

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

"A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust"

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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

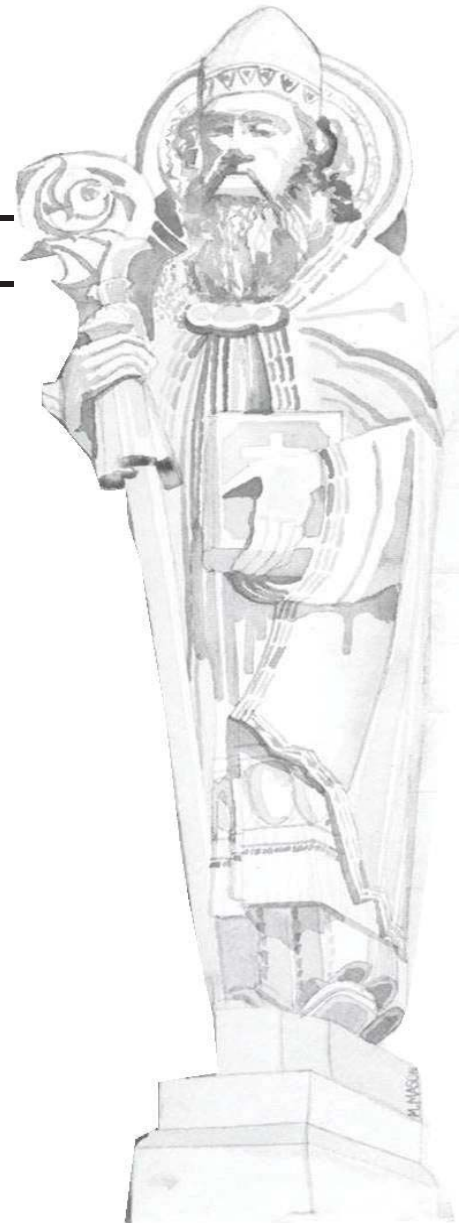
Baptisms Call Rectory for registration and parent program.

CCD Religion Classes Tuesday 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm

Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

Bulletin Deadline 2 weeks in advance of publication

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.



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.

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.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Family Perspective

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today's gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony
 The schedule for the annual Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please consider signing up with members of your family. We'd like to see some new faces this year. Any questions call Sue at 412-824-5163.



Monday, December 24th
 4:00 pm
 6:00 pm
Midnite (music begins at 11:30)

Tuesday, December 25th
 8:00 am
 10:00 am

Christmas in Lancaster featuring Jonah. Millenium Theater. Two days and one night, December 27th & 28th. WOW209, for information call Marlene at 412-365-0120.



November 18th	
Regular Collection.....	\$7121.00
Monthly Collection.....	\$60.00
Parish Share.....	\$613.00
November 25th	
Regular Collection.....	\$5232.00
Monthly Collection.....	\$318.00
Parish Share.....	\$200.00

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 56 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.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

The very core and essence of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed for years to be able to provide the Eucharist in both species at all of our Masses. However, we now face a shortage of Extraordinary Ministers at St. Colman's that threatens our ability to provide both species. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing and attend Mass every week, we ask you to please search your hearts and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to see if you are being called to assist us in this role. If you are or would like additional information on the specific requirements, please contact Arlene Gross at (412) 823-6447 and/or e-mail at arlgro@verizon.net. God bless you and your families.

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Saturday, 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 Friday, December 7th at 6:00pm, Saturday, December 8th at 8:30am, 10:00am. Join the faithful in honoring our Lady on this feast.

Home With the Lord: In the spirit of Christian Charity your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Sophia Timm and Judith Matiasic. May they rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:

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

Legion of Mary Group: Every Saturday at noon at Fraser Hall, 500 Hunter St, Turtle Creek.

Little Rock Scripture Study: Meets every other Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the cafeteria. Visitors are welcome at any time. Contact Sue Buchholz at (412) 824-5163.

Catholic Men's Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month @ 8am in the Church Hall.

HOLY HOUR DATES: December 19th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Parish Holiday Breakfast: Sunday, December 2nd, from 8:30am to 1:30pm. Sponsored by CDA.



TURTLE CREEK FOOD PANTRY

The Turtle Creek Food Pantry has teamed up with the neighborhood churches in an effort to support our neighbors in need. Every month the neighborhood churches are selecting non-food items for donation. November they are asking for hair care products (shampoos, conditioners, etc.). For December, dental hygiene products (toothpaste, mouthwash, etc.) are requested. The food pantry is **not permitted** to purchase non-food items, they are only permitted to purchase non-perishable products (food only). If you wish to make a monetary donation, please designate the donation for these non-food items. Checks can be made out to P.N.E.S. (Pantry Network of the Eastern Suburbs). Monetary donations can be dropped off in the offertory collection or at the church rectory. Your neighbors and the Turtle Creek Food Pantry **THANK YOU** for generosity.

