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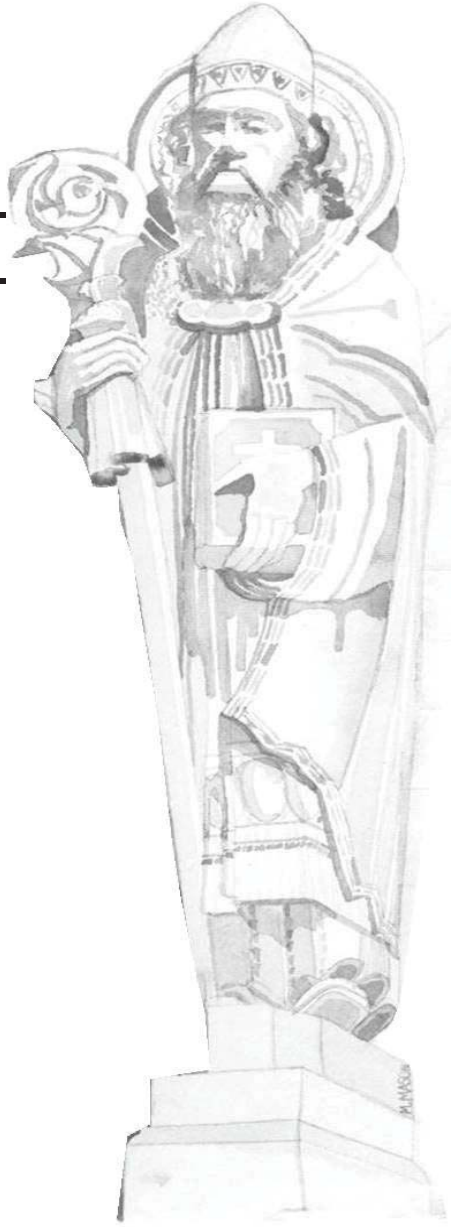

December 15, 2013 **THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

REV. JAMES E. KUNKEL.....*PASTOR*
DEACON HERB RILEY
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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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Over and over again, we hear of men and women doing what we all thought could never be done. The world is full of stories where the seemingly impossible becomes possible. We should feast on such stories because they can help nurture our sense of what is possible in life. Our readings today are filled, not with what men and women can do, but with what God can and does do in our world. God makes the wilderness into a garden, opens blind eyes, cures deaf ears, gives courage to the cowardly, sets the oppressed free, makes the lame walk, cleanses the lepers and even raised the dead. God can make all things new. This is what we celebrate today. Now the trick is to take that wonderfully hopeful idea and allow it to enter our communal and individual world. The saints were not afraid to imagine a world that was different from the world in which they lived. When we simply sit back and accept what is because that is all we know, and are not able to imagine how things could be any different, than nothing much is going to happen. If a community has no vision of how to move into the future, it seems highly doubtful that God is going to use that community to bring about any needed changes. God needs hearts and imaginations that are open and unafraid.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

A Family Perspective

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to sitcoms, movies, video games and music lyrics for direction? Are you the one? Will you be the one?

The Living Nativity

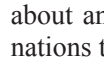
The beauty of the Christmas season comes alive on December 17th with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church, 2001 Ardmore Blvd., Forest Hills, PA. The 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th graders of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

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.

"Sanctuary Lamps"

The Sanctuary lamps are lit this week in memory of Joseph & Alverna Valent as requested by their Family and Andy Palko as requested by Martha & Tom Mallik.

HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Edward Halluska, Isabelle Shiring, Frank Pugliano and Kathryn Boyer. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.



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

December 8th
Regular Collection……$6626.00
Monthly Collection……..……$1203.00
Parish Share…….$200.00
Hurricane Relief……..$1919.00

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

Saturday, December 21st: 12:00pm - 12:45pm
Monday, December 23rd: after 8:30am Mass and 6:15pm - 7:15pm

There will be no confessions on Saturday, December 28th

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Fr. Joe Freedy will be leading a retreat for men in college or above who desire a deeper relationship with Christ, are seeking to know their vocation, and are interested in learning more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. Weekend will include daily Mass, Adoration, opportunities for Confession, solid brotherhood, as well as a talk and discussion with Bishop Zubik. Friday evening, December 20th - Sunday morning, December 22nd. For information or to register please visit www.pghpriest.com.

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.*

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.*

CHURCH PARKING

We ask that you kindly fill the parking spaces in the lot before parking your car in the open space or driveway of the Church lot. There is a limited number of spaces and we need to maximize their usage. Many times there are empty spaces both in the small lot and near the school building. If you do not wish to use a space, please do not enter the lot until the spaces are full. Thank you for your cooperation.

ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY: The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning December 1st. Families are invited to light the Advent Wreath at the beginning of each Mass. There is a sign up sheet on the back bulletin board. Please meet the celebrant in back 10 minutes before Mass.

Eucharistic Holy Hour for Vocations

The Holy Name Society of Corpus Christi Parish sponsors an 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!!!

For over 60 years Mr. Herb Winkler has been serving as an usher at the Saturday evening Mass most recently. Herb has recently retired from his ministry due to physical issues. We thank him for the many years of service. We always need more ushers for the Masses. Please let us know if you would be interested in serving in this ministry.

CHRISTMAS MASSES
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24TH
CHRISTMAS EVE

4:00 PM

6:00 PM

MIDNITE (music begins at 11:30Ppm)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25TH
CHRISTMAS DAY

8:00 AM

10:00 AM

MANY THANKS

Our thanks to the Patrick Lanigan Funeral Home and the Jobe Funeral Home for providing the St. Colman Church calendars for 2014.

ANOTHER REMINDER: It is common for individuals to appear at the door for sponsor certificates or to arrange baptisms, weddings or burials who are not registered with the parish. It is important for us to maintain an accurate census with the parish and the parish and the parish does have designated boundaries. If one moves to another county or part of the city, they should register at the local parish. If you are uncertain of your status, an indicator is whether you are receiving mailings from the parish; everyone's support is needed to maintain our efforts.

CHRISTMAS ISSUE

The December 20, 2013 issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic Newspaper is slated as the Christmas issue. You will find a special Christmas message from Bishop David Zubik to all the Faithful of the Diocese. The issue will also contain a pull-out calendar listing events in January occurring throughout the diocese. Enjoy this special issue, wishing all our readers a Joyous and Blessed Christmas!

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT ~ December 15th
8:00 am ~ Melinda D. Payne ~ Bill
10:00 am ~ Lois Clawson ~ Family
12:00 pm ~Living & Deceased Members of the Kunak & Bridge Families ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish

Monday ~ Advent Weekday ~ December 16th
8:30 am ~ Lois Clawson ~ Dan & Debbie Sargo & Family

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 17th
8:30 am ~ Alverna Valent ~ Son, Joseph & Daughter Donna

Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 18th
8:30 am ~ Fiorentina & Giustino Martinelli ~ Family

Thursday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 19th
8:30 am ~ Andy Palko ~ Martha & Tom Mallik

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 20th
8:30 am ~ Dorothy Weber ~ Bill

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 21st
6:00 pm ~ Mary & Vic Bohden & Jackie Obringer ~ Yvonne & Steve Jones

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

Saturday ~ December 21st
6:00 pm ~ Verna Bango, Barbara McCabe, Elaine Potochnik, Jim Bour
Sunday ~ December 22nd
8:00 am ~ John Parker, Paul Messineo, Debbie Flaherty, Marleen Grill
10:00 am ~ Linda Lorenz, Wanda Melocchi, Marci Mason, Julie McDermott
12:00 pm ~ Joe Kopper, Lynn Bahleda, Elaine Clugston, Martha Mallik
5:30 pm ~ Joanne Saint Pierre, Christine Stinson

Saturday ~ December 21st
6:00 pm ~ Tina Kuniak
Sunday ~ December 22nd
8:00 am ~ Arlene Gross
10:00 am ~ Monica Tinsley
12:00 pm ~ Alyssa Sargo
5:30 pm ~ Pamela Ross

Saturday ~ December 21st
6:00 pm ~ Andy Speranza, Nathan Holmes
Sunday ~ December 22nd
8:00 am ~ Sal Aiello, Anina & Christian Parker
10:00 am ~ Tara Ponitz, Chloe Noah
12:00 pm ~ Lucca Paoletti, Alaina Fawcett
5:30 pm ~ Noah Martino, Landon Dunnick