ~ Peggy & Norm

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 1st

8:30 am ~ Mary Olive, Irene & Dudek Family ~ Clara Shula

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 2nd

8:30am ~ Betty Curry ~ Marty Coyne

Saturday ~ St. Francis Xavier, priest ~ December 3rd

6:00pm ~ Mary Schake ~ Dolores Cameron

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ McGeever Family ~ Thomas Griffin
10:00 am ~ Deceased Members of the Teti Family ~ Alex Teti
12:00 pm ~ Josephine Alexander ~ Patti, Bill & Family
5:30 pm ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish



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Saturday ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross, Carmella Gardone, Verna Bango, Debbie Sargo

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Bill Eckenrode, James Jordan, Lorraine Meglio, Larry Canobbio

10:00 am ~ Renae Brinza, Julie McDermott, Alicia Cole, Karen Murray

12:00 pm ~ Phil Wills, Joyce Blotzer, Maureen Leonardo, Janet Currie

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz, Theresa Wos



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Saturday ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Mike Lanigan

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Alyssa Aiello



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Saturday ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Anina & Christian Parker

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

12:00 pm ~ Alain Fawcett, Stacie Knee

5:30 pm ~ Collin Shaffer, Noah Martino