Free Story time Sessions @ East Catholic

Wednesday, December 12th is the next "Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time" at East Catholic. The program is for children 2 1/2 to 5 years old and is designed to give them a positive introduction to books and reading habits. The theme of this Story-time is "Christmas". The session will be from 12:30pm-1:30pm at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling East Catholic School Office 412-351-5403 during school hour (8:30am-2:00pm). Please register by Monday, December 10th.

PLACEMENT TEST for eighth grade boys, who wish to attend Central Catholic starting in fall of 2013, will be administered on Saturday, December 15th. Registration for the test can be completed online at www.centralcatholics.com. Contact the admissions office at 412-621-7505 with any questions.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps were lit last week in memory of Elizabeth Evancho as requested by Marci Mason. The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory Cecilia Basala as requested by Daughter, Josie Zemarel.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 8th	12:00pm-12:45pm
Saturday, December 15th	12:00pm-12:45pm
Tuesday, December 18th	6:15pm-7:15pm
Saturday, December 22nd	12:00pm-12:45pm
Monday, December 24th	after 8:30am Mass

There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 29th.

GIVING TREE

All gifts must be returned to the Parish Office by **December 10th**. Thank you for your kindness and generosity.

CDA CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Celebrate Holy Mass together 12 Noon Sunday, December 9th, and proceed to ***Banquets Unlimited in Wilmerding** for lunch. For reservations call Betty Dombrosky @ 412-823-2435. Please note: **Change in Venue**.

Annual Our Lady Guadalupe Mass

All are invited to join Bishop David A. Zubik and Latino Catholics for the annual "Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass" on Wednesday, December 12, 7:00pm, at St. Paul Cathedral. The celebration begins at 7:00pm with the "Our Lady" procession. Enjoy the festive reception afterwards in the Cathedral's social hall.

A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE ST. COLMAN UPDATE & RENOVATE FUND

**IN MEMORY OF:
CARL JOHNSON**

**BY:
ANNA McINTYRE**

**And
MARIE(RHEA) MARINGO**

**BY:
HOWARD DONALDSON**

**And
PATRICK LAIRD**

**BY:
HOWARD DONALDSON**

Baptism Class & Dates of Celebration

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 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 16.





FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 2nd

8:00 am ~ Josephine Alexander ~ Bill & Patti Connelly

10:00 am ~ Terrie Miller ~ Mother, Louise George

12:00 pm ~ Frank Kropczynski ~ Family

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

Monday ~ St. Francis Xavier ~ December 3rd

8:30 am ~ Leo Martinelli ~ Letty & Family

12:30 pm ~ Hamilton Hills ~ Colleen McGrady ~ M/M
James Kunkel

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 4th

8:30 am ~ Mildred & Nancy Goodall ~ Joan & Jim
Goodall

Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 5th

8:30 am ~ Living & Deceased Members of AOH Div.
#17 ~ AOH Div. #17

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 6th

8:30 am ~ Ralph Pillage ~ Family

Friday ~ St. Ambrose ~ December 7th

8:30 am ~ Melinda D. Payne ~ Bill

6:00 pm ~ Dee & Tom Chesmar ~ Crystal Pruchnitzky

Saturday ~ The Immaculate Conception ~ December 8th

8:30 pm ~ Irene & Mary Olive Dudek ~ Clara Shula

10:00 am ~ Ronald Wos ~ Sonny & Patty Cheripka

6:00 pm ~ Mary & Vic Bohden & Jackie O'Bringer ~
Yvonne Jones

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 9th

8:00 am ~ Lana Parker ~ Family

10:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

12:00 pm ~ Shirley Ann Brown ~ Susko Family

5:30 pm ~ Patrick Trainor ~ Family



Saturday ~ December 8th

6:00 pm ~ Ed Hlatkey, Arlene Gross, Tina Kuniak, Barbara McCabe(1)

Sunday ~ December 9th

8:00 am ~ John Parker, Bill Eckenrode, Sharon Parker, Paul Messineo

10:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi, Karen Murray, Julie McDermott, Linda Lorenz

12:00 pm ~ Elaine Clugston, Martha Mallik, Alyssa Aiello, Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ James Jordan, Volunteer



Saturday ~ December 8th

6:00 pm ~ Barbara McCabe(2)

Sunday ~ December 9th

8:00 am ~ Jim Sciulli

10:00 am ~ Mike Krygowski

12:00 pm ~ Phil Wills

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



Saturday ~ December 8th

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ December 9th

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon, & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Jimmy, Josh, & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Alaina Fawcett & Lucca Paoletti

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino