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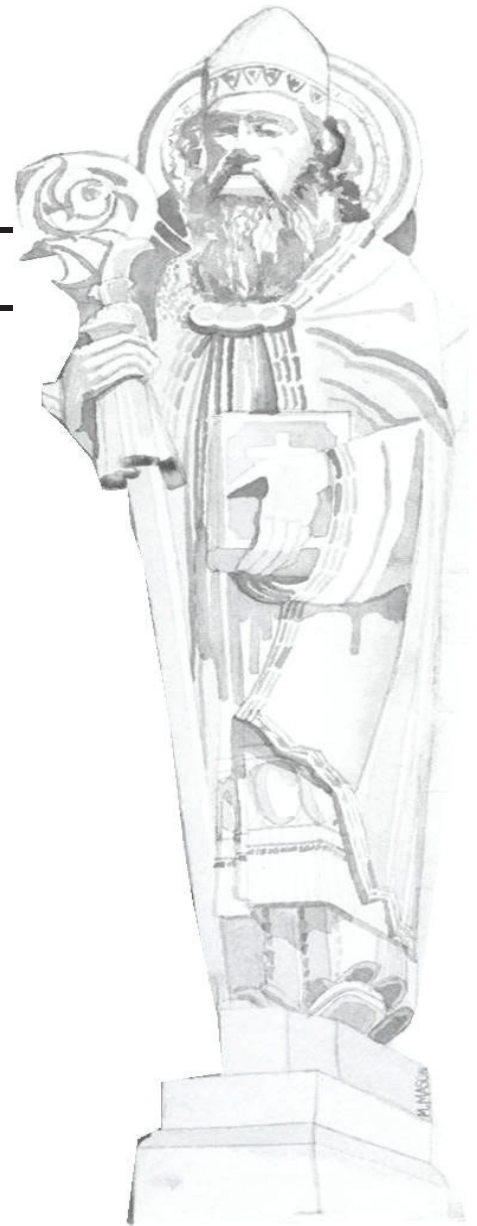
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December 2, 2018 First Sunday of Advent

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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

Monday, Tuesday	8:00 am
Sundays (Vigil)	5:30 pm
	10:00 am
	5:30 pm

Confessions Saturday 12:00 pm - 1:00 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-Thursday 8:30 am—4 pm

Friday 8:30—12 Noon

If you are having a planned hospital procedure or stay and would like Anointing of the Sick beforehand, please contact Fr. Almade @ 412-823-2564.

Gluten free hosts are available for those who have wheat intolerance. Please let Father Frank, Father Barkin 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.

FAITHFUL CHRONICLES: BY FR. FRANK D. ALMADE

There is the ideal, and then there is the real. We strive to achieve the ideal, but when that is difficult or impossible, we have to settle for the real.

This is true in so many aspects of our life. It is particularly true with regard to our parishes.

The ideal parish in the Catholic Church has one priest who pastors the faithful with the care and devotion of Jesus the Good Shepherd. One priest, one parish. Over time, like the Good Shepherd, the pastor comes to know the members of the church to respond to their particular needs in his ministry. The parish should have enough members to support all essential ministries, but small enough for the priest to know everyone. That's the ideal. Reality is different.

Many of you, like me, can remember a time decades ago when the church expanded on the ideal. Because of the burst of priestly ordinations in the 1960s and 1970s, many city parishes had three priests, not one. Newly ordained priests had to wait 15-18 years until they acquired enough seniority to become a pastor. Every parish organization seemed to have its own chaplain. The diocese was able to release priests for missionary work, teaching in seminaries and service in Vatican congregations. Ethnic groups had their own priest, of their own heritage and language.

We thought that pattern would go on forever. Reality set in. Gradually parishes shrank. In western Pennsylvania the demise of the steel industry in the late 1970s and 1980s caused the loss of 180,000 living wage jobs. Men and women fled to sunnier climates to find work. Our diocese has dropped from a high of almost one million souls in 1960 to less than 650,000 today,

The ranks of the ordained shrank too. Forty years ago there were 525 active priests. In 1990 maybe 175. Today we have under 180. The diocese responded to these realities with the reorganization of parishes from 1989-95, when we went from 333 to 215 parishes. Some parishes had multiple "worship sites."

But the decline in numbers has continued, for a variety of reasons. "On Mission for the Church Alive" is our determined response to fewer faithful and fewer priests. It affirms the valuable roles of deacons, lay ecclesial ministers and key volunteers in the parish groupings. It places evangelization at the forefront of every parish's activities.

Priests have to adapt to this new reality. No longer can a priest just walk across the parking lot to say Mass. Today priests drive miles to the various churches in their grouping, and dozens of miles in our more rural counties. New priests have to pick up the peculiarities of the celebration of the Eucharist in each church: how to turn on the lights and turn off the alarm system, where chalices and liturgical books are kept in the sacristies, how to enter and depart, where the ministers stand and sit. Each congregation has to learn the names of their new priests, when they might only see him for Sunday Mass once every four weeks.

For me the hardest reality of our current circumstances is learning names. When I was pastor of one parish with one church, it took me about a year to learn the names of the 300 or so most active parishioners. In subsequent years as I celebrated the sacraments I could build on this foundation and learn the names of more and more families.

But serving multiple churches slows this process down. As I move from church to church and encounter parishioners, I'm constantly asking myself, "Which church does she attend? Which parish is his home?"

It is downright frustrating when I serve alongside wonderful parishioners and don't know their names. I am sure it is discouraging to longtime parishioners that their priests don't know who they are, either.

We are far from the ideal in our current situation. We all need heavy doses of patience and charity as priests and people try to do the Lord's work in our parishes and parish groupings together.

Weekly Collections
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Sunday, November 18, 2018

Offertory.....	\$4,481.00
Monthly.....	\$120.00
Parish Share.....	\$195.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$9,705.00

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, Extraordinary 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

Thoughts to reflect on and share: "The Lord has made many promises to us and has not broken a single one. Can we say the same of the promises we have made to Him? Advent is the perfect time to make amends for all of our broken promises." **Follow Deacon Herb on Face Book.**

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Louis Winwood, Mary Valko and Patrick McCann. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Monday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)



- 4:00 p.m.—St. Colman
- 4:00 p.m.—St. Jude the Apostle
- 6:00 p.m.—St. Colman
- 6:00 p.m.—St. John Fisher
- 10:00 p.m.—St. John Fisher

Tuesday, December 25 (Christmas Day)

- 10:00 a.m.—St. Colman
- 10:00 a.m.—St. Jude the Apostle

THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY, a holyday of obligation, is Sat. Dec. 8th. Mass

schedule is as follows: Friday, December 7: 4:00 p.m. at St. John Fisher and 6:00 p.m. at St. Colman. Saturday, December 8: 9:00 a.m. at St. Jude and 11:00 a.m. at St. Colman.

CATHOLIC MEN'S FELLOWSHIP AT ST. COLMANS

Welcome all men to attend CMF at St. Colman's on Saturday, December 15 at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. We are starting a new program entitled "CONVERSION—FOLLOWING THE CALL OF CHRIST" By Bishop Robert. Barron Bishop Barron showcases six stories of conversion from the Bible. The common theme is the turning of all one's attention and energy toward an even deeper personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The CMF group meets on the first and third Saturdays of each month to share and discuss topics including scripture reading, and faith sharing...breakfast is included! Questions— call Ted at (412) 596-2544.

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 are welcome!
Free Gentle Yoga for those in grief. Call Connie for information at 412-443-4837 or visit her website at www.stayfitwithconnie.com
Little Rock Scripture Study: Mondays 6:30-8pm
St. Colman Monthly Fish Fry: Friday, December 7th
Holy Hour: Thursday, December 20 from 6:30—7:30 p.m.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY



The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning December 2nd. 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 a mass of your choice. We ask that you please gather in the back of the church 10 minutes before mass to meet the celebrant and participate in the procession.

ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE CHURCH cordially invites all



members of St. Colman Parish to their annual Christmas Party on Sunday, December 9th at 5:00 p.m. at Banquets Unlimited in Wilmerding. Enjoy a delicious sit-down dinner with your choice of Baked Scrod or Chicken Romano—\$20.00 per person. There will be great entertainment from the Monroeville Choir following dinner. Cut-off date for reservations is Monday, December 3rd. Please call the rectory at (412) 823-8390 for reservations. What a great opportunity to meet other members of our new parish family. JINGLE, JINGLE, LET'S MINGLE!

**BECOME CATHOLIC OR
BECOME A BETTER CATHOLIC**

Join us for St. Colman's 2018-2019 RCIA program on Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Colman school library. Anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about their Catholic faith is welcome.

The topic for the November 26 session is *Advent and the Liturgical Calendar*.

The topic for the December 3 session is *The Mass*.

The topic for the December 10 session is *A Tour of a Catholic Church*.

The topic for the December 17 session is *Revelation—Sacred Scripture*.

*There is no December 24 session—Christmas break.

*There is no December 31 session—New Year Break.

Call St. Colman rectory at (412) 823-2564 for more information or to register. The program is FREE.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS from Council 4925 will be at all Masses December 8 & 9 passing out Christmas seals. Please use these on all of your Christmas correspondence. This benefits the McGuire home & St. Anthony. Please be generous and thank you for your support!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY—An age appropriate reflection on the Gospel of the day with occasional hands on activity, games, and song. This service is provided Sundays at 10:00 a.m. Mass for children 4-8 years of age. Children are excused after the opening prayer and return during the offertory. We ask that a parent stand when they are returning, so they can find you.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This annual diocesan event is an opportunity for parishioners to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation in churches throughout the area on Tuesday, December 11. That evening, **St. Colman church** will host a Penance Service at 6:30 p.m. for the children in the CCD program. A priest will be available for confessions in the church for all until 9:00 p.m.

