

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 6, 2015

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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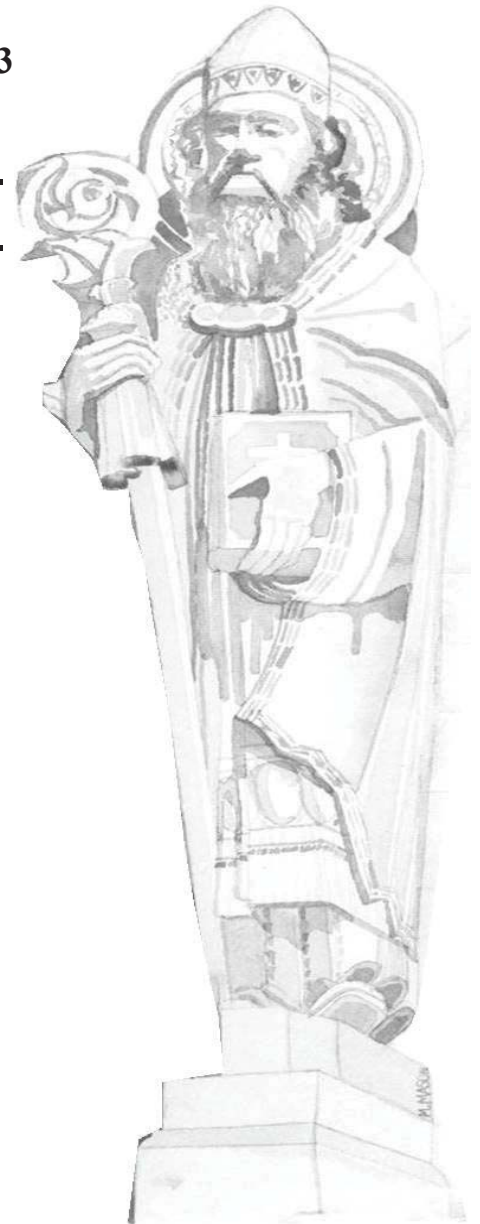
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ST. COLMAN MISSION STATEMENT

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

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| 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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The Second Vatican Council reminded us of the image of the church as the people of God. The Christian life is more clearly seen as a journey, with its unknowns, perils and surprises. We are always growing in our understanding of the faith, more willing to admit our ignorance and inadequacies, more accepting of ourselves and others. As pilgrims, we realize our humanness and that of the church as a whole, convinced as we are, that we are guided and directed by God's own Spirit. Growth on this journey is essential as Paul tells the Philippians. It is a growth in love as well as in knowledge and reflection. God's love extends to all people. In different ways, we are joined in a common journey.

Thoughts to Reflect on and Share: From Deacon Herb

"Advent is the season of preparation. We should follow the direction of the prophet Isaiah to 'prepare the way of the Lord; make straight His paths', by simply living each day as if it was the day when we must give an account of our lives to God."; "Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

*Tuesday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, A Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on *Monday, December 7th at 6pm and *Tuesday, December 8th at 8:30am and 7pm. Join the faithful in honoring Our Lady on this feast. *Misprint in last weeks bulletin (Monday & Tuesday not Tuesday & Wednesday).

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

MIDNITE (music begins 11:30)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM
10:00AM



**EXPERIENCE GOD'S MERCY THIS ADVENT
THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!**

This year in every parish across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on **Wednesday, December 9th from 6-9 pm**. Consider making a commitment this Advent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. Visit www.diopitt.org/lightstillon for more information.

Sunday, November 22nd

Offertory.....\$6565.00
Monthly.....\$120.00
Parish share.....\$200.00

Sunday, November 29th

Offertory.....\$5895.00
Parish Share..... \$273.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSES.....\$9,705.00

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.



GIVING TREE

PLEASE REMEMBER: All gifts must be returned to the rectory office by December 12th.



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

"THE LIGHT IS STILL 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

CHURCH ALIVE UPDATE: We thank you for your continued support in fulfilling your pledges for the Church Alive Program. The replacement of the organ is well on schedule and construction will be completed around February 19th. A large down payment has been submitted but there still remains a portion of the total cost to be completed. The organ was the first project on our case statement when this program began. If you wish to see a preview, a similar organ has been installed at St. Bernadette. Again your continued support is needed. If you still want to join the program and make a pledge, contact the rectory. Thank you once again.

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Monica Sevener, Carolyn Hrapchak, Anthony Ackerman and Leona Bekich. May they rest in the peace and the 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.

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 6:15-8pm

FISH FRY: Future dates: Jan. 8th

East Catholic Gala: Saturday, February 27, 2016

Stratigos Banquet Facility

BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism classes are scheduled for Saturday, March 5th and Saturday, June 4th 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 is required prior to the celebration (**along with membership in the parish**). The sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on December 13th & 27th, January 10th & 24th and February 14th.

