

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 18, 2016

THE FOURTH 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

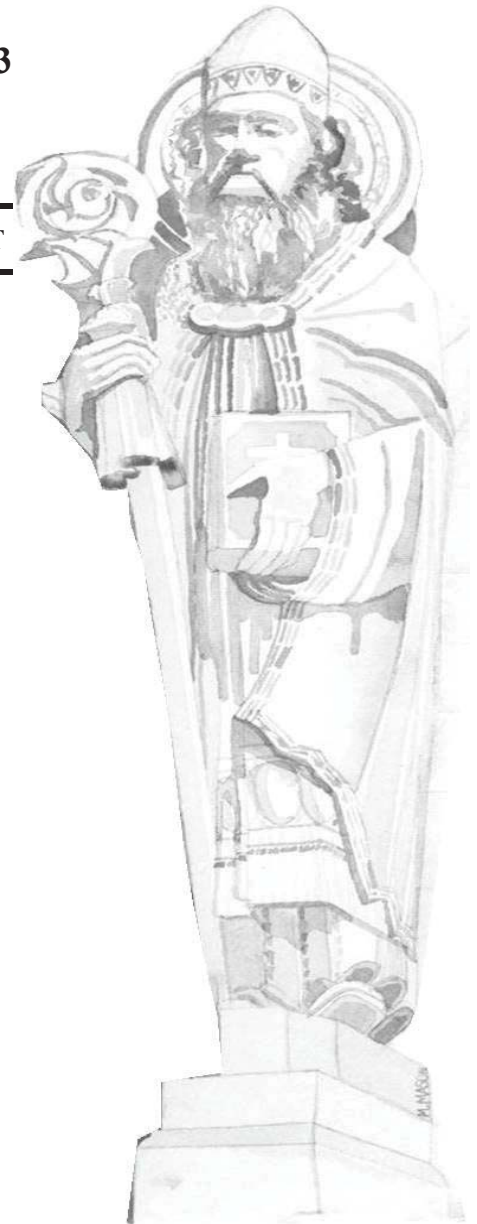
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

We need to know that we still belong to the people who share life with us. It's so easy to grow apart, to take others for granted, and never to express our love in words or gestures. At times the pace of life with all of its worries, problems, and tasks, pushes us right by the ones we belong to. If this can happen so easily with those whom we can see, then the danger exists that we will eventually take for granted the one whom we can't see - Jesus, Our Savior. We need to extend our welcome daily to Our Lord. Christmas is a time to gently ask ourselves if we are still extending our welcome to Jesus. Does he still have a place in all of our decisions, plans, and dreams? Or do we just invite him into our lives when it seems like the right occasion, like a wedding, anniversary, or baptism, or some occasion where we are in a good mood and ready to give thanks to God? We need to be more than a fair weather friend when it comes to our relationship with Christ. Developing a practice of prayer each day we will be welcoming Jesus into our lives and practice of the faith.

Thoughts to reflect on and share: "To trust God so much to take a woman as one's wife who has already conceived, and to raise the son she would bear as his own, is the very definition of faith. We should all have the courage to ask God to bless us with a faith as strong as Joseph's which would be the most challenging but fulfilling and lasting Christmas gift we could ever receive. Deacon Herb **Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.**

ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE

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.



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

Weekly offering
Sunday, December 11th

Offertory.....	\$6372.00
Monthly.....	\$469.00
Parish Share.....	\$435.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$9,705.00

DIOCESANE 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.



HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, December 19th 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 prayerful, spiritual reading or just meditating on God's love and continuing presence in your life.



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.

ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

As we prepare for the coming of our Savior, let us also continue to get ready for the changes and growth ahead as we journey **ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!** The more than 27,000 faithful who recently attended parish consultation meetings are a testament to your commitment to your parish and our baptismal call to follow Jesus and bring others to Him. As the consultation process continues, stay involved and sign up for email updates at OnMissionChurchAlive.org.

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

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.

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>.

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.

**A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE
ST. COLMAN UPDATE AND RENOVATE FUND IN
MEMORY OF: Ginny Schwoeble
BY: Jean Reed**

THANK YOU

Many thanks to Jobe Funeral Home and Lanigan Funeral Home for providing the 2017 calendars for the parish.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Ed & Cecilia Basala as requested by Family.

"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.

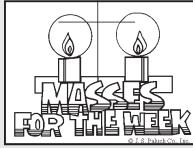
HIGH SCHOOL SILENT RETREAT

God is alive and we believe that He speaks to us. At this men's High School Silent Retreat, we are going to give God the time and space to speak to our hearts about our lives and our vocations. The retreat will be led by Fr. Mike Ackerman and Fr. Joe Freedy at The Arc and The Dove Retreat House, January 14-15, 2017. For more information or to register, visit PGHPriest.com.

Please consider supporting Catholic Hospice as you explore volunteer possibilities: *Catholic Hospice is reaching out and inviting you to consider volunteering with us in support of our pro-life mission towards end of life care. We would love to have people who share in our mission and are open to encountering one of life's most rewarding experiences, join our volunteer team. If patient care is not your primary interest, we are welcoming people who enjoy fundraising, community events or clerical work to join our team as well. Volunteer training for Patient Care will be held on Friday, January 27, 2017 from 9am-4pm at our Sewickley office. If you are interested in learning more about our volunteer opportunities, please call Robyn Aguzzi at 724-933-6222 or email raguzzi@catholichospicepgh.org. For additional information on Catholic Hospice go to www.catholichospicepgh.org. For groups of 5 or more, we'll bring training to your location. Meeting People Face to Faith...Embrace the Journey.*



The rectory office will be closed from Noon on Thursday, December 22nd until Tuesday, December 27th and Friday, December 30th until Tuesday, January 3rd. Father Jim, Deacon Herb and the office Staff of St. Colman Parish wish you all a Blessed Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.



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

Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 19th

8:30 am ~ Ann Griffin ~ Tom & Family

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 20th

8:30 am ~ John Percy Naylor ~ Estate

Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 21st

8:30 am ~ Pat Thomassey ~ Family

Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 22nd

8:30 am ~ Irene Botti ~ Mark Botti

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 23rd

8:30 am ~ Holy Feast of Innocence ~ LAOH Div 7 & Turtle Creek & AOH Div 17 Monroeville

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday, Christmas Eve ~ December 24th

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

The Nativity of the Lord ~ December 25th

8:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish
10:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish
12:00 pm ~ NO MASS
5:30 pm ~ NO MASS



Saturday ~ December 24th

4:00 ~ SIGN-UP

6:00 pm ~ SIGN-UP

Midnight ~ SIGN-UP

Sunday ~ December 25th

8:00 am ~ SIGN-UP

10:00 am ~ SIGN-UP

12:00 pm ~ NO MASS

5:30 pm ~ NO MASS



Saturday ~ December 24th

4:00pm ~ SIGN-UP

6:00 pm ~ SIGN-UP

Midnight ~ SIGN-UP

Sunday ~ December 25th

8:00 am ~ SIGN-UP

10:00 am ~ SIGN-UP

12:00 pm ~ NO MASS

5:30 pm ~ NO MASS



Saturday ~ December 24th

4:00 pm ~ Mimi, Lexi & Ashley Astle

6:00 pm ~ Tara Ponitz

Midnight ~ Christian & Jonathan Parker, Sal & Rocco Aiello

Sunday ~ December 25th

8:00 am ~ Volunteer

10:00 am ~ Tina Vos, Carly Haas

12:00 pm ~ NO MASS

5:30 pm ~ NO MASS