GIVING TREE



Please be sure to return your gifts with the tag attached to the rectory office by December 13th. All gifts will be picked up on December 15th. Thank you for your generosity and gift of giving!

ST. JOHN FISHER PARISH'S LADIES OF CHARITY

cordially invites our women of St. Colman Parish to attend a social on Thursday, December 6th at 7:00 p.m. in the St. John Fisher Parish Hall. If you're interested in attending this social, please call the rectory at (412) 823-2564. by November 28th.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE! **Be Vigilant at All Times** – As the Advent season begins we look forward to the coming of Christ. This anticipation has two meanings as we await our Savior. First, as we set up our manger scenes we are keenly aware that the celebration of the birth of Christ will soon be upon us. The coming of Christ as one like us in all things but sin is a source of great hope as we recognize how our fallen humanity was raised to a new dignity as Jesus took on flesh. At the same time, we anticipate his coming again in glory so that we might share fully in the salvation he won for us. Jesus promises to return and call us back to himself that we might live with him for ever. While we are attentive to all that the birth of Christ means for us as his followers, we are called to be vigilant in regards to his coming again so that we might not be caught off guard. We may try to convince ourselves that we can be attentive later, but in reality, there is no better time than the present to turn our eyes, ears and hearts to the things of God so that we might hear his voice and see his works inviting us now to be one with him. This relationship with the Lord also allows us to know his will and his ways and it inspires us to follow the path he has set for us. How is the Lord inviting us in our parishes and parish groupings to be vigilant to the presence of Christ in our midst and the needs of others so that many of us can be prepared for his coming again? Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and to stay informed.

PRE-BAPTISM SEMINAR will meet on Monday, December 10th at St. John Fisher at 7:00 p.m. The seminar is required for parents anticipating Baptism in the near future. Pre-registration is required by calling the office at St. John Fisher (412) 241-4722. The seminars will be offered quarterly.



Saturday ~ December 8th

5:30 pm ~ Nancy Brush, Arlene Gross, John Parker,
Sharon Parker

Sunday ~ December 9th

10:00 am ~ Connie Tinsley, Patti Connelly, Helen Wil-
son, Wanda Melocchi

5:30 pm ~ Joe Kopper, Wendy Martino, Sue Buc-
cholz, Pauline Schoffstall



Saturday ~ December 8th

5:30 pm ~ Mike Krygowski

Sunday ~ December 9th

10:00 am ~ Pam Zagar

5:30pm ~ Tina Kuniak



Saturday ~ December 8th

5:30 pm ~ Volunteer

Sunday ~ December 9th

10:00 am ~ Tina Vos

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino



GREETERS

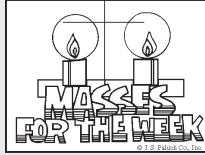
Saturday ~ December 8th

5:30 pm ~ Don & Diane Grubbs

Sunday ~ December 9th

10:00 am ~ Patti Connelly, Betty DeLanko Pat Ro-
manelli, Frank Rizza

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buccholz, Volunteer



First Saturday ~ Vigil: First Sunday of Advent ~ December 1

4:00 pm ~ *St. John Fisher*

5:30 pm ~ Marcella Cosley ~ Ron & Gail Bachy & family

Sunday ~ First Sunday of Advent ~ December 2

9:00 am ~ *St. Jude the Apostle*

10:00 am ~ Josephine Alexander ~ Patti, Bill & family

11:30 am ~ *St. John Fisher*

5:30 pm ~ John Corbett ~ Joannette Blazeovich

Monday ~ Saint Francis Xavier, Priest ~ December 3

8:00 am ~ Dan McGowan ~ Dennis McGowan

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 4

8:00 am ~ John Simon ~ Friend

Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 5

8:00 am ~ *St. John Fisher*

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 6

8:00 am ~ *St. John Fisher*

First Friday ~ Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church ~ December 7

8:00 am ~ *St. John Fisher*

Vigil: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation)

4:00 p.m. ~ *St. John Fisher*

6:00 p.m. ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Saturday ~ The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holyday of Obligation) ~ December 8

9:00 a.m. ~ *St. Jude the Apostle*

11:00 a.m. ~ Ed Hlatkey ~ Bob Adams)

Vigil: Second Sunday of Advent

4:00 pm ~ *St. John Fisher*

5:30 pm ~ Ralph & Renzie Viggiano ~ Family

Sunday ~ Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 9

9:00 am ~ *St. Jude the Apostle*

10:00 am ~ Rose Misko ~ Ron & Julie McDermott

11:30 am ~ *St. John Fisher*

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