

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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November 27, 2016

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

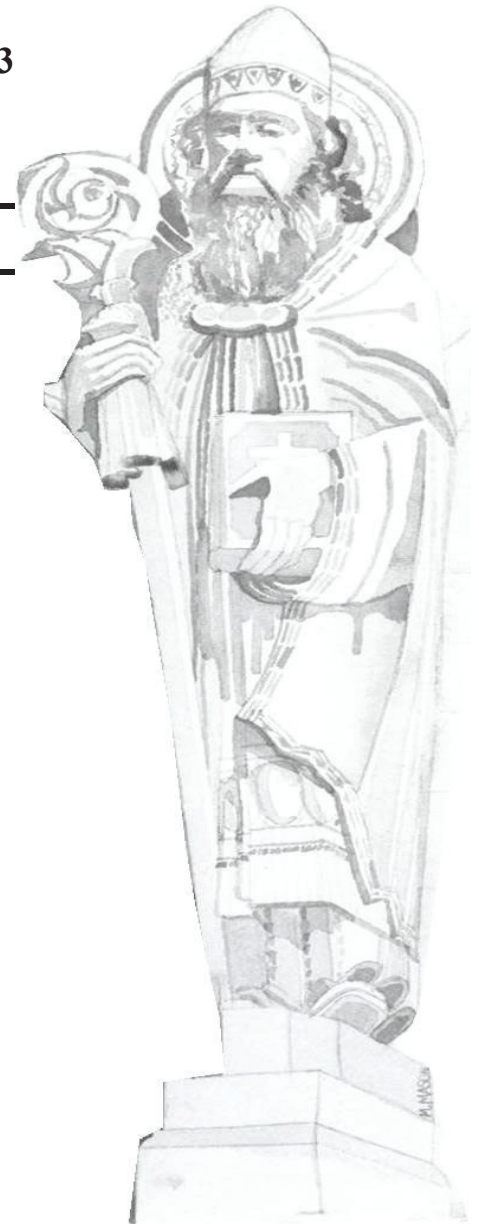
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The First Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of another liturgical year. Advent affords us the opportunity to reflect on the longing and hope that preceded Christ's birth, just as it beckons us to look forward to Christ's return at history's end. In keeping with the season's note of expectation, today's readings focus our attention on the in-breaking of God in human history. The Isaiah Oracle looks to a much desired peace and universal accord for a beleaguered Judah. The gospel reading comes from an era in the early church when Christ's return was strongly anticipated and preparedness was repeatedly counseled. Paul's exhortation to alertness highlights the extent to which Christian moral posture actually rests on future hope. During this Advent season lets awake once again an awareness of the presence of God in our lives here and now even in the midst of the commercial distractions of the season.

Thoughts to reflect on and share: "The time of preparation has begun for the celebration of the birth of the One who brings light to the world. How are we preparing ourselves to see that light face to face? Deacon Herb Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.

A special thanks to all who have participated in parish consultation sessions for **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** The last of 329 meetings being held across our diocese are taking place this week. If you were unable to attend a parish session, go online at OnMission-ChurchAlive.org to watch the videos, download the presentation and take the survey. Together we will be the hands, feet and heart of the Body of Christ serving His people.

THE ST. COLMAN RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM'S NOVEMBER PROJECT will be to collect snacks and drinks for small children that attend Angel Place. Angel Place is a support program for single mothers to further their education. Your generosity in the past has been greatly appreciated. Please drop your donations off at the rectory office any time during the month of November. Thank you!

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BAPTISM CLASS AND DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, December 3rd 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 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 the following Sundays: December 11th and December 18th.

Weekly offering	
Sunday, November 20th	
Offertory.....	\$0.00
Monthly.....	\$0.00
Parish Share 2016.....	\$0.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$9,705.00
The above figures are not available at this time . Watch for them in upcoming bulletins.	

DIOCESANE 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.



ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning November 27th. Families of all types are invited to light the Advent Candle every Sunday at the beginning of each mass. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. Please sign up for the mass of your choice. We ask that you please gather in the back of church 10 minutes before mass to meet the celebrant and participate in the procession.



HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, November 28th from 6:30-7:30pm. This is an opportunity to worship in a prayerful, reflective manner in the special presence of the Eucharist. Consider spending some quality time in prayerful, spiritual reading or just meditating on God's love and continuing presence in your life.



The St. Colman Young Adult Choir will lead the music on Saturday, December 3rd at the 6pm Mass. Please join us.



"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Elizabeth Evancho as requested by the Evancho Family.

Follow us on Facebook : Facebook.com/saintcolmanchurch

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.

Fish Fry: December 2nd 3-7pm in cafeteria.

Holy Hour & Exposition: Monday, November 28th

**GIVING TREE**

Many neighborhoods in our surrounding areas are feeling the urgency for providing for their families at this difficult time. We at St. Colman have always come together to provide a gift for a needy child. This year we are asking you to please take a Name Tag from the tree and purchase a gift for a needy child. It is a great opportunity to manifest the teaching of Christ by giving. The tree is set up in the vestibule of the church. Please take a tag off the tree and sign your name and phone number next to the child's name and tag number in the book. All gifts must be returned to the rectory office by December 11th. Please be sure to attach the tag to the gift. Thank You!!



