

# SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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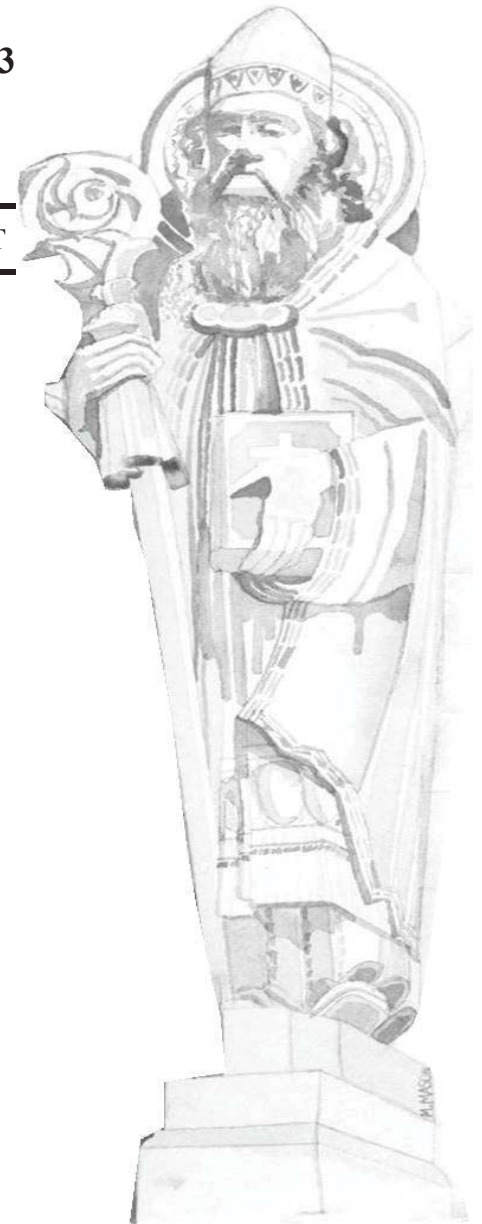
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December 20, 2015

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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Gerry J. Meyer .....*Business Manager*

Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, ...*Principal, East Catholic School*

## **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**

As we make our final preparations for Christmas, we are reminded of not what we celebrate but who we celebrate. He was born in an obscure village. He worked in a carpenter shop until he was thirty. He then became an itinerant preacher. He never held office. He never had a family or owned a house. He didn't go to college. He had no credentials for himself. Twenty centuries have come and gone and today He is the central figure of the human race. All the armies that ever marched and all the navies that ever sailed, all the parliaments that ever sat and all the kings that ever reigned have not affected the life of mankind on this earth as much as that **ONE SOLITARY LIFE.**

**Thoughts to Reflect on and Share: From Deacon Herb**

*"Each day we are alive is another day filled with the opportunity to see the face of God in every person that we encounter."* Deacon Herb **"Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook."**

**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**



**"Sanctuary Lamps"**

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Rudy Schwoeble as requested by Wife, Ginny & Family & Nick DeClaudio as requested by Wife & Family.

**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 souls of Michele Dryburg, Bernice Moore and Margaret Videc. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

**Sunday, December 13th**

<b>Offertory.....</b>	<b>\$698200</b>
<b>Monthly.....</b>	<b>\$595.00</b>
<b>Parish share.....</b>	<b>\$847.00</b>
<b>WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSES.....</b>	<b>\$9,705.00</b>

**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.**



**ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**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**

**THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY,  
THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Friday, January 1st is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on Thursday, December 31st at 6:00pm and Friday, January 1st at 8:30am and 10:00am. Join the faithful in honoring Our Lady on this feast and begin the New Year in a spiritual manner.

**THE PRACTICE OF CREMATION AND THE CHURCH:**

Church law now permits the practice of cremation for our deceased faithful. However, this permission is given as an exception rather than a general rule. The preferred form of final disposition of the deceased in the Catholic Church continues to be burial of the body. In our diocese, when a family decides on cremation, permission must be granted through the parish priest. In addition, and of significant importance, is the fact that when a cremation of a Catholic person is arranged, the remains must be given a proper burial in either a cemetery plot or a columbarium in a cemetery. Proper respect of the remains does not include any other disposition of the remains of the faithful. Funeral directors will be reminded of this policy concerning the permission of the parish priest for cremation. We ask that you share this information with family members, friends or neighbors who do not attend church regularly.

**Follow us on FaceBook: FaceBook.com/saintcolmanchurch**

**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

**Holy Hour & Exposition:** 3rd Thursday of each month 6:30pm

**Honoring Your Body:** Saturday, January 2nd & Thursday beginning January 7th

**CONFIRMATION**

Bishop David Zubik will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for the eighth grade students from St. Colman, St. Maurice and St. John Fisher Parishes on Thursday, April 14th, 2016 at 7pm here at St. Colman Church. Any parishioners who have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation and wish to participate, please contact the parish office at 412-823-2564. Confirmation is a prerequisite for marriage in the Catholic Church.

**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](http://www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org).

**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](mailto:amie4dance@msn.com) or Laurie & Lou DelRosso at 412-841-8767 [ldelrosso3@gmail.com](mailto:ldelrosso3@gmail.com).

**TAKE CONTROL OF YOUR PRESCRIPTIONS COSTS!** Free prescription Savings Card. Whether you are insured or uninsured, FamilyWize can help. Save an average of 42% , No eligibility criteria. Pick your cards up in the vestibule of the church or the rectory office.

**CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH SERVICES**

*On Christmas Day we will be sharing the wonderful story of the birth of 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 in all of our parishes. This collection is credited to our Parish Share goal. Your generosity is appreciated.*

**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](mailto:teddyn28@comcast.net). If you would like to order the book go to [www.beholdthemanbook.com](http://www.beholdthemanbook.com).

**INVALID MARRIAGES: CAN WE DO SOMETHING?** A common question that we receive concerns sacramental status and sponsor eligibility in the cases of individuals who are presently involved in an invalid marriage. All Catholics are required to follow Catholic Church Law in their decision to marry. If individuals chose to marry outside the Catholic Church or without proper permission of the Catholic Church, the marriage is not recognized by the Catholic Church and automatically denies and individual from the reception of the sacraments and the spiritual privilege of serving as a sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation. However, individuals still remain members of the faith community. Invalid marriages seem to be quite common and surface often when dealing with families, eg. the Baptism of a child. We invite those in such marital situations to contact a priest and determine how the marriage may be validated. Oftentimes there was no previous marriage and the process is simple. If a former marriage is involved, the case requires more attention. If you have family members, friends or neighbors who might not see this information, please share this article with them. It can be a form of evangelization, sharing the good news with someone who might just need a simple invitation.

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 24TH AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 25TH. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 28TH AND WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 31ST AND FRIDAY JANUARY 1ST. THE PARISH OFFICE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR!**

Merry  
Christmas





**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

**Monday~ Advent Weekday ~ December 21st**

8:30 am ~ LAOH #7 & AOH#17 ~ LAOH #7 & AOH #17

**Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 22nd**

8:30 am ~ Patrick Thomassey ~ Family

**Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday~December 23rd**

8:30 am ~ Dorothy Petrick ~ Family

**Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 24th**

8:30 am ~ Mary Sabolcik ~ Agnes  
4:00 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish  
6:00 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish  
12:00 am ~All Living & Deceased or our Parish

**Friday ~ The Nativity Of The Lord ~ December 25th**

8:00am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish  
10:00 am ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Saturday~ St. Stephen ~ December 26th**

6:00 pm ~Antoinette Urban ~Mr.& Mrs. Joseph Cehula

**The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph~ December 27th**

8:00 am ~ Living & Deceased Members of the Novak Family ~ Ted Novak  
10:00 am ~ Robert Kelly ~ Mr. & Mrs. John & Clara Merkovsky  
12:00 pm ~ Anne Zupon ~ Don Zupon Family  
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



**Saturday ~ December 26th**

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross, Joe Saxman, Ed Hlatkey, Debbie Sargo

**Sunday ~ December 27th**

8:00 am ~ Connie Tinsley, Mary Jo Meyer, Paul Messineo, Helen Wilson

10:00 am ~ Alicia Cole, Marci Mason, Linda Lorenz, Kraig Riley

12:00 pm ~ Joe Kopper, Marguerite Crokus, Theresa Lugar, Pauline Schofffall

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Karen Haas



**Saturday ~ December 26th**

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

**Sunday ~ December 27th**

8:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

10:00 am ~ Monica Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Emily Yanovich

5:30 pm ~ Joanne Saint Pierre



**Saturday ~ December 26th**

6:00 pm ~ Carol Deiuliis

**Sunday ~ December 27th**

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Kevin Tinsley, Chloe Noah

12:00 noon ~ Carly Haas, Lucca Paoletti

5:30 pm ~ Justin O'Shell, Noah Martino