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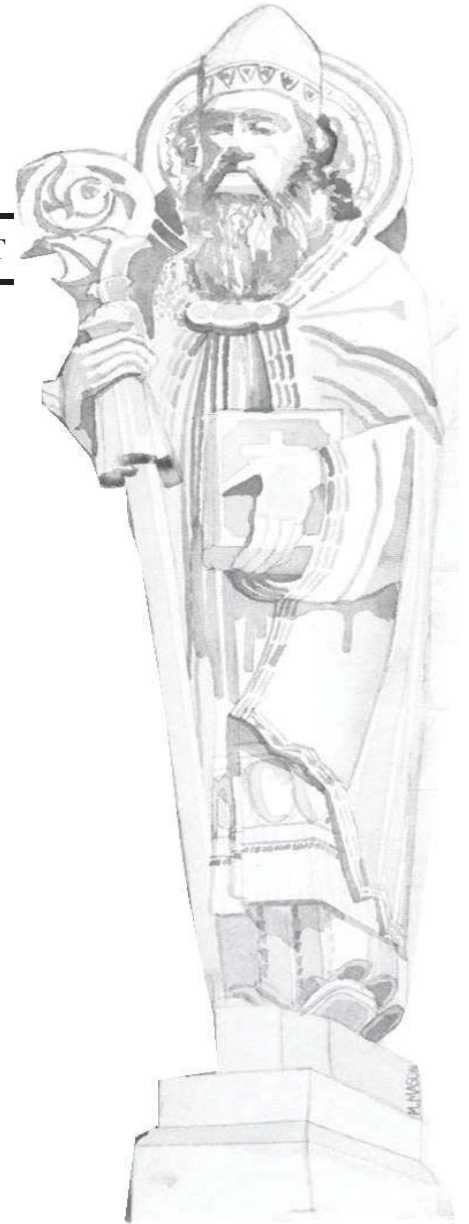
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December 8, 2013

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gerry J. Meyer *Business Manager*

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 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The reign of God means the sovereignty of God’s will over all creation. Justice is part of God’s reign, a justice that is linked with peace. The work of God is also the work of Christ’s disciples and of all people of good will. The injustices of today’s world are much with us . Poverty, racism, sexism, disregard for life, economic inequality-- all plaque our society and our planet. True peace can never be expected where such injustice prevails. Working to correct injustice makes us agents of the Lord in re-establishing that biblical ideal of equality and fairness. Paul reminds us today that peace is rooted in a recognition of everyone’s place in God’s plan. We are living in a “wilderness” that promotes individualism, personal rights and self-satisfaction. John the Baptist encourages us in today’s gospel to be “a voice crying out in the wilderness” as we prepare the way of the Lord.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

A Family Perspective

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Christian parents are the voice to their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “How do I help my children to know Jesus?”

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 Looooooong 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 as 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 for more information.

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

In Memory of : Edward Bahleda

By: Pat Marino

Bob Beck

Regina Beck

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Rita Turcovsky and Ellen Whitlinger. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.



November 24th	
Regular Collection.....	\$5523.00
Monthly Collection.....	\$390.00
Parish Share.....	\$535.00
Military Collection.....	\$1310.00
December 1st	
Regular Collection.....	\$6634.00
Monthly Collection.....	\$1844.00
Parish Share.....	\$504.00

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 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.

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

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Fr. Joe Freedy will be leading a retreat for men in college or above who desire a deeper relationship with Christ, are seeking to know their vocation, and are interested in learning more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. Weekend will include daily Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, solid brotherhood, as well as a talk and discussion with Bishop Zubik. Friday evening, December 20th - Sunday morning, December 22nd. For information or to register please visit www.pghpriest.com.

Yarn is needed to make Lap Robes for disabled veterans. It can be dropped off at the rectory office or call Lorraine at 412-824-8834 to have it picked up.



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.

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

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.

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.

**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.

**GIVING TREE ~ November 24th - December 10th**

Many neighborhoods in our surrounding area 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. It is a great opportunity to manifest the teaching of Christ by giving. For those of you that took a tag from the tree please remember all gifts must be returned to the rectory office by December 10th.

CENTRAL CATHOLIC PLACEMENT TEST

The placement test for eighth grade boys, who wish to attend Central Catholic starting in the fall of 2014, will be administered on Saturday, December 14th. Registration for the test can be completed online at www.centralcatholicchs.com. Contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with questions.

CHURCH PARKING

We ask that you kindly fill the parking spaces in the lot before parking your car in the open space or driveway of the Church lot. There is a limited number of spaces and we need to maximize their usage. Many times there are empty spaces both in the small lot and near the school building. If you do not wish to use a space, please do not enter the lot until the spaces are full. Thank you for your cooperation.

FREE STORY TIME AT EAST CATHOLIC SCHOOL LIBRARY:

Wednesday, December 11th is the next "Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time" at East Catholic School at 2001 Ardmore Boulevard, Forest Hills, PA. This is a free story time, rhyme, song and craft program designed to entertain and engage young children. The program is for 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 12:30-1:30 pm. We invite all children along with their parent or guardian to come visit Story time at East Catholic Library. Registration is required by calling East Catholic School Office (412-351-5403) during school hours (8:30 am until 2:00 pm). Final date for registration is Monday, December 9th. Join us for some "Christmas" fun!



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CHRISTMAS MASSES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

MIDNITE (music begins at 11:30Ppm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

The Holy Name Society of Corpus Christi Parish sponsors an Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on the second Friday of each month at Corpus Christi Parish, 2515 Versailles Ave, McKeesport, PA at 7pm. The next Holy Hour will be Friday, December 13th. We pray for those discerning their callings to the religious life, priesthood, married life or single life. We worship our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in silence, song and evening prayer. All are welcome!!!

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary lamp is lit this week in memory of John Morenzi, Sr. as requested by John and Connie Morenzi.



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

Monday ~ Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary ~ December 9th

8:30 am ~ Andrew Palko ~ Joe & Betty Dombrosky

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 10th

8:30 am ~ Alphonso Botti ~ Son, Mark

Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 11th

8:30 am ~ Andy Palko ~ Parishioners at 8:30 am Mass

Thursday ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 12th

10:00 am ~ Tom & Martha Mallik ~ Children

Friday ~ St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr ~ December 13th

8:30 am ~ Marilyn Hopbell ~ William F. Hopbell

Saturday ~ St. John of the Cross ~ December 14th

6:00 pm ~ John J. Fiumara ~ Wife, Louise & Children
John, Toni & Tina

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 15th

8:00 am ~ Melinda D. Payne ~ Bill
10:00 am ~ Lois Clawson ~ Family
12:00 pm ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Kunak
& Bridge Families ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 14th

6:00 pm ~ Debbie Sargo, Bill Stanonik, Barbara McCabe, Tina Kuniak

Sunday ~ December 15th

8:00 am ~ Mary Jo Meyer, Bill Eckenrode, Paul Messineo, Lorraine Meglio

10:00 am ~ Marc Tinsley, Karen Murray, Joe Saxman, Julie McDermott

12:00 pm ~ Volunteer, Joyce Blotzer, Maureen Leonardo, Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Theresa Wos, Pamela Ross



Saturday ~ December 14th

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

Sunday ~ December 15th

8:00 am ~ Mike Lanigan

10:00 am ~ Alicia Cole

12:00 pm ~ Emily Yanovich

5:30 pm ~ Joanne Saint Pierre



Saturday ~ December 14th

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ December 15th

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Jimmy, Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Alaina Fawcett, Carly Haas

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino