

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 11, 2016

THE THIRD 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

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

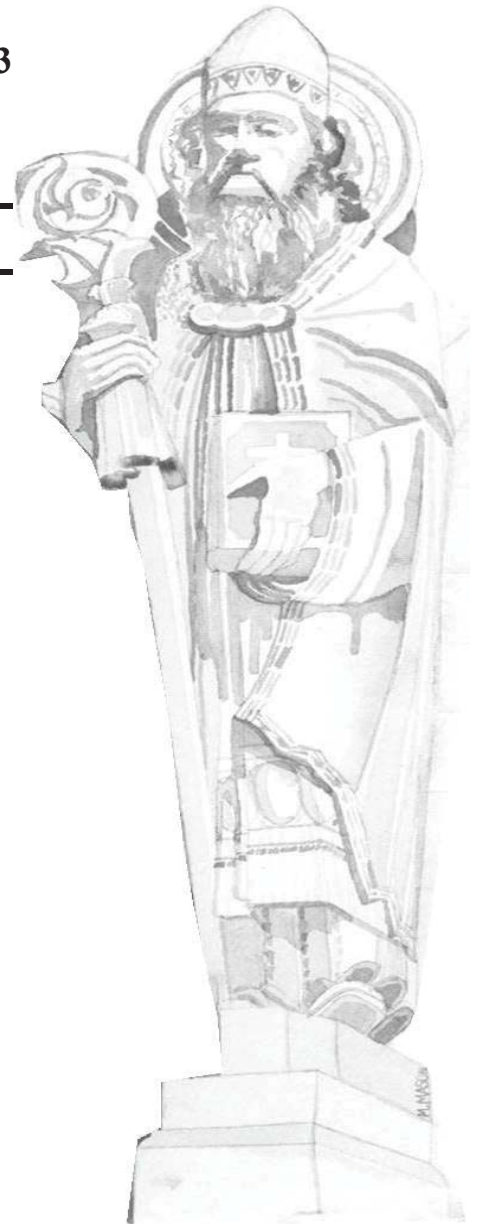
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Over and over again, we hear of men and women doing what we all thought could never be done. The world is full of stories where the seemingly impossible becomes possible. We should feast on such stories because they can help nurture our sense of what is possible in life. Our readings today are filled, not with what men and women can do, but with what God can and does do in our world. God makes the wilderness into a garden, opens blind eyes, cures deaf ears, gives courage to the cowardly, sets the oppressed free, makes the lame walk, cleanses the lepers and even raised the dead. God can make all things new. This is what we celebrate today. Now the trick is to take that wonderfully hopeful idea and allow it to enter our communal and individual world. The saints were not afraid to imagine a world that was different from the world in which they lived. When we simply sit back and accept what is because that is all we know, and are not able to imagine how things could be any different, then nothing much is going to happen. If a community has no vision of how to move into the future, it seems highly doubtful that God is going to use that community to bring about any needed changes. God needs hearts and imaginations that are open and unafraid.

Thoughts to reflect on and share: "Like flowers that bloom in the desert and fruit in parched lands, even the emptiest and driest of hearts can be overcome by patience and love. During this Advent season, like a farmer tending his fields, we need to patiently tend to those who feel alone and empty and let them know just how welcome and loved they really are." Deacon Herb **Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.**

Weekly offering	
Sunday, Sunday, December 4th	
Offertory.....	\$7795.00
Monthly.....	\$1883.00
Parish Share.....	\$585.00
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, 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 WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY

The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning November 27th. 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 the mass of your choice. We ask that you please gather in the back of church 10 minutes before mass to meet the celebrant and participate in the procession.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE
"The Light is on For You"
Wednesday, December 14th 6:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday, December 17th 12:00 pm - 12:45pm
Thursday, December 22nd after 8:30 am Mass
Friday, December 23rd after 8:30 am Mass and 3:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Saturday, December 24th 8:30 am - 9:30 am (church will be closed after 9:30 am to prepare for the vigil Masses)
There will be NO CONFESSIONS - December 31st.



BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 4th at 11am in the school cafeteria meeting room. **Please note this date** if you anticipate a baptism in the next few months. This class may be taken before the birth of your child. The class is required prior to the celebration (along with membership in the parish and attendance at Mass). The Sacrament of Baptism will be celebrated on December 18th, January 15th, January 29th, February 12th and February 26th.

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 14th 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, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. "The Light is On for You," especially if you haven't been to confession in a while.

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CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE
Christmas Eve: Saturday, December 24th
4:00 PM
(be advised this Mass will be crowded)
6:00 pm
MIDNITE (music begins at 11:30)
Christmas: Sunday, December 25th
8:00am
10:00am
There is no Noon or 5:30pm Mass on Christmas Day

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 welcome!

Honoring Your Body: Spirit filled Yoga class resumes Thursday September 8th 6:45-8pm in Werthman Hall. 1st Class Free. Connie Tinsley 412-443-4837.

