

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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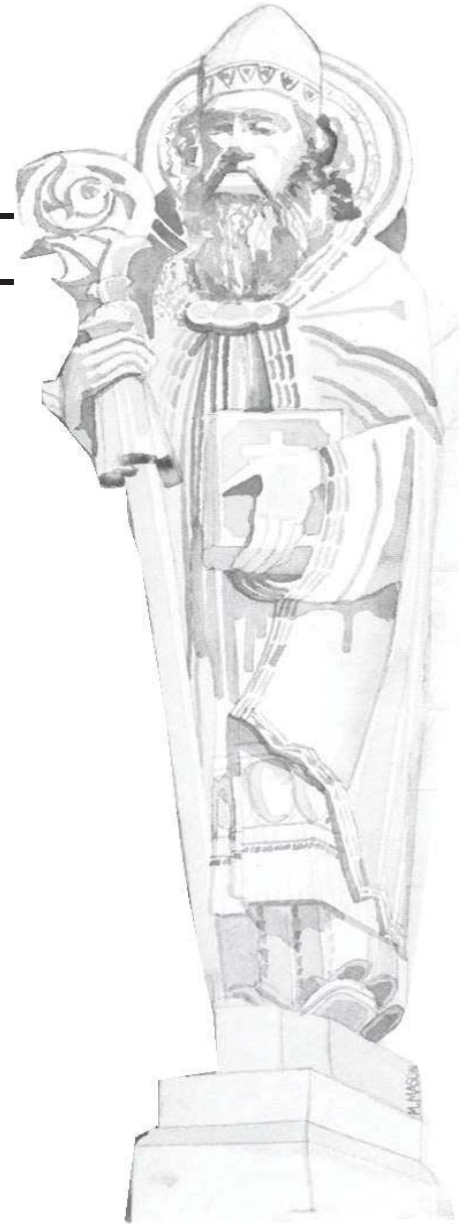
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December 16, 2012

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DEACON HERB RILEY
Thomas Cosley*Director of Liturgical Music*
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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

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| 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

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.

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.


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 lead Paul to say to us today, "The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer ad petitioner, with thanksgiving, make your requests known 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, H will come again. If we can let this belief give us joy, we can let this joy be 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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A Family Perspective

Today's gospel tells us to SHARE! This Christmas resist the pressure to give token gifts. Instead, use those funds to give NESSITIES to the poor. If our improvised brothers and sisters are not on our gift list, we've missed the point of Christmas.



Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony
 The schedule for the annual Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony is on the bulletin board in the church vestibule. Please consider signing up with members of your family. We'd like to see some new faces this year. Any questions call Sue at 412-824-5163.



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Monday, December 24th

4:00 pm

6:00 pm

Midnight (music begins at 11:30)

Tuesday, December 25th

8:00 am

10:00 am

Home With the Lord: In the spirit of Christian Charity your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Erminia Pugliese. May she rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

Christian Giving

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| December 9th | |
| Regular Collection..... | \$6923.00 |
| Monthly Collection..... | \$ 994.00 |
| Parish Share..... | \$.963.00 |

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, lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, or any of the other 56 ministries in the parish. You **MUST** attend this session to complete your clearance process. Without this class, your are not to minister in the parish. There are many sessions listed on the Diocese of Pittsburgh website at www.diopitt.org.



EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED

The very core and essence of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed for years to be able to provide the Eucharist in both species at all of our Masses. However, we now face a shortage of Extraordinary Ministers at St. Colman's that threatens our ability to provide both species. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing and attend Mass every week, we ask you to please search your hearts and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to see if you are being called to assist us in this role. If you are or would like additional information on the specific requirements, please contact Arlene Gross at (412) 823-6447 and/or e-mail at arlgro@verizon.net. God bless you and your families.

"MANIFESTING THE KINGDOM AWARD"

From the Office of the General Secretary of Diocese of Pittsburgh: "On behalf of Bishop Zubik, I am pleased to inform you that the 2013 Manifesting the Kingdom Awardee from your parish is: **Mrs. Mary Jo Meyer.**" The Award will be presented on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at the 2:30pm Mass at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland. Congratulations to Mary Jo for this distinguished honor.

Volunteers Please Note: The diocese has established an Ad Hoc Committee for Parish Volunteers to review current policies as they relate to volunteer work within our diocese. The committee has developed a survey and asks that you provide some simple information regarding current practices in your parish. This survey is very brief and should take no more than 5 minutes of your time. It may be completed by you or any knowledgeable member of your parish staff. **The deadline for responses is December 20, 2012.** You may connect to this survey at www.surveymonkey.com/s/P7YRCTS.

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:

St. Colman Grief Sharing Group: Every third Thursday of each month from 6:30-8:30pm in the school Cafeteria.

Legion of Mary Group: Every Saturday at noon at Fraser Hall, 500 Hunter St, Turtle Creek.

Little Rock Scripture Study: Meets every other Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the cafeteria. Visitors are welcome at any time. Contact Sue Buchholz at (412) 824-5163.

Catholic Men's Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month @ 8am in the Church Hall.

HOLY HOUR DATES: December 19th from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

Christmas in Lancaster featuring Jonah. Millennium Theater. Two days and one night, December 27th & 28th. WOW209, for information call Marlene at 412-365-0120.

BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 at **11:00am** in the school. **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 16th.



TURTLE CREEK FOOD PANTRY

The Turtle Creek Food Pantry has teamed up with the neighborhood churches in an effort to support our neighbors in need. Every month the neighborhood churches are selecting non-food items for donation. The food pantry is **not permitted** to purchase non-food items, they are only permitted to purchase non-perishable products (food only). If you wish to make a monetary donation, please designate the donation for these non-food items. Checks can be made out to P.N.E.S. (Pantry Network of the Eastern Suburbs). Monetary donations can be dropped off in the offertory collection or at the church rectory. Your neighbors and the Turtle Creek Food Pantry **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

Our Thanks to the Jobe Funeral Home and Patrick Lanigan Funeral Home for providing the 2013 Church Calenders.

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Tuesday, December 18th 6:15pm-7:15pm

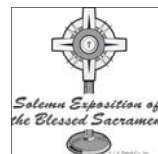
Saturday, December 22nd 12:00pm-12:45pm

Monday, December 24th after 8:30am Mass

There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 29th.

A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE ST. COLMAN UPDATE & RENOVATE FUND IN MEMORY OF: GOLDIE GRACHEN BY: TONI WILSON WABTEC

YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ...or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on January 11-13, 2013 call 412-277-3434 or visit the web site at www.HelpOurMarriage.com. Video testimonials can be found by clicking on "Testimonials and Stories" at the web site.



HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

On **Wednesday, December 19th**, there will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament celebrated in Church from 6:30pm and concluding at 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.



BISHOP WILLIAM WINTER will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for eighth grade students from St. Colman and St. Maurice Parishes on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7pm at St. Maurice Church. Any parishioners who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation and wish to participate in the ceremony, please contact the parish office at 412-823-2564. Confirmation is a pre-requisite for marriage in the Catholic Church.

Celebration of Croatian Christmas Music & Hymns: Sunday, December 23rd at 4:00pm, Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church, corner of Kenmawr & 3rd Street, Rankin. The music & hymns will be provided by the Visitation Choir & Tamburitians. Immediately afterwards there will be a reception at the Rankin Croatian Home at the corner of Fourth & Antisburry Streets. To RSVP call 412-351-0882 or email blazcar@verizon.net. Please leave your name, # attending, phone # and/or email address.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory Joseph & Alverna Valent as requested by Son, Joseph and Daughter, Donnna.



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 16th

8:00 am ~ Griffin Family ~ Tom Griffin
10:00 am ~ Marilyn Hopbell ~ Ushers : 10:00am Mass
12:00 pm ~ Living and Deceased Members of the
Kunak & Bridge Families ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 17th

8:30 am ~ Giustino & Fiorentina Martinelli ~ Sons

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 18th

8:30 am ~ Gram Dorothy Weber ~ Family

Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 19th

8:30 am ~ Alverna Valent ~ Son, Joseph & Daughter,
Donna

Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 20th

8:30 am ~ McGiever Family ~ Tom Griffin

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 21st

8:30 am ~ Mary Helen Kunkel ~ M/M James Kunkel

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 22nd

6:00 pm ~ Meta Pugliano ~ Family

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 23rd

8:00 am ~ Patrick Thomassey ~ Family
10:00 am ~ Deceased Members of the Krygowski &
Calcutta Families
12:00 pm ~ Owen Alexander ~ Wife Janine & Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 22nd

6:00 pm ~ Barbara McCabe (2) Ed Hlatkey, Barbara McCabe (1), Sharon Parker

Sunday ~ December 23rd

8:00 am ~ Paul Messineo, Larry Canobbio, Lorraine Meglio, Arlene Gross

10:00 am ~ Linda Lorenz, Marsha Friez, Karen Murray, Julie McDermott

12:00 pm ~ Alyssa Aiello, Joyce Blotzer, Elaine Clugston, Martha Mallik

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz, Caitlin Healy



Saturday ~ December 22nd

6:00 pm ~ Anina Parker

Sunday ~ December 23rd

8:00 am ~ Bill Eckenrode

10:00 am ~ Mike Krygowski

12:00 pm ~ Emily Yanovich

5:30 pm ~ James Jordan



Saturday ~ December 22nd

6:00 pm ~ Sal Aiello, Christian & Jonathan Parker

Sunday ~ December 23rd

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon, & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Jimmy, Josh, Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Lucca Paoletti, Alaina Fawcett

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino