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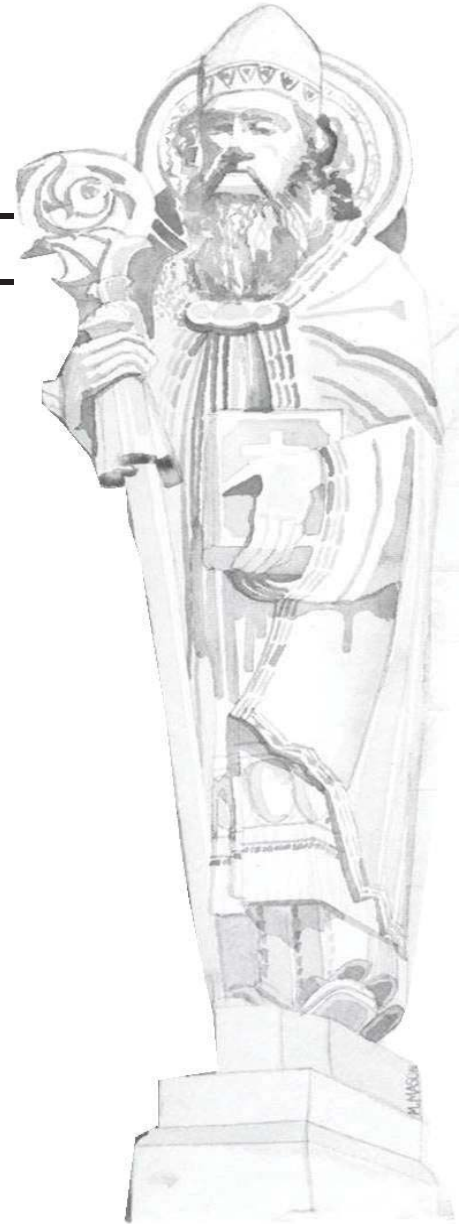
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December 23, 2012

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

REV. JAMES E. KUNKEL.....*PASTOR*  
DEACON HERB RILEY  
Thomas Cosley .....*Director of Liturgical Music*  
Betsy Krygowski ..... *CCD Program Manager*  
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

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

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.

*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.*

**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 an 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**.*

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**A Family Perspective**

Mary was excited about her first pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children!"

**CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS**

*The story of Christmas is a story of love— a simply, fundamental love, uncluttered by details—the love of 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 motivations 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. Jack, and Deacon Herb**



**Monday, December 24th**

**4:00 pm**

**6:00 pm**

**Midnight (music begins at 11:30)**

**Tuesday, December 25th**

**8:00 am**

**10:00 am**

**CHRISTMAS**

**A Family Perspective**

Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for his Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

Christian Giving

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**December 16th**

**Regular Collection.....\$00**

**Monthly Collection.....\$00**

**Parish Share.....\$00**

**Due to the Holiday, the above figures are not available at this time. They will be published in future bulletins.**

**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, lecturers, Eucharistic Ministers, choir members, or any of the other 56 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](http://www.diopitt.org).

**THE IMPORTANCE OF MASS**

Can someone be a **good person** without coming to church on Sunday? The answer to that questions 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."

**FEAST OF THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY**

Tuesday, 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 **Monday, December 31st at 6:00pm, Tuesday, January 1st at 8:30am and 10:00am.** Join the faithful in honoring our Lady on this feast.

**FUTURE IMPORTANT DATES:**

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

**Legion of Mary Group:** Every Saturday at noon at Fraser Hall, 500 Hunter St, Turtle Creek.

**Little Rock Scripture Study:** Meets every other Tuesday at 6:45 pm in the cafeteria. Visitors are welcome at any time. Contact Sue Buchholz at (412) 824-5163.

**Catholic Men's Fellowship:** 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month @ 8am in the Church Hall.

**Christmas in Lancaster** featuring Jonah. Millennium Theater. Two days and one night, December 27th & 28th. WOW209, for information call Marlene at 412-365-0120.

***BAPTISM CLASS & DATES OF CELEBRATION***

*The next Baptism class is scheduled for Saturday, March 2nd, 2013 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**). Watch the bulletin for future Baptism dates.*



**TURTLE CREEK FOOD PANTRY**

The Turtle Creek Food Pantry has teamed up with the neighborhood churches in an effort to support our neighbors in need. Every month the neighborhood churches are selecting non-food items for donation. The food pantry is **not permitted** to purchase non-food items, they are only permitted to purchase non-perishable products (food only). If you wish to make a monetary donation, please designate the donation for these non-food items. Checks can be made out to P.N.E.S. (Pantry Network of the Eastern Suburbs). Monetary donations can be dropped off in the offertory collection or at the church rectory. Your neighbors and the Turtle Creek Food Pantry **THANK YOU** for your generosity.

