

# SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 1, 2013

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

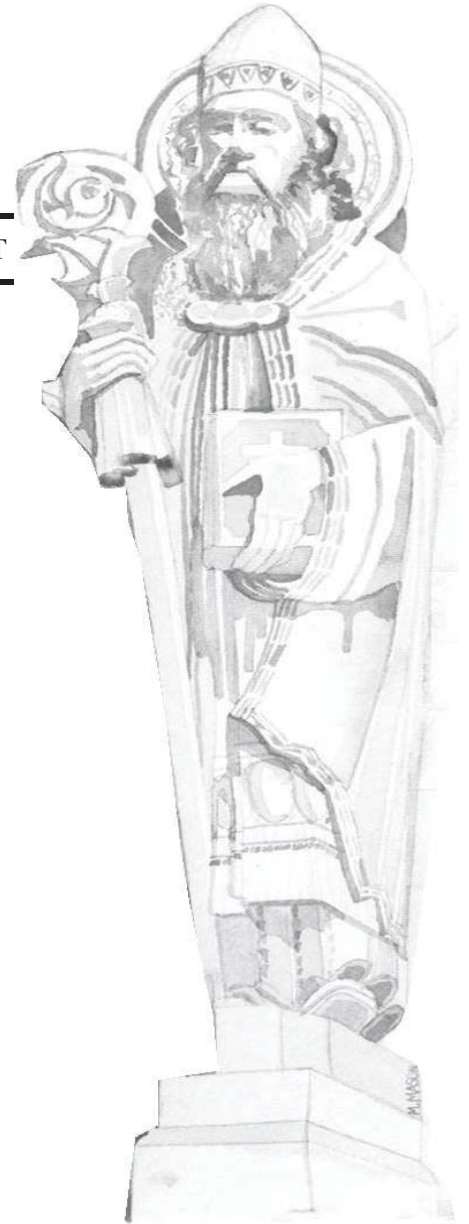
**Weddings** Call Rectory for arrangements.

**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 let us be awakened once again to an awareness of the presence of God in our lives here and now even in the midst of the commercial distractions of the season.

**THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT**

**A Family Perspective**

In today's gospel Jesus advises: "Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground" when "fearful and bewildering signs" appear threatening your family. Resist being fear-filled. Instead "pray for strength" to be courageous.

**JOINT PASTORAL COUNCIL/FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:** An extremely important Pastoral Council/Finance Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 2nd at 6:30pm. St. Colman's participation in the Diocesan Capital Campaign will begin in December and must be discussed and the preliminary work initiated.

All are invited to join Bishop David A. Zubik and Latino Catholics for the annual "Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass" on Thursday, December 12th at 7pm, at St. Paul Cathedral. The celebration begins at 7pm with the "Or Lady" procession. Enjoy the festive reception afterwards in the Cathedral's social hall.

***"It's Been a Loooooong Time Since My last Confession"***  
*This Advent season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on Wednesday, December 11th from 6-8pm. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. "The Light is Still On for You!", especially if you haven't been to confession in a while. Visit [www.diopitt.org/lightstillon](http://www.diopitt.org/lightstillon) for more information.*

**"Sanctuary Lamps"**

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Edward Bahleda as requested by Joyce Damico.

**HOME WITH THE LORD:** Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Elizabeth Teti and Ann Ferraro. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.



**November 24th**  
**Regular Collection.....\$00**  
**Monthly Collection.....\$00**  
**Parish Share.....\$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](http://www.diopitt.org).

**A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE**  
**ST. COLMAN UPDATE & RENOVATE FUND**  
**In Memory of : Edward Bahleda**  
**By: Patty Martin**

**ADVENT**  
**CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, December 7th: 12:00pm - 12:45pm**  
**Wednesday, December 11th: "The Light is Still On for You", 6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Saturday, December 14th: 12:00pm - 12:45pm**  
**Saturday, December 21st: 12:00pm - 12:45pm**  
**Monday, December 23rd: after 8:30am Mass and 6:15pm - 7:15pm**

**There will be no confessions on**  
**Saturday, December 28th**

**Serra Catholic High School's Placement Test** for incoming freshman will be held on Saturday, December 7th from 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon. To register or for more information, contact Mrs. Lyons 412-751-2020 x134 or [lyonsnl@serrahs.org](mailto:lyonsnl@serrahs.org).

**BISHOP ZUBIK** has asked that a second collection be held on the weekend of December 7-8 to assist the victims of Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. This will be part of our response to the call of Pope Francis for an international effort to address this tragedy. These funds collected will be used to support Catholic Relief Services (CRS) our official humanitarian agency representing the U. S. Catholic Church. Please be generous.

**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.

**Fish Fry: Friday, December 6th**

**CDA: December 1st Pancake Breakfast 8am-Noon School Cafeteria**

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

**Giving Tree: November 24th-December 10th**



**GIVING TREE ~ November 24th - December 10th**  
 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. Please find the tag number in the book next to the tree and sign your name and phone number next to your child's number. All gifts must be returned to the rectory office by December 10th.

**St. John Fisher Church Choir & Concert Choir**

St. John Fisher Choir & Concert Choir will perform a concert of sacred Christmas music on Sunday, December 8th at 5:00pm in the church. The program will feature the Christmas portion of Handel's Messiah as well as works by Vivaldi and Rutter. Audiences of all ages are welcome, giving our young people an opportunity to experience classical music.

**BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION**

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, December 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 December 15th.

**Nest Sunday our local Knights of Columbus Council will conduct their annual Christmas Seal drive at all masses. Please be generous in your response to this appeal on behalf of the developmentally challenged children at McGuire Home in New Brighton and those enrolled in the St. Anthony School Program at various program schools throughout the diocese. Please use the seals on your holiday correspondence. Thank You!!**

**RECRUITING NEW ALTAR SERVERS**

We are now recruiting new young people to be Altar Servers. If you are in Third Grade or above and would like to join our outstanding group of Servers, please contact Deacon Herb @ 412-823-2564 x 15 and leave a message with your name, grade, phone number and parent/guardian name. We will begin training very soon.

**FISH FRY**



**ST. COLMAN MONTHLY FISH FRY**

Please join us for our next monthly Fish Fry on Friday, December 6th in the school cafeteria from 4-7pm. Get the best Fried or Baked Cod Fish in the valley and all of your favorite side dishes. Donations of baked goods are needed and can be dropped off at the rectory office or the cafeteria.



**FOREST HILLS KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

is sponsoring a Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 7th from 8-11am, in Keane Hall (St. Maurice Parish). Santa is expected to arrive at 9:15am. Pre-sale tickets for Children and Adults are \$5.50 (children under 4 - free). Pre-sale tickets can be purchased at East Catholic School or St. Maurice Parish. Call 412-351-5403 or 412-271-0809. Cost at the door Children \$6.00 Adults \$7.00. No Cash, Checks only (made payable to Knights of Columbus). Menu: Pancakes, sausage patties, hash brown potatoes, Coffee, tea, orange drink and bottled water. **All you can eat!!!**



**Please consider supporting Catholic Hospice as you explore volunteer possibilities.:** Catholic Hospice is reaching out & inviting you to consider volunteering with us in support of our pro-life mission towards end of life care. We would love to have people who share in our mission and are open to encountering one of life's most rewarding experiences, join our volunteer team. If Patient Care is not your primary interest, we are welcoming people who enjoy fundraising, community events or clerical work to join our team as well. Volunteer training for Patient Care will be held on **Thursday, December 12th from 9am-4pm** at our office in Wexford. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please call Robyn Aguzzi at 724-933-6222 or email [raguzzi@catholicospicepgh.org](mailto:raguzzi@catholicospicepgh.org). For additional information go to [www.catholicospicepgh.org](http://www.catholicospicepgh.org). For groups of 5 or more, we'll bring training to your location. Meeting People Face to Faith...Embrace the Journey.

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY:**



The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning December 1st. Families are invited to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board. Please meet the celebrant in back 10 minutes before Mass.



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 1st**

8:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish  
10:00 am ~ Terrie R. Miller ~ Mother  
12:00 pm ~ Deceased Members of the Cwynar, Salerno  
& Watkins Families ~ Family  
5:30 pm ~ Frank Kropeczynski ~ Family

**Monday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 2nd**

8:30 am ~ Constance Silverio ~ Peggy Mays

**Tuesday ~ St. Francis Xavier, Priest ~ December  
3rd**

8:30 am ~ Gert Goodnack ~ Fran & Joe Pitassi

**Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 4th**

8:30 am ~ Payne Family ~ Bill

**Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 5th**

10:00 am ~ Josephine Alexander ~ Bill & Patti Con-  
nelly & Family

**Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 6th**

8:30 am ~ Ralph Pillage ~ Family

**Saturday ~ St. Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the  
Church ~ December 7th**

6:00 pm ~ Pat Trainor ~ Family

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 8th**

8:00 am ~ The Griffin Family ~ Tom Griffin  
10:00 am ~ Clare Kunkel ~ M/M Michael Luciano  
12:00 pm ~ William Myers ~ Family  
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



**Saturday ~ December 7th**

6:00 pm ~ Jim Bour, Verna Bango, Debbie Sargo, Bill Stanonik

**Sunday ~ December 8th**

8:00 am ~ Helen Wilson, Marleen Grill, Betty Lou Parello, Sharon Parker

10:00 am ~ Marci Mason, Renae Brinza, Kraig Riley, Linda Lorenz

12:00 pm ~ Alyssa Sargo, Joe Kopper, Martha Mallik, Lynn Bahleda

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Elaine Potochnik



**Saturday ~ December 7th**

6:00 pm ~ Barbara McCabe

**Sunday ~ December 8th**

8:00 am ~ John Parker

10:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

12:00 pm ~ Pauline Schoffstall

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



**Saturday ~ December 7th**

6:00 pm ~ Andy Speranza, Nathan Holmes

**Sunday ~ December 8th**

8:00 am ~ Sal Aiello, Anina & Christian Parker

10:00 am ~ Mimi, Lexi & Ashley Astle

12:00 pm ~ Analise Balaschak, Lucca Paoletti

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino, Landon Dunnick