

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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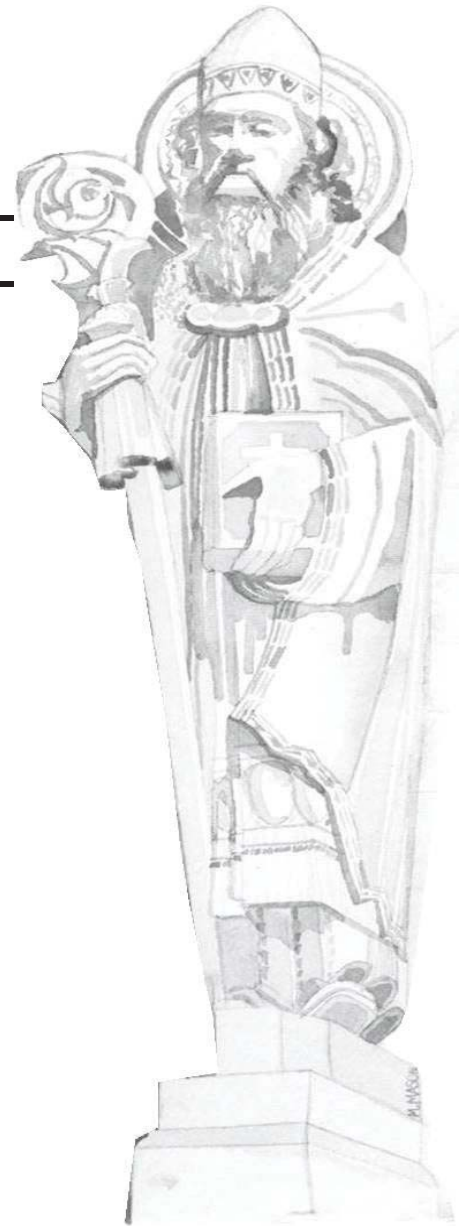
December 11, 2011

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REV. JAMES E. KUNKEL.....*PASTOR*
DEACON HERB RILEY
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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

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.

Pastor's Notes

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In a very troubled world, Christian joy is not meaningless. This is not a joy corresponding to our highs and lows. Rooting in faith, it convinces us that if our lives are properly focused, if they point to Christ, then, like the disciples on the turbulent lake, we can be confident and at peace. Isaiah told a very troubled people that restoration was near - not because it was merited but because God is faithful. As Jesus appears, the role of the Baptist is to make him known and affirm his mission. In Jesus, God's fidelity is unsurpassed. Listening to today's scripture, we have every reason to rejoice. That figure who will meet John in the desert is living proof that we are not and will never be abandoned. Joy is more than merrymaking or a fleeting laugh. True joy retains composure and peace in fortune and misfortune. It looks at mountains and oceans and sees God's imprint. It looks at large cities and sees an immense amount of good. Joy looks at Christ and knows he is there.



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Monday, December 12th: **PENANCE SERVICE AT ST. JOHN FISHER 7:00pm**

Saturday, December 17th: 12:00 - 12:45pm

Wednesday, December 21st: after 8:30am Mass
and 6:30 - 7:00pm

Thursday, December 22nd: after 8:30 am Mass
And 3:00 pm—3:30 pm



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24TH

4:00PM

6:00PM

MIDNITE (music begins at 11:30pm)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25TH

8:00AM

10:00AM (televised)

THERE WILL BE NO MASS ON SUNDAY EVENING



GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER

December 4th

Regular Collection.....\$7259.50

Monthly Collection.....\$2489.00

Parish Share.....\$560.00

DIOCESE VICTIM ASSISTANCE HOTLINE

1~888~808~1235

DIOCESAN DATABASE & REGULATIONS FOR ALL MINISTRIES:

All ministers including catechists, staff, choir, ushers, lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, etc. are required by the Diocese of Pittsburgh to be cleared in the following ways: 1) Be registered on the Diocesan Database. 2) Sign the Code of Pastoral Conduct. 3) Be cleared by the Dept. of Public Welfare for Child Abuse. 4) Be cleared by the State Police Criminal Record Check. 5) Attend Protecting God's Children for Adults Workshop. If you have not completed the above or have questions, and are presently involved in any ministry in the parish, please call Mike Krygowski@412~824~7226 or email at St_Colman_Parish_Poc@yahoo.com. Forms are available in the Parish Office. All costs are covered by the parish.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING

Advent Wreath Lighting - The sign up sheet for the Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony that takes place at all Masses during Advent is located on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. This has become a seasonal tradition in our parish. Please sign up today. We hope to see some new families this year.

ANNUAL OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS

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

LITTLE ROCK SCRIPTURE STUDY-Our Parish will continue exploring and studying the Bible using the Little Rock Scripture Study (LRSS) series. This winter we will study the Gospel according to Luke a 12-week study beginning Tuesday, January 10, 2012. Marked by the compassion of Jesus the gospel of Luke demonstrates the universal nature of Jesus' mission. Luke's focus on faithfulness will encourage you to trust. The study includes personal study, group sharing, and a video lecture. We meet at 6:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria. Study book set for this session is \$14 and payable upon registration at the rectory or by calling Sue Buchholz 412-824-5163. Registration is required. Refreshments served.

