

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 10, 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gerry J. Meyer *Business Manager*

Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, ...*Principal, East Catholic School*

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

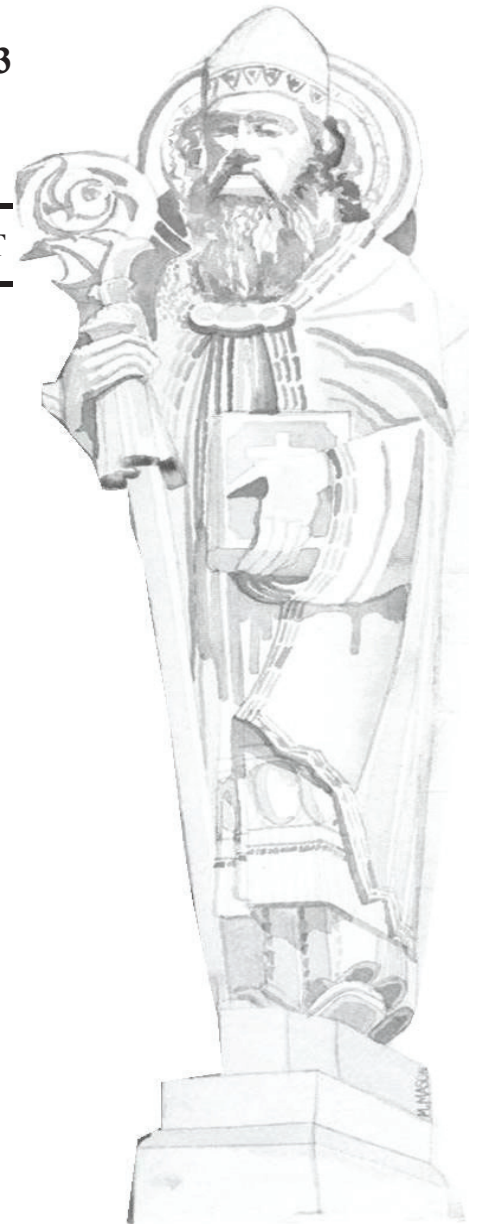
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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

John the Baptist was clothed in camel’s hair and wore a leather belt around his waist. His food was grasshoppers and wild honey. This was not the ordinary garb of a Jewish male; this was anything but the ordinary diet. John was not trying simply to attract attention. He was departing from the ordinary norms of society to jolt himself out of the dullness of conformity. He was looking for real value in behavior patterns. Sometimes we must experience something different. Our Christian vocation asks us to be different and look at the values in our life. What would it feel like to eat a few meager meals in order to understand world hunger? What would it feel like to give one-tenth of all that one owns to charity? What would it feel like to ration the use of one’s car or the heat in one’s home to comprehend the energy crisis more accurately? The Christian is called to follow a different set of standards: love, compassion and service. With John the Baptist, perhaps we all need to admit that sometimes the only way to the truth of reality is by being different.

Thoughts to reflect on and share: *“While the path may not always be straight, the way is always clear. It is through the One who is to come.”* **Deacon Herb Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.**

Prepare the Way of the Lord - Advent is our annual time of anticipation and expectation for the coming of Jesus at Christmas and, ultimately, at the end of time. During this season we make many preparations so that we can be ready to meet the Lord. We prepare our hearts through prayer and reconciliation to be a fitting place of welcome for Jesus to dwell. We also prepare our home as places of warm hospitality to welcome neighbors and strangers alike with a loving and generous heart. This Advent, we also find ourselves anticipating the changes that will soon be upon us as part of the *On Mission for the Church Alive!* initiative. How are you preparing for the new realities in our parishes? Will your heart meet these changes with resistance or with the resolve to do what it takes to foster new life in your community and help grow the Church? Take some time this Advent to prepare the way of the Lord as he comes to make us and our Church ever more alive! Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and stay informed.

The Light Is On For You!
“It’s Been a Long 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 13th from 6-9pm. 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. “The Light is On for You,” is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church, especially if you haven’t been to confession in a while.*



Sunday, December 3, 2017

Offertory.....	\$6642.00
Monthly.....	\$2061.00
Parish Share.....	\$510.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$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, 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

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

“THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU”
Wednesday, December 13th 6:00-9:00 pm
Saturday, December 16th 12:00-12:45pm
Friday, December 22nd after 8:30am Mass and 3:30-4:30pm
Saturday, December 23rd 12:00-12:45pm

There will be NO confessions on Saturday, December 30th

Make plans to receive the Sacrament Before the last opportunities

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th
4:00 PM
(be advised this Mass will be crowded)
6:00 PM
10PM (music begins at 9:30)
Monday, December 25th
8:00AM
10:00AM



GIVING TREE: Our tree was a big success again this year, all the tags were taken the first week. Some of you, however, did not sign your name in the book, so please be sure to return your gifts with the tag attached. All gifts must be returned to the rectory office by December 13th. Thank You!

