

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 14, 2014

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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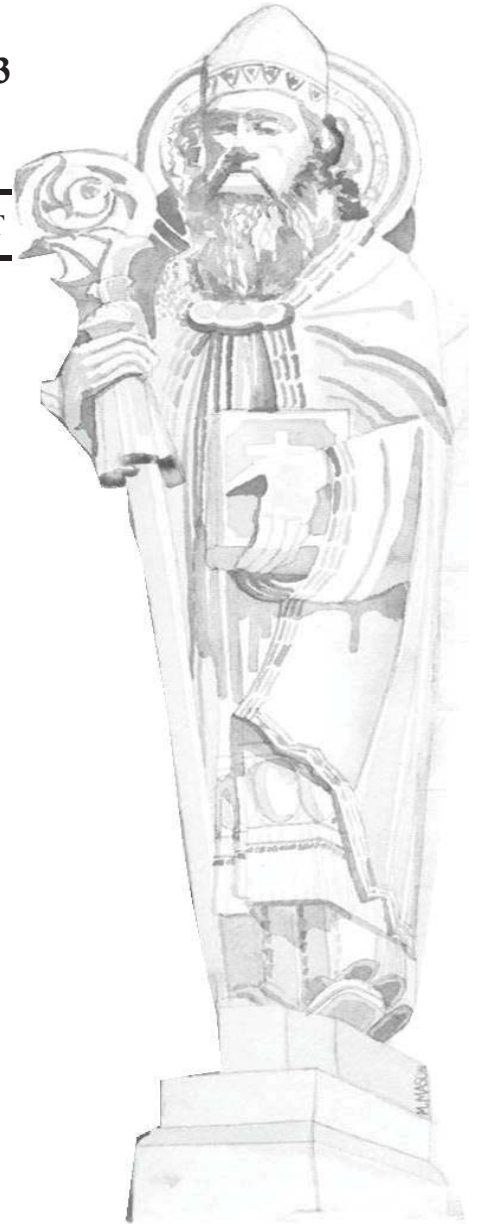
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ST. COLMAN MISSION STATEMENT

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

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 never will 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.

Sunday, December 7, 2014	
Weekly Collection.....	\$7782.00
Monthly Collection.....	\$2323.00
Parish Share.....	\$635.00

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.

THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The twelve days of Christmas are those days between Christmas (December 25th) and the feast of the Epiphany (January 4th). The song "The Twelve Days of Christmas" was written by two Jesuit priests in 16th Century England, a time in which the Catholic faith was prohibited, as a way of passing on the faith from generation to generation. So what you have is a coded catechetical lesson plan - the 12 days being handy "Chapter headings" that parents and teachers could secretly use to structure their presentation. The song was a harmless tune concealing a deadly game of hide and seek with the faith. Each verse begins with "My true love gave to me". This refers to the gifts that God (my true love) has given to us.

- 12 Drummers drumming are the 12 beliefs outlined in the Apostle Creed.**
- 11 Pipers piping are the 11 Apostles (minus Judas) who piped the faith in unbroken tradition.**
- 10 Lords-a-leaping are the 10 Commandments.**
- 9 Ladies dancing are the 9 choir or ranks of angels, who proclaimed Jesus' birth.**
- 8 Maids-a-milking are the 8 beatitudes (the milk of comfort for all Christians).**
- 7 Swans-a-swimming are, of course, the 7 sacraments.**
- 6 Geese-a-laying are the 6 precepts of the church. Can you name them? The first is church attendance on Sundays.**
- 5 Golden rings are the Pentateuch. The name given to the first five books of the Bible.**
- 4 Calling birds are the 4 Gospels that "sing" the Good News.**
- 3 French hens are the 3 gifts of the Magi.**
- 2 Turtle doves are the old and the new testaments.**
- The Partridge in a Pear Tree is the resplendent Christ reigning from the tree of the cross.**

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.

BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th 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 January 11th, 25th & February 8th



CHRISTMAS MASSES

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24TH

CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

MIDNITE (music begins 11:30pm)

THURSDAY, DEC. 25TH

CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamp was lit last week in memory of John Morenzi, Sr. as requested by John & Connie Morenzi. The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Cecilia Basala as requested by Frank & Josie Zemarel and Edward Basala.

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 6:30-8pm

East Catholic School Gala: Saturday, March 7th

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Friday, December 19th through Sunday, December 21st. Led by Fr. Joe Freedy with Bishop Zubik, Fr. Welding and Fr. Vaskov. Open to men in college and post college who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood. Please visit www.pghpriest.com for more information. Fr. Joe Freedy, Vocations Director. JFREEDY@DIOPITT.ORG 412-456-3123.

BLIND AND VISION REHABILITATION SERVICE OF PITTSBURGH is in need of volunteers. In particular, volunteers are needed to drive clients to and from appointments during day and evening hours. Volunteers are also needed on Tuesday afternoons to help with leisure activities and on an as-needed basis at the reception desk. All volunteers can participate on a set schedule or on an as-needed basis. Training is provided. For more information contact Nancy Schepis, volunteer coordinator, 412-368-4400 ext 3430 or nschepis@pghvis.org

RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication, listening, and understanding. Call today to begin the healing process beginning with a weekend on January 16, 2015. Contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434 or email 3041@retrouvaille.org. More information is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org/.

A SPAGHETTI SUPPER

A Spaghetti Supper will be held at Calvary United Church of Christ, Shaw Ave., Turtle Creek, on Thursday, December 18th between the hours of 4 & 6:30pm. A meal consisting of spaghetti & meatballs, tossed salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage will be available for a donation of \$7.50 per person, \$3.75 for children 10 and under. The public is invited to eat-in or take-out. For more information phone the church office at 412-823-4347.

The First Gift Wrapped...The First Gift Given

The most important present, and the first that we should open as a family is Christ himself. The tradition of putting a manger scene under the tree along with other gifts was to recognize that God gave the first gift that should be shared...His only begotten Son. And it in the spirit of this gift that we share presents with each other. Each year our CCD students are asked to wrap their infant Jesus and bring it the evening of the Jesse Tree celebration where Father blesses them. They then return them to their manger scene where it is the first gift opened on Christmas morning. We are inviting anyone who would like to join us on Tuesday, December 16th at 7pm in the church to bring their Infant Jesus to be blessed. All are welcome.



St. Anthony School Programs

Do you have a child between ages 5 and 21 with Down Syndrome, Autism or Intellectual Disabilities? Have you been looking for a school that will give your child the opportunity to learn in a safe and loving environment? St. Anthony School Programs can help. For over 60 years, St. Anthony's has been helping students grow and become active and contributing members of society. For the 2015-16 academic year, we are offering 20 full scholarships for new students entering our program. For information, visit us online at www.stanthonykids.org and click on the Admissions tab or contact us at: info@stanthonykids.org or by calling 724-940-9020.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR

The Little Sisters of the Poor are once again offering Christmas Cards sketched by Sister Martha, Isp. This year's sketch is green on a cream card. Last year's card is also available. 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 online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by calling 412-307-1100, or by sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or by stopping at the Main Entrance of the Home. All proceeds from the sale of the card helps to support the elderly poor Residents in the Little Sisters care.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Saturday, December 20th: 12:00pm - 12:45pm

Tuesday, December 23rd: After 8:30am Mass and 6:30 pm - 7:30pm

THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH



THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 14th

8:00 am ~ Mrs. Peg Egerter ~ Daughter Judi
10:00 am ~ John Fiumara ~ Wife Louise & Children
12:00 pm ~ Living & Deceased Members of the
Kunak & Bridge Families ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~Advent Weekday ~ December 15th

8:30 am ~ The Sekely Family ~ Family

Tuesday ~ Advent Weekday~ December 16th

8:30 am ~ Helen & Michael Mance ~ Barbara & Gary
Brown

Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 17th

8:30 am ~ Giustino & Fiorentina Martinelli ~ John &
Sylvia Martinelli

Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 18th

8:30 am ~ Edward Emerick ~ Susan & Family

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 19th

8:30 am ~ Daniel Craig ~ Family

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 20th

6:00 pm ~ Larry Canobbio ~ Sisters & Family

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 21st

8:00 am ~ Bill & Fannie Dinzeo ~ Son Tom &
Daughter Dolly
10:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish
12:00 pm ~ Ryan Joseph Gebler ~ The Susko Family
5:30 pm ~ Meta Pugliano ~ Family



Saturday ~ December 20th

6:00 pm ~ Charmian Warble, Jim Bour, Bill Stanonik, Debbie Sargo

Sunday ~ December 21st

8:00 am ~ Helen Wilson, Betty Lou Parelo, John Parker, Sharon Parker

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

12:00 pm ~ Theresa Lugar, Pauline Schoffstall, Karen Haas, Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Elaine Potochnik



Saturday ~ December 20th

6:00 pm ~ Tina Kuniak

Sunday ~ December 21st

8:00 am ~ Bill Eckenrode

10:00 am ~ Monica Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Maureen Leonardo

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



Saturday ~ December 20th

6:00 pm ~ Andy Speranza, Nathan Holmes

Sunday ~ December 21st

8:00 am ~ Sal & Rocco Aiello

10:00 am ~ Tara Ponitz, Kevin Tinsley, Tina Wos

12:00 pm ~ Lucca Paoletti, Carly Haas

5:30 pm ~ Mia Carter, Landon Dunnick