From the Mission Office of the Diocese of Pittsburgh:

Thank you for the 2015 Mission Sunday contribution of \$1894.00 from St. Colman Parish. On World Mission Sunday, your parish community joined with Catholics throughout the world, called to be "missionaries of faith" through prayer and participation in the Eucharist and by generous sacrifice. In Christ's Love, Rev. Ronald Lengwin

Cancer patients need your help to get to treatment. The American Cancer Society needs volunteers to drive 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.

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Jobe Funeral Home and Lanigan Funeral Home for providing the 2016 calendars for the parish.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR LIVING NATIVITY

Families, High-School and College Students, Anyone looking for a meaningful volunteer experience this Christmas season! Catholic Charities is still in need of volunteers for its indoor "Living Nativity, Gift of Giving" weekends through December 20th, at the Susan Zubik Welcome Center in downtown Pittsburgh. 4-hour shifts are available for several volunteers per shift from 11am-8pm. Help Catholic Charities share the story of Christmas and provide gifts to children who can in turn, give to others in the spirit of the season. If interested in volunteering, please contact Bonnie Rolison at broils@ccpgh.org or 412-456-6696. Thank you.

SAVE THE DATE!!! EAST CATHOLIC GALA, SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2016 AT STRATIGOS BANQUET FACILITY. This event benefits East Catholic School and is a fun-filled evening of dinner, dancing, live band, live auction and so much more! This year we are inviting alumni to fill a table and reconnect to celebrate with us!! If you have any questions, contact Amie & Kenny Cooley at 412-260-2989 amie4dance@msn.com or Laurie & Lou DeRosso at 412-841-8767 ldeRosso3@gmail.com.

FREE STORY TIME SESSIONS AT EAST CATHOLIC LIBRARY:

Wednesday, December 16th is the next "Perfect for Pre-schoolers Story-time" at East Catholic school in Forest Hills. This is a free story, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is for children 2 1/2 to 5 years old and is designed to give them a positive introduction to books and the habit of reading. Each program features appealing books, favorite stories, and lively activities. The theme of this Story-time is "Christmas". There will be one session from 12:30 to 1:30 pm. We invite all children along with their parent or guardian to come and visit Story-time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling East Catholic School Office at 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30am-2:00pm). Final date for registration is Monday, December 14th. Join us for some "Christmas" fun! East Catholic follows Woodland Hills School District Weather cancellation.

THE SOUNDS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON AT EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL ~ "Crazy, Crazy, Christmas" ~

On Wednesday, December 9th, Grades 3, 4 and 5 will present "Crazy, Crazy Christmas" at East Catholic School/Keane Hall at 7pm. **The Living Nativity** ~ The beauty of the Christmas season will come alive on Tuesday, December 15th at 7 pm with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA. The 6th, 7th and 8th graders of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dance.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday during Advent. 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



The Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 6th

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

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

12:00 pm ~ Nick DiClaudio ~ Family

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

Monday ~ St. Ambrose ~ December 7th

8:30 am ~ Melinda D. Payne ~ Family

9:30 am ~ Hamilton Hills: Richard Miller

6:00 pm ~ Rose Cardamone ~ Rose & Michael Luciano

**Tuesday ~ The Immaculate Conception of the
BVM ~ December 8th**

8:30 am ~ Julia & George Hreha ~ Family

7:00 pm ~ William Hanson ~ Jim & Micky Catone

Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 9th

8:30 am ~ The McGeever Family ~ Tom Griffin

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 10th

10:00am ~ Alphonso Botti ~ Mark Botti

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 11th

8:30 am ~ Bernie McCabe ~ Bob Adams

Saturday ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 12th

6:00 pm ~ Pat Trainor ~ Family

The Third Sunday of Advent ~ December 13th

8:00 am ~ Mike Maciupa ~ Margaret & Family

10:00 am ~ Living & Deceased Members of the
Catholic Daughters of the Americas ~ Catholic Daugh-
ters of the Americas Court Westinghouse #759

12:00 pm ~ James V. Bentley ~ Family

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



Saturday ~ December 12th

6:00 pm ~ Debbie Sargo, Tina Kuniak, Charmain Warble, Ed Hlatkey

Sunday ~ December 13th

8:00 am ~ Paul Messineo, Joyce Blotzer, Wanda Melocchi, Connie Tinsley

10:00 am ~ Julie McDermott, Linda Lorenz, Kraig Riley, Marci Mason

12:00 pm ~ Theresa Lugar, Joe Kopper, Marguerite Crokus, Volunteer

5:30 pm ~ Wendy Martino, Joanne Saint Pierre



Saturday ~ December 12th

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

Sunday ~ December 13th

8:00 am ~ Bill Eckenrode

10:00 am ~ Mike Krygowski

12:00 pm ~ Pauline Schoffstall

5:30 pm ~ Pamela Ross



Saturday ~ December 12th

6:00 pm ~ Carol Deiuliis

Sunday ~ December 13th

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Kevin Tinsley, Chloe Noah

12:00 noon ~ Lucca Paoletti, Carly Haas

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino, Justin O'Shell