Home With the Lord: In the spirit of Christian Charity your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Lois Brannigan, Rosemary Evanish and Frank Kropczynski. 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.

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, Isp. This year's sketch is white on burgundy background. The cards are 7 for \$10 (plus \$1.50 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$2.00 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$5.00 shipping) Cards can be ordered by calling 412-307-1100 or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor, 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or at main entrance of the Home.

ST. COLMAN GRIEF SHARING GROUP

St. Colman Grief Sharing Group will meet every third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm in the school cafeteria. Anyone grieving from the loss of a loved one is invited to attend. Your loss can be recent or from years past. Please join us for a comforting environment to share your grief or to just be with those who care. Any questions may be addressed by contacting Don Cwynar at bsco105@aol.com or call 412-829-1889.

**BAPTISM CLASS AND DATES OF CELEBRATION**

The next Baptism classes are scheduled for Saturday, March 3rd and Saturday, June 2nd at **11:00am** in the school. **Please note these dates** 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 18th, January 1st, January 29th and February 12th.

GIVING TREE

November 20th ~ December 12th

There are still tags on the tree, please buy a gift for a needy child from our community. Tomorrow is the deadline for returning your gifts for the Giving Tree. A party will be held for the children next weekend. PLEASE return your gifts by tomorrow, December 12th so that each child will receive his or her gift at the party. Thank you for your generosity.

**CIRCLE OF FRIENDS LIFELINE OF HOPE**

For information and discussion please contact the Parish Advocates for Persons with Disabilities, Bill & Eileen Ketter by email at Ketter.Eileen@yahoo.com or phone @412-825-6051 or the rectory office @412-823-2564.

FOOD BANK: There is a container in the vestibule of the church near the rectory office for the collection of Food Bank items. Non-perishable food items can be dropped off at any time. Please consider helping your neighbors in need.

RETRouvaille

A Lifeline for Troubled Marriages: Is your marriage tearing you apart? Do you feel lost and alone? Are you frustrated, hurt, or angry with each other? Are you constantly arguing or fighting? Have you thought about separation or divorce? Do you have no time or desire to communicate? Does talking about it only make it worse? Are you feeling helpless because you think your marriage is heading downhill? Don't despair. Retrouvaille (French for Rediscovery and pronounced Re-tro-vi) has proved to be an effective program that helps hurting couples rebuild their trust and renew their communication. Call today to start the healing process with a weekend beginning on January 13, 2012. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.helpourmarriage.com.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Saint Colman Parish Religious Education Program began in September for grades K-8. Please Note: It is a Diocesan Policy for all students to receive a **minimum of 2 full years** of education before the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (grades 1 and 2) and **8 full years** before Confirmation (grades 6-8). If your child does not attend a Catholic School, make sure they are registered. If you are a member of another parish, permission of your pastor is required to attend St. Colman. Registration is still taking place. If you need to register your child/children please call the rectory office at 412-823-2564.

SINGLE, 21 & OVER (or know someone who is) - Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. The group offers a variety of different activities including parties, picnics, hiking, sport leagues, dinners, trips, community service, and many other great events. For more information, visit our website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, check out our Facebook page or call 412-341-4070. Give yourself a Christmas present and join before January 1st to receive a \$5 discount on your membership.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

by: Bud Ozar

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, pile of laundry, unmatched sock and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday ~ December 11th

8:00 am ~ Payne Family ~ Family

10:00 am ~ Dorothy Romanelli ~ Husband & Family

12:00 pm ~ Shirley Ann Brown ~ Susko Family

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

Monday ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe ~ December 12th

8:30 am ~ John J. Fiumara ~ Daughter, Anna Marie

Tuesday ~ St. Lucy, virgin & martyr ~

December 13th

8:30 am ~ John J. Fiumara ~ Mrs. Amelia Podolinski & M/M Jim Miller

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

8:30 am ~ John J. Fiumara ~ Wife, Louise & Family

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 15th

8:30 am ~ Steve Minnaji ~ Lorraine Vinson

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 16th

8:30am ~ Charles Clugston ~ Marie Probo

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 17th

6:00pm ~ Mary & Vic Bohden & Jackie Obringer ~ Yvonne Jones

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Dorothy Petrick Weber ~ Family

10:00 am ~ Vincenza & Joseph Romanelli ~ Son & Family

12:00 pm ~ Mrs. Agnes Joan Bridge ~ Family

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



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Saturday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Ed Hlatkey, Bill Stanonik, Debbie Sargo,
Verna Bango

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Larry Canobbio, John Parker, Sharon Parker,
Lorraine Meglio

10:00 am ~ Kelly McIntyre, Renae Brinza, Karen
Murray, Alicia Cole

12:00 pm ~ Elaine Clugston, Martha Mallik, Maureen
Leonardo, Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Emily Mitnik



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Saturday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Bill Eckenrode

10:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

12:00 pm ~ Jennifer Zapata

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



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Saturday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Steven Churilla, Carly Haas

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Anina, Christian & Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Nick, Mimi & Lexi Astle

12:00 pm ~ Alaina Fawcett, Lucca Paoletti

5:30 pm ~ Collin Shaffer, Noah Martino