

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 21, 2014

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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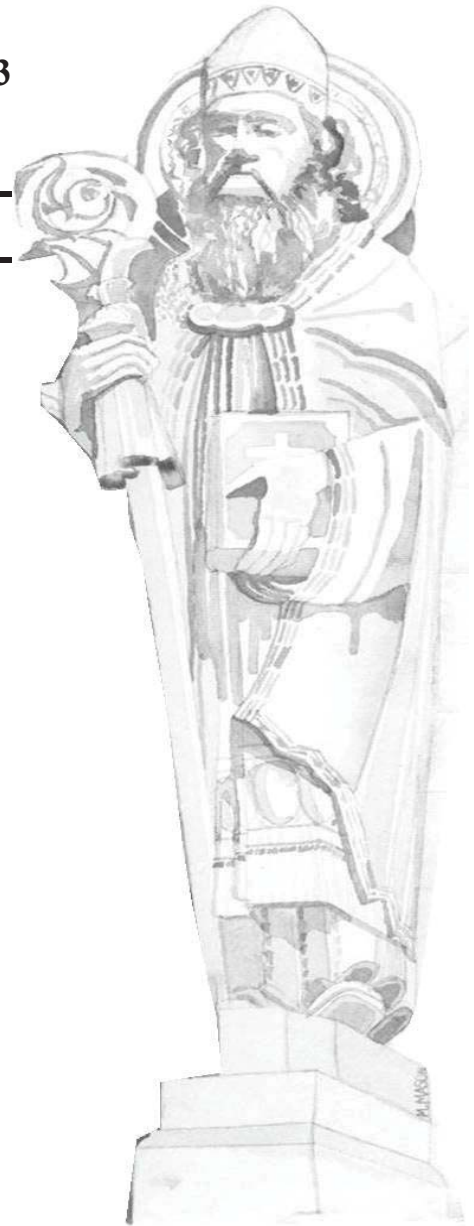
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ST. COLMAN MISSION STATEMENT

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.

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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 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.

Sunday, December 14, 2014
Weekly Collection.....\$.00
Monthly Collection.....\$.00
Parish Share.....\$.00
The above figures are not available at this time due to the holidays.

**DIOCESAN 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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The story of Christmas is a story of love-a simply, fundamental love, uncluttered by details -th love of God who became one of us. It is the story of God who came to earth to be a light in the darkness that so often blinds our humanity. This is the reason for our joy, our hope, in this beautiful season. It is also the motivation for us to become beams of light to the dark corners of our world. May the peace and joy of this holy season fill your lives now and for the coming year.

Best Wishes from Fr. Jim, Fr. Jim Seeger and Deacon Herb

BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION
*The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th and June 6th 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 & 22nd.*

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 in all of our parishes. This collection is credited to the Parish Share goal. Your generosity is appreciated.



ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE
Tuesday, December 23rd: After 8:30am Mass and 6:30 pm - 7:30pm
THERE WILL BE NO CONFESSIONS ON SATURDAY, DECEMBER 27TH


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

HOME WITH THE LORD Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of George Hovanec, Mary Wetmore, Jean Gray, and Anna Hearn. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

***“Sanctuary Lamps”
The Sanctuary Lamp is lit this week in memory of Rudy Schwoeble as requested by his wife Ginny and Family.***

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

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.

RETRouvaille: A LIFELINE FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Retrouvaille offers help to couples experiencing trouble in their marriage. The weekend and 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/.

**SOLEMNITY OF MARY
HOLY MOTHER OF GOD**

Thursday, 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 Wednesday, December 31st at 6:00pm, Thursday, January 1st at 8:30am and 10:00am. Join the faithful in honoring Mary on this feast.

**A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE
ST. COLMAN UPDATE AND RENOVATE FUND
IN LOVING MEMORY
OF ANNA ROSE KLEIN,**

Our Mother, Grandmother & great grandmother.

*We miss her and love her laughter
but she is in our hearts everyday.*

BY:

Bill & Bonnie Klein

Kandy Miller

Jill & Rick Fulton

Brandi & Rob Phillips

Bethany, Nick, Luke & Cole Napoli

Sarah & Neil Lawrence

Tripp Fulton

Wil Fulton

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

*Help us rightly remember the birth of Jesus
that we may share in the song of angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and the worship of the Wise Men.*

*Close the door of hate
and open the door of love, all over the
world. Let kindness come with every gift,
and good desire with every greeting.*

*Deliver us from evil by
the blessings that Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry
with clean hearts. May the Christmas
morning make us happy to be Thy children,
and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts; forgiving and forgiven,
For Jesus' sake.*

AMEN

Rachel's Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held January 23-25, 2015 at the Spiritan Center in Bethel Park. In a confidential and supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women and men struggling with abortion's aftermath. Catholic Charities and the Diocese of Pittsburgh co-sponsor this retreat. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348. Registration information is also available at www.ccpgh.org.

THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25TH AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26TH. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME ON MONDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND 30TH AND WILL BE CLOSED AGAIN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31ST, THURSDAY, JANUARY 1ST AND FRIDAY, JANUARY 2ND. REGULAR HOURS WILL RESUME MONDAY, JANUARY 5TH. THE PARISH OFFICE STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL OF YOU A HAPPY AND HEALTHY CHRISMAS AND NEW YEAR.

MERRY CHRISTMAS





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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

Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 22nd

8:30 am ~ Mary Sabolcik ~ Agnes

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 23rd

8:30 am ~ Ann Burchianti ~ Eileen Milcic

Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 24th

8:30 am ~ Andrew Palko ~ Gloria Maggiore, Betty Bigos, Michael Drabik
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

Thursday ~ The Nativity of the Lord, Christmas ~ December 25th

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

Friday ~ St. Stephen, The First Martyr ~ December 26th

8:30 am ~ Irene Botti ~ Mark

Saturday ~ St. John, Apostle & Evangelist ~ December 27th

6:00 pm ~ Larry Canobbio ~ Sisters & Family

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH ~ December 28th

8:00 am ~ Payne Family ~ Bill Payne
10:00 am ~ John Garofolo ~ Wife & Family
12:00 pm ~ AOH Div #17 Monroeville & LAOH Div#7 Turtle Creek ~ AOH Div#17 & LAOH Div#7
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 27th

6:00 pm ~ Joe Saxman, Carol DeIulis, Ed Hlatkey, Barbara McCabe

Sunday ~ December 28th

8:00 am ~ Mary Jo Meyer, Alison Sciulli, Paul Messineo, Lorraine Meglio

10:00 am ~ Marci Mason, Alicia Cole, Linda Lorenz, Renae Brinza

12:00 pm ~ Joe Kopper, Martha Mallik, Elaine Clugston, Lynn Bahleda

5:30 pm ~ Marguerite Crokus, Wendy Martino



Saturday ~ December 27th

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

Sunday ~ December 28th

8:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

10:00 am ~ Mike Krygowski

12:00 pm ~ Emily Yanovich

5:30 pm ~ Joanne Saint Pierre



Saturday ~ December 27th

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ December 28th

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Lexi & Ashley Aistle

12:00 pm ~ Alaina Fawcett, Analise Balaschak

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