

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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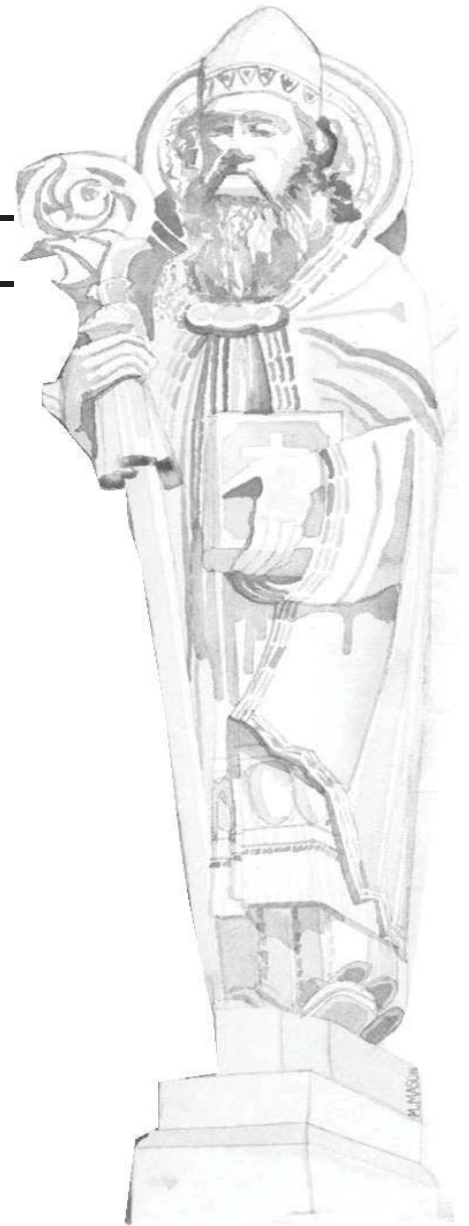
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December 22, 2013

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

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 will be welcoming Jesus into our lives and practice of the faith.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

A Family Perspective

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is Emmanuel, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's miraculous presence in our lives.



CHRISTMAS BLESSING

The story of Christmas is a story of love - a simple, fundamental love, uncluttered by details - the love of a God who became one of us. It is the story of a God who wished to share our humanity so that we could share his divinity. It is the story of a 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 Kunkel
Fr. John Markell
Deacon Herb Riley

ADVENT
CONFESSION SCHEDULE

*Monday, December 23rd: after 8:30am Mass and
6:15pm - 7:15pm*

There will be no confessions on
Saturday, December 28th



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| December 15th | |
| Regular Collection..... | \$0.00 |
| Monthly Collection..... | \$0.00 |
| Parish Share..... | \$0.00 |
| The above figures are not available at this time due to the holiday. | |

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**.



CHRISTMAS MASSES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM
6:00 PM

MIDNITE (music begins at 11:30pm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM
10:00 AM

SOLEMNITY OF MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD

Wednesday, January 1st is the Feast of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, a Holyday of Obligation for all Catholics. Masses will be offered on Tuesday, December 31st at 6:00pm, Wednesday, January 1st at 8:30am and 10:00am. Join the faithful in honoring Mary on this feast.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary lamps are lit this week in memory of the Schwoeble Family as requested by their Family and Cecilia Basala as requested by Frank & Josie Zemarel.

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.

LRSS: We will meet every Tuesday evening from 6:45-8:15pm in school cafeteria meeting room through January 7, 2014.

BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION

The next Baptism classes are scheduled for Saturday, March 1st and Saturday, June 7th 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 January 12th, January 26th, February 9th and February 23rd.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MASS

Can someone be a **good person** without coming to church on Sunday? The answer to that question is "yes." A person can be kind, loving, generous, forgiving, patient, trustworthy and much more. But can someone be a **good Christian** without coming to Sunday Mass? The answer to that question is "absolutely not!" A person cannot be a good Christian without joining his or her fellow Christians at Sunday Mass. For Christianity is not primarily about being kind, loving, generous, etc.—though, of course a Christian should be those things. Christianity is not just about being "nice." Christianity is about following a person. Christianity is about a personal relationship with Jesus Christ. The way we come in contact with Jesus Christ is through his church, especially when the church gathers for the celebration of Sunday Mass. Sunday is the day the Lord rose from the dead. Sunday is the day he most often appeared to his disciples. Sunday is the day the Lord comes to be with us in a powerful way as we gather for Mass. As the late Pope John Paul II wrote. "It is crucially important that all the faithful should be convinced that they cannot live their faith or share fully in the life of the Christian community unless they take part regularly in the Sunday Eucharistic assembly." The Mass is essential for our Christian life; without it our faith withers and dies. As a great writer put it, "The devil dances for joy when a Catholic stops going to Mass."

Yarn is needed to make Lap Robes for disabled veterans. It can be dropped off at the rectory office or call Lorraine at 412-824-8834 to have it picked up.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

The Holy Name Society of Corpus Christi Parish sponsors a Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations on the second Friday of each month at Corpus Christi Parish, 2515 Versailles Ave, McKeesport, PA at 7pm. We pray for those discerning their callings to the religious life, priesthood, married life or single life. We worship our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament in silence, song and evening prayer. All are welcome!!!

**Christmas Stocking Stuffer**

Benefits Serra Catholic High School, New Year's Eve Drawing, Tuesday, December 31, 2013. Win \$10,000 Straight, **BONUS** ~ \$1,000 Daily Straight ~ Friday, December 27, 2013, Saturday, December 28, 2013, Sunday, December 29, 2013, Monday, December 30, 2013. **ALL WINNING NUMBERS BASED ON THE 7PM DAILY PA BIG 4 LOTTERY FIRST STRAIGHT NUMBER DRAWN ONLY** ~ Donation \$10.00. Please call Suzanne Holmes 412-592-9670 or John Morenzi 412-829-1869 to purchase tickets.



Lost in Church: A cherished pair of Rosary Beads from Rome ~ small brown gemstones in a blue snap pouch. If found please drop them off at the rectory office.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The rectory office will be closed December 24-27th, December 31st and January 1st. Office hours will resume on January 2, 2014. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

**Loving God,**

Through your mercy, You have given us the gift of Your Son, who is the Savior of all people.

Throughout this season and on Christmas Day may your hearts dance with delight.

Grant that we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that He may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, both now and forever.

AMEN

The staff of St. Colman Parish would like to extend Our wishes to all for a Blessed Christmas and Happy and Healthy New Year.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 22nd

8:00 am ~ Patrick Thomassey ~ Family
10:00 am ~ Figulski Family ~ Marci Mason
12:00 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish
5:30 pm ~ Meta Pugliano ~ Family

Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 23rd

8:30 am ~ Mary Sabolcek ~ Agnes

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 24th

8:30 am ~ Helen & Clyde McClelland ~ Jackie & Joyce McClelland
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

Wednesday ~ 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

Thursday ~ St. Stephen ~ December 26th

8:30 am ~ Irene Botti ~ Nancy

Friday ~ St. John, Apostle ~ December 27th

8:30 am ~ Anne Zupon ~ The Don Zupon Family

Saturday ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs ~ December 28th

6:00 pm ~ Owen Alexander ~ Dan & Debbie Sargo

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH ~ December 29th

8:00 am ~ Regis Carl ~ Family
10:00 am ~ Living & Deceased Members of AOH Div. #17
12:00 pm ~ Julia Wahrhaus ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 28th

6:00 pm ~ Bill Stanonik, Jim Bour, Arlene Gross, Debbie Sargo

Sunday ~ December 29th

8:00 am ~ Betty Lou Parello, Volunteer, Bill Ecknerode, Helen Wilson

10:00 am ~ Alicia Cole, Julie McDermott, Karen Murray, Joe Saxman

12:00 pm ~ Pauline Schoffstall, Joyce Blotzer, Alyssa Sargo, Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Elaine Potochnik, Theresa Wos



Saturday ~ December 28th

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

Sunday ~ December 29th

8:00 am ~ Jennifer Zapata

10:00 am ~ Joe Kopper

12:00 pm ~ Maureen Leonardo

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



Saturday ~ December 28th

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

Sunday ~ December 29th

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Jimmy, Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Carly Haas & Analise Balaschak

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino