

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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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

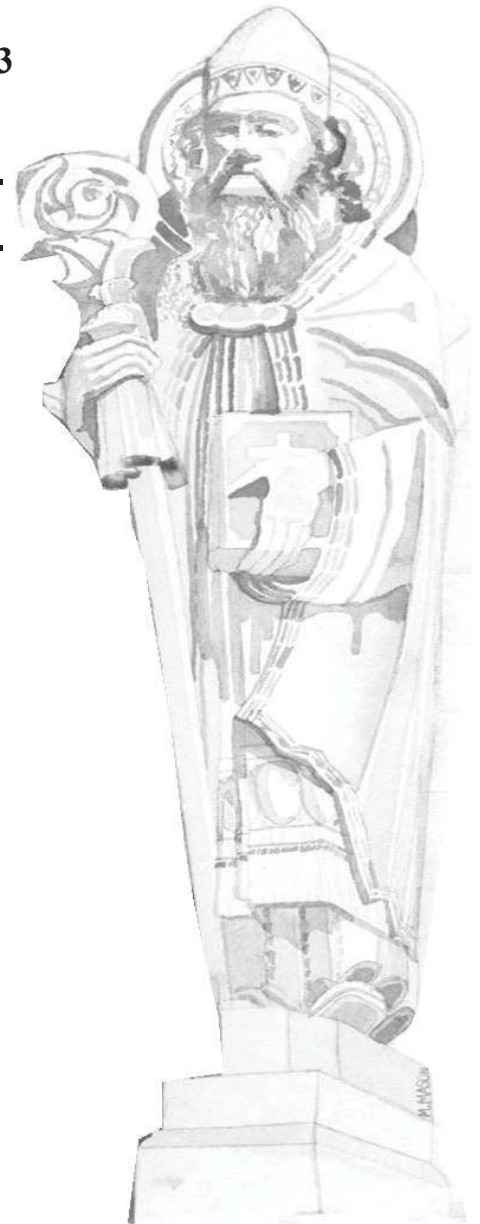
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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

This Third Sunday of Advent has been called “Gaudete Sunday” or “Rejoice Sunday.” It takes its name from Paul’s letter to the Philippians. Advent reminds us of the joy that is ours because Jesus is “Emmanuel” - “God with us.” But Advent is even more; it is about reminding us there is even more joy because Christ will come again. It was this deep belief in the Second Coming that led Paul to say to us today, “The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petitioner, with thanksgiving, make your requests know to God.” Christmas is an exciting time of year or at least it should be. Advent gives us the map to build our excitement. Not only has the Savior come, He will come again. If we can let this belief give us joy, we can let this joy be the motivation for our behavior as Christians, as Good Samaritans, as a people of God who sees beyond the material world and recognize the unity we share in the Eucharist.

Sunday, December 6th	
Offertory.....	\$7288.00
Monthly.....	\$3815.00
Parish share.....	\$170.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSES.....	\$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.

Thoughts to Reflect on and Share: From Deacon Herb

“In addition to being a season of preparation, Advent is also a time of anticipation as we eagerly await the coming of Jesus Christ. The question we should ask ourselves during the remaining weeks of Advent is; are we adequately preparing for the day when Christ will come again?” Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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

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



A PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Count your blessings, instead of your crosses,
 Count your gains, instead of your losses,
 Count your joys, instead of your woes,
 Count your friends, instead of your foes,
 Count your smiles, instead of your tears,
 Count your courage, instead of your fears,
 Count your full years, instead of your lean,
 Count your kind deeds, instead of your mean,
 Count your health, instead of your wealth,
 Count on God, instead of yourself.*

Author Unknown

A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE ST. COLMAN UPDATE & RENOVATE FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Frank & LaVerne Evanovich
BY:
Family

“Sanctuary Lamps”

The Sanctuary Lamp was lit last week, December 6th in memory of John Morenzi, Sr., as requested by John & Connie Morenzi.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Turtle Creek Centers’ **MEALS ON WHEELS PROGRAM**. We are in need of volunteers to deliver meals to home bound seniors who are unable to cook or shop for themselves. Please consider helping these seniors! Call Jan at 412-824-6880 Eastern Area Adult Services.

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Susan Hummel. May she 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 27th, January 10th & 24th and February 14th.

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.

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 CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS would like to thank all of you for your generous donations of hats, scarves, gloves and socks for the homeless. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Tuesday, December 22nd from 6:30-7:30pm. This is an opportunity to worship in a prayerful, reflective manner in the special presence of the Eucharist. Consider spending some quality time in prayer, spiritual reading or just meditating on God's love and continuing presence in your life.

Retrouvaille: Save our Marriage: This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels including disillusionment and deep misery. The next weekend begins January 15th. Please call for confidential information at 412-277-3434 or see www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org.

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.

NEW STUDY "BEHOLD THE MAN" Spirituality for Men Deacon Harold Burke shares with us what it means to be a "Catholic Man" in today's society. This book and DVD is done with humor, frankness and years of defending our faith in rough - and - tumble arenas. The course begins Saturday, January 16, 2016 and runs for eight consecutive Saturdays, from 9:00-10:30am in St. Colman cafeteria. If you have any questions call Ted Novak at 412-596-2544 or teddyn28@comcast.net. If you would like to order the book go to www.beholdthemanbook.com.





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

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

8:30 am ~ Peg Egerter ~ Judi Chirsan

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 15th

8:30 am ~ John Fuimara ~ Wife Louise, Children,
John, Toni, & Tina

Wednesday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 16th

8:30 am ~ Living & Deceased Sisters of Mercy ~
St. Colman School Alumni

Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 17th

8:30 am ~ Mary Shiner ~ Family

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 18th

8:30 am ~ Giustino & Florentina Martinelli ~ Family

Saturday~ Late Advent Weekday~ December 19th

1:30 pm ~ Wedding: John Brucker & Megan Nagle
6:00 pm ~ Pat & Ralph Pillage ~ Pillage Family

The Fourth Sunday of Advent~ December 20th

8:00 am ~ The Griffin Family ~ Tom & Family
10:00 am ~ Marilyn Hopbell ~ Children
12:00 pm ~ H. William Bell ~ Wife & Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 19th

6:00 pm ~ Carol Deiuliis, Jim Bour, Bill Stanonik, Barbara McCabe

Sunday ~ December 20th

8:00 am ~ Helen Wilson, Betty Lou Parello, Lorraine Meglio, Sharon Parker

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

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

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Karen Haas



Saturday ~ December 19th

6:00 pm ~ Charmain Warble

Sunday ~ December 20th

8:00 am ~ John Parker

10:00 am ~ Alicia Cole

12:00 pm ~ Erin Butler

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



Saturday ~ December 19th

6:00 pm ~ Samantha Doherty, Francesca & Michael Aland

Sunday ~ December 20th

8:00 am ~ Sal & Rocco Aiello

10:00 am ~ Ashley Astle, Tara Ponitz

12:00 noon ~ Analise Balashak, Tina Vos

5:30 pm ~ Landon Dunnick