**ST. COLMAN MONTHLY FISH FRY FRI-
DAY DECEMBER 2ND 3-7PM IN THE
SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

Enjoy our "Hand Dipped" Fried or Baked Cod Fish Sandwich \$7.00, Side dishes \$2.50 each or 2 for \$4.00. Sides include: Haluskie, Pierogies, Mac-n-Cheese, French Fries, Boston Clam Chowder and Crab Cakes. Donations of Baked Goods are needed and can be dropped off at the rectory office or the cafeteria. Hope to see you!!!

The Ladies of Charity will collect personal items for Bethlehem Haven Homeless Women's Shelter the entire month of November. Items needed include soaps, shampoos, lotions, brushes, combs, deodorants, Kleenex, dental supplies, socks, notepads, pens, makeup, used or new costume jewelry, clean sleeping bags and small tents. Boxes will be at side and front doors of the church. Thank you for your kindness to those who have nothing.

LUNCH WITH SANTA

Children are invited to "Lunch With Santa" on Saturday, December 3rd at St. John Fisher Church, Beaufort Hall, in Churchill at 12 Noon. This will be a fun-filled experience for the children and a "special way" to begin the celebration of Christmas. Cost per person is \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased by calling the church office at 412-241-4722 no later than Monday, November 28th. Please make checks payable to St. John Fisher Church and note "Lunch with Santa."

Serra Catholic High School's Placement Test for incoming freshmen will be held on Saturday, December 3rd from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. To register or for more information, please call Mrs. Lyons at 412-751-2020 ext. 134 or email her at lyonsl@serrahs.org

Scholarship Entrance Exam -- Oakland Catholic High School is offering the Scholarship Entrance Exam on Saturday, December 3, 2016. Merit Based Scholarships are awarded to incoming ninth grade students receiving the top scores on the exam. Register on line today at oaklandcatholic.org/admissions.

Oakland Catholic High School is selling 2017 PENnsylvania Lottery Calendars. Each OC PENnsylvania Lottery Calendar is assigned 3 randomly selected 4-digit numbers. All prizes will be determined by the evening 4-digit daily drawing of the Pennsylvania State Lottery. For each calendar day a prize appears on the OC PENnsylvania Lottery Calendar. Please help Oakland Catholic High by purchasing a Calendar at \$50 ea. for 2017. They make perfect gifts. Contact the Ponitz Family at 412-664-0137 by December 5th.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 3rd 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

Saturday, December 10th 12:00 pm - 12:45 pm

"The Light is on For You"

Wednesday, December 14th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Saturday, December 17th 12:00 pm - 12:45pm

Thursday, December 22nd after 8:30 am Mass

Friday, December 23rd after 8:30 am Mass and

3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

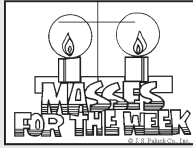
Saturday, December 24th 8:30 am - 9:30 am (church will be closed after 9:30 am to prepare for the vigil Masses)

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

THE PRACTICE OF CREMATION IN THE CHURCH

Recently the Vatican reaffirmed its teaching on cremation: Church law now permits the practice of cremation for our deceased faithful. However, this permission is given as an exception rather than as 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. 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 soul of Virginia "Ginny" Schwoeble. May she rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.



FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ November 27th

8:00 am ~ Mary Mignogna ~ Family
10:00 am ~ Elizabeth Evancho ~ Evancho Family
12:00 pm ~ William Shaffer ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Advent Weekday ~ November 28th

8:30 am ~ Sandy McEvoy ~ The Cole Family

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ November 29th

8:30 am ~ Marge Carl ~ Tonii Wilson

Wednesday ~ St. Andrew, Apostle ~ November 30th

8:30 am ~ Angelina McMinn ~ Joan Gallagher

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 1st

10:00 am ~ Frank Kropczynski ~ Tony Del Prete & Rita

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 2nd

8:30 am ~ John & Georgette Payne ~ Payne Family

Saturday ~ St. Francis Xavier ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Don McGowan ~ McGowan Family

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Mary Mignogna ~ Family
10:00 am Nick DiClaudio ~ Joann & Family
12:00 pm ~ Patrick Lancy ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ Laura Baxter ~ Lorraine & Dutch



Saturday ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Jim Bour, Bill Stanonik, Arlene Gross,
Carol Deiuliis

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Mary Jo Meyer, Linda Lorenz, Alison
Sciulli, John Parker

10:00 am ~ Connie Tinsley, Marsha Friez, Karen
Murray, Renae Brinza

12:00 pm ~ Joe Kopper, Martha Mallik, Lynn Bahleda,
Elaine Clugston

5:30 pm ~ Nikki Riley, Karen Haas



Saturday ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Charmain Warble

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Mike Lanigan

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Sue Buchholz

5:30 pm ~ Charles Riley



Saturday ~ December 3rd

6:00 pm ~ Francesca & Michael Aland

Sunday ~ December 4th

8:00 am ~ Christian & Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Kevin Tinsley, Ashley Astle

12:00 pm ~ Carly Haas, Analise Balaschak

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino