

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 18, 2011

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DEACON HERB RILEY

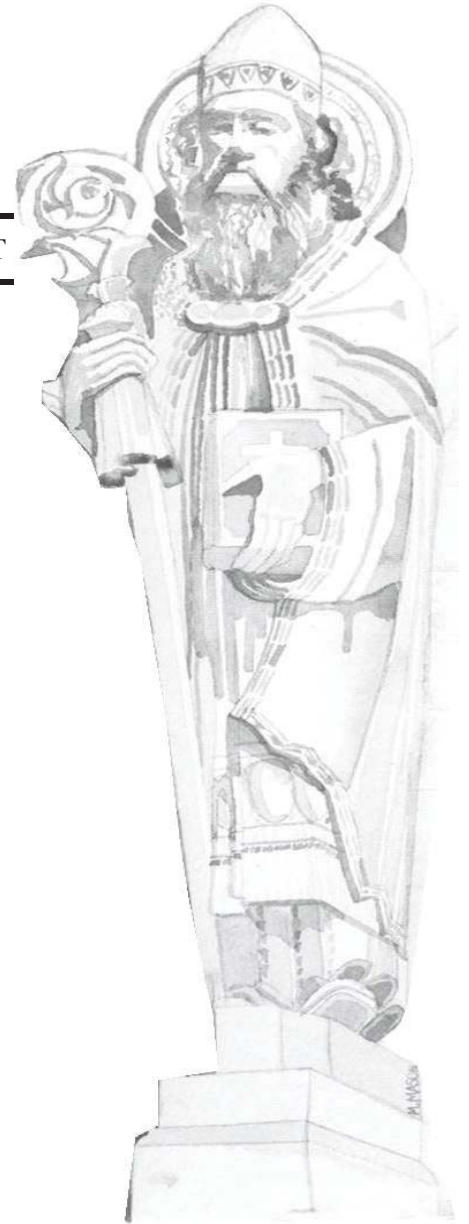
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Betsy Krygowski *CCD Program Manager*

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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.



<u>MASSES</u>	
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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Our Advent preparation draws to a close this week. The announcement of the angel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary is celebrated again. It is a familiar story which we know well. The first reading today prepares us for the story as it focuses our attention on God's promise. Here, a woman will be the dwelling place for "God with us." The angel speaks of her son: "He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father...and of his kingdom there will be no end." All that remains is the challenge to accept Mary's response in our own lives "May it be done to me according to your word." As we conclude this Advent Season let us prepare our hearts to be open to the "expectant one" allowing his presence to touch us that we may reflect his goodness and love to all those we meet in this most sacred season.



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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
 There will be **NO CONFESSIONS** on Saturday, December 24th



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 NOON OR 5:30 MASS ON CHRISTMAS DAY



GOD LOVES THE CHEERFUL GIVER

December 11th
Regular Collection.....\$6666.50
Monthly Collection.....\$1087.00
Parish Share.....\$685.00
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.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES

On Christmas Day, we will be sharing the wonderful story of the birth of the child Jesus. During the masses there will be an opportunity to mark the birth of Jesus by making a contribution to help many young people in our diocese who are in need of tangible signs of God's love. It has been a long-standing tradition of the Diocese of Pittsburgh that on Christmas Day a special collection for Children and Youth Services is taken up at all of our parishes. This collection is credited to the Parish Share goal. Your generosity is appreciated.



Bishop William Waltersheid will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for eighth grade students from St. Colman and St. Maurice Parishes on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 7 pm here at St. Colman 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.

FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:

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

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 bco105@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 January 1st, January 29th and February 12th.

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.*

**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.

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.*

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE****by: Bud Ozar**

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY! Two lessons in today's gospel: 1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." 2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God."

THERE ARE FOUR THINGS THAT YOU CAN'T RECOVER**THE STONE AFTER THE THROW****THE WORD AFTER IT IS SAID****THE OCCASION AFTER IT IS MISSED****THE TIME AFTER IT IS GONE****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. 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.



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

Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 19th

8:30 am ~ Rudy Schwoeble ~ Wife, Ginny & Family

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 20th

8:30 am ~ Robert Nebel, Sr. ~ Josie & Anthony Fasano

Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 21st

8:30 am ~ Agnes G. Barczyk ~ Patsy Ryan

Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 22nd

8:30 am ~ Patrick Thomassey ~ Marion Thomassey

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 23rd

8:30am ~ Griffin Family ~ Thomas Griffin

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ Vigil of Christmas ~ December 24th

4:00pm ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish
6:00pm ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish
12 Midnight ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

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8:00 am ~ All the Living & Deceased of our Parish
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