

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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November 29, 2015

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

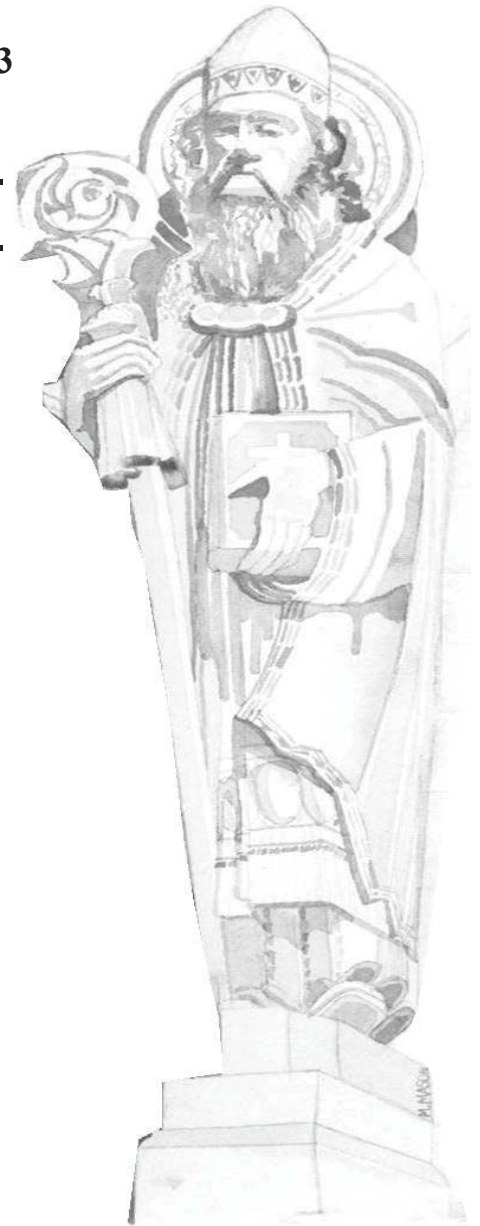
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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

It is fascinating to try to figure out when the end of the world will come. This Sunday’s reading from the Gospel might seem to foster such curiosity. Modern scripture scholars tell us that such was not Jesus’ purpose in speaking about the “roaring of the seas” and the “heavens shaken.” In fact, Jesus Himself tells us that “no one knows...the exact day or hour,” not the angels, not even Himself. A prayerful study of the Scriptures leads to a less exciting but far more important conclusion. Jesus spoke of the end of the world, of His Second Coming, in order to inspire us with the *urgency of the gospel message*. The time to believe is NOW. The time to love all our brothers and sisters, to bring justice to the world, to live unselfishly is NOW. The end could come at any moment. Jesus encourages us to live in the present as though the end was just around the corner. There is no time to waste. Live the gospel message vigorously. In the end, buildings, possessions, power or prestige will not matter. The Father will ask “did you love me and show that love in service and concern for my people?” First and foremost we are the one Body of Christ, united in the Eucharist. That should be our primary concern.

Thoughts to Reflect on and Share: From Deacon Herb
“On Thanksgiving Day we traditionally pause to thank God for all the things in our life that we are grateful for. But we should also pause to consider what WE do to show the Father just how thankful we are.” “Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! “Legos” building blocks are all the rage. They appeal to everybody - kids and adults - because at the heart of all of us are builders. A key understanding of “On Mission to The Church Alive!” is our responsibility in building the kingdom of God. That sounds like a scary proposition, much too big for us. But it’s simple. St. Therese of Lisieux explained: “A word, a kindly smile, will often suffice to gladden a wounded and sorrowful heart.” That’s how we can build up the kingdom of God - one small act of kindness at a time! To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic and visit www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Wednesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holy-day of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on Tuesday, December 7th at 6pm and Wednesday, November 8th at 8:30am and 7pm. Join the faithful in honoring Our Lady on this feast.

Sunday, November 22nd

Offertory.....	\$0.00
Monthly.....	\$0.00
Parish share.....	\$0.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSES.....	\$9,705.00

The above figures are not available at this time due to the holiday. Watch for them in next weeks bulletin.

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.



GIVING TREE

Many neighborhoods in our surrounding areas are feeling the urgency of 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 will be set up this weekend. 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 12th.



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 5th 12:00-12:45 pm
“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”
Wednesday, December 9th 6:00-9:00pm

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

Saturday, December 19th 12:00 -12:45 pm

Tuesday, December 22nd before and after 8:30am Mass

Wednesday, December 23rd after 8:30am Mass and 6:30-7:30pm

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 26TH

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

FISH FRY: Future dates: Dec. 4th, Jan. 8th

East Catholic Gala: Saturday, February 27, 2016

Stratigos Banquet Facility

LADIES OF CHARITY COLLECTING FOR BETHLEHEM HAVEN WOMEN'S HOMELESS SHELTER

During the month of November, the Ladies of Charity are collecting soap, shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, lotion, combs, make-up, shower flip-flops, gum, candy, pens and paper for the shelter's twenty women for their Christmas bingo and gift bags. Collection bins will be placed at the four doors of the church. Thank you for your generosity for these women going through a difficult time in their life.

ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DINNER

McMasters UMC will be serving their 27th annual Thanksgiving dinner on Thursday, November 26th at Noon. Reservations can be made by calling 412-823-1988. Please note if you are eating in or getting take out dinner. The dinner is free but a free will offering will be accepted. Volunteers are also welcome to help cook, set-up, serve and clean up. Turkeys are cooked on Tuesday, tables are set Wednesday, other small preparations are done on Wednesday and dinner is served on Thanksgiving Day, November 28th from Noon to 1pm followed by clean up. Everything is finished by 3pm. Helpers are welcome to have dinner also. Monetary donations are welcome to help purchase items for dinner. Monetary donations can be made to McMasters UMC and mark them Thanksgiving Dinner. They can be mailed to McMasters UMC, 200 Church St., Turtle Creek, PA 15145. All remaining monies are given to the Turtle Creek Food Bank. For more information call 412-823-1988. Thank You!

Cancer patients need your help to get to treatment. The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to frive cancer patients in our community to and from their treatment appointments. To learn more about how you can get involved and help make a difference in someone's life, call The American Cancer Society at 1-800-227-2345 or visit cancer.org.

ASK JESUS

What He wants from

-YOU-

&

BE BRAVE

-Pope Francis

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

A Retreat for men discerning their vocation and open to learning more about the priesthood

Friday: December 18, 2015 to Sunday, December 20, 2015

VISIT: PGHPRIEST.COM TO REGISTER

Must be 18 or older.

SUPPORT CATHOLIC EDUCATION AT EAST CATHOLIC

SCHOOL: In support of Catholic Education, East Catholic School is once again holding a lottery fundraiser. The raffle is based on the Big Four winning number from the 7 pm Pennsylvania Lottery Drawing held Monday thru Saturday during the month of December 2015. Each ticket costs \$20 and East Catholic School makes \$8 for each ticket sold. Tickets will be available in the rectory office. We ask that you buy or sell as many tickets as you can. Checks should be made payable to East Catholic School. All ticket stubs and money must be returned no later than November 30th.

SERRA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL HONOR ROLL: Below is a list of students from our parish who are on the 1st quarter honor roll at Serra Catholic. **Ruby Honor Roll:** "A" average, no grade lower than 93%: Jennifer Pricener. **Gold Honor Roll:** "A" average, no grade lower than 85%: Ashley Astle, Cassie Biehl. **Silver Honor Roll:** "B" average, no grade lower than 85%: Tyler Macko. Congratulations!!!!

The Catholic Daughters of the Americas will be collecting hats, scarves, gloves and socks for the Red Door Missions through the end of November. The Red Door Missions is an organization that helps the homeless. These items can be new or renewed (gently worn). There will be bins set up in the vestibules of the church until the end of November. They will also be collecting blankets that will be made into sleeping bags for the homeless. These items can be placed into the same bins as the other items. We ask all who can to please find it in their hearts to help the homeless.

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY**

The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday during Advent beginning today November 29th. Families of all sizes are invited to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass. The sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. Please meet the celebrant in the back of church 10 minutes before mass.

Serra Catholic High School Placement Test

Serra Catholic High School will have their placement test for incoming freshman on Saturday, December 5th from 9am – 12 noon. To register or for more information please call Mrs. Lyons at 412-751-2020 ext. 134 or to email her at lyons@serrahs.org.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING

Pastoral Council Meeting: Monday, November 30th at 6:30pm in the Fr. Jim Meeting Room.

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Dominic Russo and Andrew Botti. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.



The First Sunday of Advent~ November 29th

8:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

10:00 am ~ John Hearn, Sr. ~ Children

12:00 pm ~ Mary Catherine Whelan ~ Friends & Family

5:30 pm ~ Michael Yates ~ Adrian & Don Wukich

Monday~ St. Andrew, Apostle ~ November 30th

8:30 am ~ Rose Cardamone ~ Louise Pickle

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekdy~ Decemebr 1st

8:30 am ~ Frank Kropczynski ~ Family

Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 2nd

8:30 am ~ Tillie Pasierb ~ Pysnik Family

Thursday ~ St. Francis Xavier, Priest ~ December 3rd

10:00am ~ Helen Bench ~ Stark & Berger Families

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 4th

8:30 am ~ Rose Cardamone ~ Nadine & Renae

Saturday ~ Advent Weekday~ December 5th

6:00 pm ~ Terrie Miller ~ Family

The Second Sunday od Advent ~ December 6th

8:00 am ~ Theodora June Maccagnan ~ Daughter, Linda Roberts

10:00 am ~Josephine Alexander ~ Patti & Bill Connelly

12:00 pm ~ Nick DiClaudio ~ Family

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



Saturday ~ December 5th

6:00 pm ~ Jim Bour, Bill Stanonik, Joe Saxman, Carol Deilliis

Sunday ~ December 6th

8:00 am ~ Mike Lanigan, Mary Jo Meyer, Alison Sciulli, Betty Lou Parello

10:00 am ~ Sue Buchholz, Marsha Friez, Karen Murray, Renae Brinza

12:00 pm ~ Martha Mallik, Elaine Clugston, Lynn Bahleda, Maureen Leonardo

5:30 pm ~ Nikki Riley, Christine Stinson



Saturday ~ December 5th

6:00 pm ~ Brabara McCabe

Sunday ~ December 6th

8:00 am ~ Jim Sciulli

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Joe Kopper

5:30 pm ~ Charles Riley



Saturday ~ December 5th

6:00 pm ~ Michael & Francesca Aland

Sunday ~ December 6th

8:00 am ~ Christian & Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 noon ~ Tina Vos, Analise Balaschak

5:30 pm ~ Landon Dunnick