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. December 15th & 22nd. Call Connie for information at 412-443-4837 or visit her website at www.stayfitwithconnie.com

Holy Hour: December 18th

St. Colman Monthly Fish Fry: January 5, 2018



First Friday Candlelight Mass - Give your Friday night new life and enjoy the new monthly First Friday Candlelight Mass. Masses will be celebrated

every First Friday at 8pm at Saint Stanislaus Church in the Strip District beginning Friday, December 1st. Confessions will be available at 7pm and music will start at 7:45pm. Afterwards, join your friends for fellowship at a nearby eatery. Follow [facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh](https://facebook.com/ beholdpittsburgh) for details about each month's Mass.

2018 Lucky Number Ticket - Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and 3 Evening numbers. Numbers are available and your number is yours for the entire 2018 calendar year. Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. Great gift idea! For more information, visit dpsisters.org/LuckyNumber or call Pat at 412-635-5401.

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY**

The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning December 3rd.

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.

AUTHENTIC HAPPINESS: A HIGH SCHOOL SILENT RETREAT ~ Have you ever allowed God to speak to you through silence? What does it mean to find Him as the source of your authentic happiness? Find out through Authentic Happiness: A High School Silent Retreat. Fr. Mike Ackerman will lead this retreat for high school men on February 3-4 at Martina Spiritual Center. It will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. No cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by January 22nd.

CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION: FREE OF CHARGE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th at THE LOURDES CENTER, ST. BERNADETTE'S CHURCH 1:30-3:30PM. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES PLEASE CALL 412-373-0050

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Catholic Charities is collecting donations of clothing to serve the individuals and families in need that we serve through the winter months. You can help by donating new and gently used hats, gloves and scarves in all sizes. Drop off at Catholic Charities for smaller donations; larger donations by appointment. Please call to arrange drop off for larger donation. 412-456-6996 or llasen@ccpgh.org.

SAM - SUBSTANCE ADDICTION MINISTRY

The next Substance Addiction Ministry Rosary for Recovery will be Wednesday, December 20th at St. John the Baptist Church, 444 St. John Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15239. We will meet at 7:00 pm for the Rosary followed by an informal gathering for all who are afflicted or affected by addiction. It will be a safe, confidential place for people to seek education, referral and support. For more information please contact Noreen at 412-296-1709.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING: RCHEL'S Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on March 2-4, 2018 at Tabor House in Millvale. On a confidential supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: toniafj1@comcast.net.

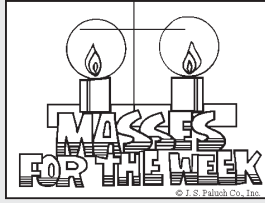


New Year's Eve \$500 Raffle Casino Knight Dinner and Dance Date: Sunday, December 31st, Time: 7:00Pm Doors Open (BYOB) 7:30Pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 8:00Pm-12:00 Am Casino Games and Dance. Place: Saint Therese Court, Munhall, PA 15120-3701. Cost: \$35 per person. \$60 per couple & \$220 for a table of 8. Extra Raffle Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Winner need not be present! Contact: George Wagner at 412-823-8011.



HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls Carol DiBernardin, Deborah Lee Reynolds and Marian Costa. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

RETROUVAILLE: 4 STAGES OF MARRIAGES ~ 1) Romance 2) Disillusionment 3) Misery 4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 19, 2018, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburgh.org.



The Second Sunday of Advent ~ December 10th

8:00 am ~ Alphonso Botti ~ Mark & Nancy Botti
10:00 am ~ Maria & Carlo Luciano ~ Mike & Rosa Luciano
12:00 pm ~ Ann Durick ~ Georgia, Joyce, Karen & Patty
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 11th

8:30 am ~ Emma Payne ~ Vicky & Butch Konrad

Tuesday ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 12th

8:30 am ~ James V. Bentley ~ Family

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

8:30 am ~ McGeever Family ~ Tom & Family

Thursday ~ St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church ~ December 14th

8:30 am ~ Peg Egerter ~ Judi Chirsan Novak

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 15th

8:30 am ~ John J. Fiumara ~ Wife Louise & Children, John, Toni & Tina

Saturday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 16th

6:00 pm ~ Don McGowan ~ Family

The Third Sunday Of Advent ~ December 17th

8:00 am ~ Fannie & Bill Dinzeo ~ Dolly & Tom
10:00 am ~ Guistino & Fiorentina Martinelli ~ Sylvia & John Martinelli
12:00 pm ~ Francis & Mary Buchholz ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ Janet Marks Long ~ Virginia Shopes & Tamra Marks



Saturday ~ December 16th

6:00 pm ~ Joe Saxman, Carol Deiuliis, Debbie Sargo, Charmain Warble

Sunday ~ December 17th

8:00 am ~ Paul Messineo, Betty Lou Parello, Lorraine Meglio, Mary Jo Meyer

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

12:00 pm ~ Elaine Clugston, Joe Kopper, Marguerite Crokus, Martha Mallik

5:30 pm ~ Wendy Martino, Pamela Ross



Saturday ~ December 16th

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

Sunday ~ December 17th

8:00 am ~ Bill Eckenrode

10:00 am ~ Marci Mason

12:00 pm ~ Tina Kuniak

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



Saturday ~ December 16th

6:00 pm ~ Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ December 17th

8:00 am ~ Jonathan Parker, Sal & Rocco Aiello

10:00 am ~ Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Carly Haas, Analise Balaschak

5:30 pm ~ Landon Dunnick