Holy Hour & Exposition: Monday, Dec.19, 6:30pm

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Fr. Joe Freedy and Fr. Mike Ackerman, along with Fr. Brian Welding and Fr. Brian Noel, will be leading a retreat for men who are seeking to know their vocation and to learn more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood, from Friday, December 16th, 7pm - Sunday, December 18th 11am at Gilmary Retreat Center. The weekend will include Mass with Bishop Zubik, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, conferences, and solid brotherhood. No cost. Must be 18 or older. For more information or to register, please visit www.pghpriest.com.

ARE YOU AFFECTED BY SOMEONE ELSE'S ADDICTION? NAR-ANON OFFERS HELP: *Nar-Anon Family Groups* are a worldwide fellowship for those affected by someone else's addiction. As a twelve step program, we offer our help by sharing our experience, strength, and hope. Join us for support and recovery at St. John's Lutheran Church, 715 Lincoln Hwy, North Versailles, on Thursdays at 7:30pm. ***There is Babysitting Available** For more information call Linda L. at 412-874-5620. Nar-Anon World Services located at 23110 Crenshaw Blvd. Suite A, Torrance, CA 90505. (800) 477-6291 nar-anon.org.

CHURCH ALIVE PROCESS

Consultation sessions at St. Colman have concluded. However, the information packets and feedback packets are available in the rectory office and in the church vestibule. Models for future parish structures are explained in the packets. An opportunity for your feedback is presented.

Christmas Cards -- The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, lsp. This year's card is white with a red sketch of Mary holding baby Jesus. The previous year's cards are also available. The cards are: 7 for \$10 (plus \$2.00 shipping), 12 for \$15 (plus \$3.00 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$6.00 shipping). Cards can be ordered online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by calling (412) 307-1100, or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or stopping at the Main Entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale of the cards help to support the elderly poor Residents in the Little Sisters care.

"NOTRE DAME" NEW COURSE OF STUDY

St. Colman's CMF invites all parishioners to attend a dynamic 12 session program entitled "*The Bible and the Virgin Mary.*" This program is designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge and cohesiveness of the Old and New Testaments. It's grounded in history yet actively engages the topics faced by today's Catholics. It's more than a Bible Study. ***It's Biblical Catechesis!*** The goal is to help Catholics grow in an understanding and appreciation of the Mother of God. Introduction to this session starts Monday, January 9, 2017 from 6:30-8:00pm in the school cafeteria. If you are interested in attending and would like to order your books, please do so before January 9, 2017. To order go to bibleandthevirginmary.com, use Promo code Matt for a 10% discount. For more information phone 412-596-2544 or email at TedyN@comcast.net.

CHRISTMAS STORY TIME

Wednesday, December 14th is "Perfect for Preschoolers Story-time" at East Catholic School, Forest Hills. This program is for children 2 1/2 to 5 years old. The theme of this Story-time is "Away in the Manger". There will be one session from 12:30-1:30pm. 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 the school office at 412-351-5403 during school hours (8:30am-2:00pm). Final date for registration is Monday, December 12th. Join us for some "Christmas" fun!

RETROVAILLE A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED

COUPLES: Hope and help for troubled marriages is available through Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 13, 2017, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information is available at <http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburgh.org>.

A SPAGHETTI SUPPER will be held at Calvary United Church of Christ, Shaw Avenue, Turtle Creek, on Thursday, DECEMBER 15 between the hours of 4 & 6 P.M.. A meal consisting of spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, bread & butter, dessert, and beverage will be available for a donation of \$8.50 per person, \$4.25 for 10 and under. The public is invited to eat-in or take-out. For more information phone the church office at 412-823-4347.

HOME WITH THE LORD: *Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Marian Agnes Wiberg and Kimberly Shields. May she rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.*

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory Amanda Stolz, as requested by Cathy McDevitt and Dolores Wilson. as requested by Becky, Ben and Joe..





THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 11th

8:00 am ~ Bill & Fanny Dinzeo ~ Dolly & Tom
10:00 am ~ Josephine Alexander ~ Patti & Bill Connelly & Family
12:00 pm ~ Kunak & Bridge Families ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Our Lady of Guadalupe~ December 12th

8:30 am ~ James V. Bentley ~ Family

Tuesday ~ Saint Lucy, Virgin & Martyr ~ December 13th

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

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

8:30 am ~ Peg Egerter ~ Judi Chirsan

Thursday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 15th

8:30 am ~ The McGeever Family ~ Tom Griffin

Friday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 16th

8:30 am ~ Marilyn Hopbell ~ Children

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Fiorentina & Guistino Martinelli ~ Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Kukla & Urban Families ~ Tom & Betty
10:00 am ~ Helen Bench ~ Husband Beans, Children & Family
12:00 pm ~ Mary Shiner ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Carol Deiuliis, Arlene Gross, Bill Stanonik, Charmain Warble

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Helen Wilson, John Parker, Sharon Parker, Alison Sciulli,

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

12:00 pm ~ Martha Mallik, Lynn Bahleda, Elaine Clugston, Pauline Schoffstall

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Pamela Ross



Saturday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Jim Sciulli

10:00 am ~ Kevin Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Emily Yanovich

5:30 pm ~ Joanne Saint Pierre



Saturday ~ December 17th

6:00 pm ~ Francesca & Michael Aland

Sunday ~ December 18th

8:00 am ~ Christian & Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Analise Balaschak, Carly Haas

5:30 pm ~ Landon Dunnick