**ADVENT CONFESSION SCHEDULE**

**Monday, December 24th after 8:30am Mass**

**There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 29th.**

**Home With the Lord:** In the spirit of Christian Charity your prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Joseph Blotzer. May he rest in the peace and joy of the Lord.

**YOU CAN HELP YOUR MARRIAGE** - Do you feel alone? Are you frustrated or angry with each other? Do you argue ....or have you just stopped talking to each other? Does talking about it only make it worse? Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi with a long i) helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the next program beginning with a weekend on January 11-13, 2013 call 412-277-3434 or visit the web site at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com). Video testimonials can be found by clicking on "Testimonials and Stories" at the web site.



**BISHOP WILLIAM WINTER** will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for eighth grade students from St. Colman and St. Maurice Parishes on Tuesday, April 23, 2013 at 7pm at St. Maurice 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.



**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION NEEDED**

The very core and essence of our Catholic faith is the Eucharist, the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ. We have been blessed for years to be able to provide the Eucharist in both species at all of our Masses. However, we now face a shortage of Extraordinary Ministers at St. Colman's that threatens our ability to provide both species. If you are a registered parishioner in good standing and attend Mass every week, we ask you to please search your hearts and pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to see if you are being called to assist us in this role. If you are or would like additional information on the specific requirements, please contact Arlene Gross at (412) 823-6447 and/or e-mail at [arlgro@verizon.net](mailto:arlgro@verizon.net). God bless you and your families.

**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.*

**"Sanctuary Lamps"**

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Rudolph Schwoeble as requested by wife Ginny & Family and Cecilia Basala as requested by husband Ed & daughter Josie.



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - December 23rd**

8:00 am ~ Patrick Thomassey ~ Family  
10:00 am ~ Deceased Members of the Krygowski & Calcutta Families - Family  
12:00 pm ~ Owen Alexander ~ Wife Janine & Family  
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

**Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ 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

**Tuesday ~ 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

**Wednesday ~ St. Stephen, The First Matyr ~ December 26th**

8:30 am ~ Alphonso & Irene Botti ~ Nancy

**Thursday ~ St. John, Apostle & Evangelist ~ December 27th**

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

**Friday ~ The Holy Innocents, Martyrs ~ December 28th**

8:30 am ~ Mary Sabolcik ~ Agnes  
3:00 pm ~ Wedding: Derrick Sargo & Alyssa Aiello

**Saturday ~ The Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord ~ December 29th**

9:30 am ~ Wedding: Michael Duddy & Colleen Corbett  
6:00 pm ~ Deceased members of Maggiore & Bango Families ~ Gloria & Verna

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH ~ December 30th**

8:00 am ~ Lucy Brinza ~ Friends from Penn Shaw Apts.  
10:00 am ~ Marilyn Hopbell ~ Sylvia Martinelli  
12:00 pm ~ H. William Bell ~ Wife & Family  
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



**Saturday ~ December 29th**

6:00 pm ~ Tina Kuniak, Debbie Sargo, Bill Stanonik, Barbara McCabe (2)

**Sunday ~ December 30th**

8:00 am ~ Betty Lou Parello, James Jordan, Paul Messineo, Mary Jo Meyer

10:00 am ~ Marci Mason, Kelly McIntyre, Alicia Cole, Renae Brinza

12:00 pm ~ Maureen Leonardo, Pauline Schoffstall, Phil Wills, Joe Kopper

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Theresa Wos



**Saturday ~ December 29th**

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

**Sunday ~ December 30th**

8:00 am ~ Arlene Gross

10:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

12:00 pm ~ Harry Bernacki

5:30 pm ~ Sue Buchholz



**Saturday ~ December 29th**

6:00 pm ~ Scott & Samantha Doherty

**Sunday ~ December 30th**

8:00 am ~ Paul, Brandon, & Jordan Messineo

10:00 am ~ Tara Ponitz, Chloe Noah, Alaina Fawcett

12:00 pm ~ Carly Haas, Stacie Knee

5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino