

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 17, 2017

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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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

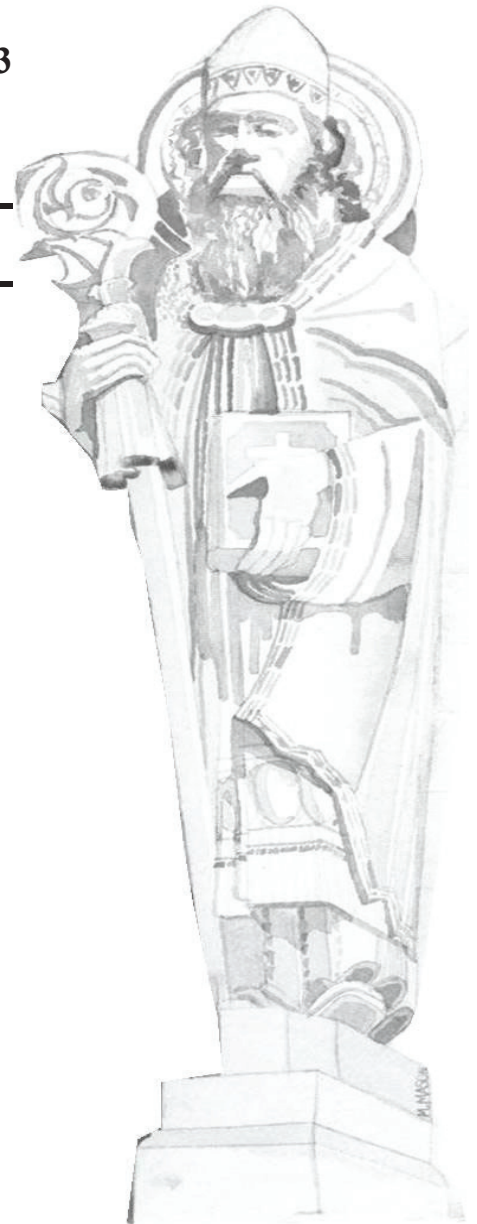
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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

In a very troubled world, Christian joy is not meaningless. This is not a joy corresponding to our highs and lows. Rooting in faith, it convinces us that if our lives are properly focused, if they point to Christ, then, like the disciples on the turbulent lake, we can be confident and at peace. Isaiah told a very troubled people that restoration was near - not because it was merited but because God is faithful. As Jesus appears, the role of the Baptist is to make him known and affirm his mission. In Jesus, God's fidelity is unsurpassed. Listening to today's scripture, we have every reason to rejoice. That figure that will meet John in the desert is living proof that we are not and will never be abandoned. Joy is more than merrymaking or a fleeting laugh. True joy retains composure and peace in fortune and misfortune. It looks at mountains and oceans and sees God's imprint. It looks at large cities and sees an immense amount of good. Joy looks at Christ and knows he is there.

Thoughts to reflect on and share: "There is no more beautiful piece of clothing, anywhere in the world, than the robe of salvation and the mantle of justice in which our loving God wraps each and every one of his children." **Deacon Herb Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.**

In All Circumstances Give Thanks - For people of faith, thanksgiving is not just a day in November when we gather with family and loved ones to eat turkey and stuffing and watch football. Instead, thankfulness is one of the foundational virtues of our lives. In our prayer we give thanks as we recognize the many ways God is at work. In the Eucharist, which itself means "to give thanks," we offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving to God for the multitude of gifts he provides. It is easy to give thanks to God for what we consider the joys and blessings of our lives. Yet, are we thankful for the difficulties and challenges? In today's reading Saint Paul exhorts us to give thanks in all circumstances, recognizing the constant work of the Holy Spirit within and among us. As we journey *On Mission for the Church Alive!* we reflect with thankful hearts on how our parishes have supported and inspired our faith. And as we prepare for the changes to come, may our gratitude for God's constant work in our lives encourage us as we build up new communities of faith. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org to learn more and stay informed.

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

There will be a Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday, December 18th 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 prayerful, spiritual reading or just meditating on God's love and continuing presence in your life.



Sunday, December 10, 2017

Offertory.....	\$699.50
Monthly.....	\$1040.00
Parish Share.....	\$175.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$9,705.00

DIOCESANE 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, Extraordinary 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

**Friday, December 22nd after 8:30am Mass
And 3:30-4:30pm**

Saturday, December 23rd 12:00-12:45pm

**There will be NO confessions on
Saturday, December 30th**

**Make plans to receive the Sacrament
Before the last opportunities**

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, December 24th

4:00 PM

(be advised this Mass will be crowded)

6:00 PM

10PM (music begins at 9:30)

Monday, December 25th

8:00AM

10:00AM



HOME WITH THE LORD: Your prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of Robert Bogovich, Joan Jackson and Margaret Pifer. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

THANK YOU to Irene Hummert for washing down the pews in the Church in preparation for Christmas.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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

Catholic Men's Fellowship: 1st & 3rd Saturday of each month @ 9am in the School Cafeteria meeting room.

Catholic Daughters of the Americas: Meeting 2nd Friday of each month 6:15-8pm All women are welcome!

Free Gentle Yoga for those in grief. December 22nd. Call Connie for information at 412-443-4837 or visit her website at www.stayfitwithconnie.com

Holy Hour: December 18th

St. Colman Monthly Fish Fry: January 5, 2018



First Friday Candlelight Mass - Give your Friday night new life and enjoy the new monthly First Friday Candlelight Mass. Masses will be celebrated every First Friday at 8pm at Saint Stanislaus Church in the Strip District beginning Friday, December 1st. Confessions will be available at 7pm and music will start at 7:45pm. Afterwards, join your friends for fellowship at a nearby eatery. Follow [facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh](https://www.facebook.com/beholdpittsburgh) for details about each month's Mass.

2018 Lucky Number Ticket - Support the ministries and the mission of the Sisters of Divine Providence by purchasing a \$25 Lucky Number ticket based on the PA Daily Lottery. Pick 3 Day and 3 Evening numbers. Numbers are available and your number is yours for the entire 2018 calendar year. Daily winners receive a minimum of \$25 up to \$150. Great gift idea! For more information, visit dpsisters.org/LuckyNumber or call Pat at 412-635-5401.

**ADVENT WREATH LIGHTING CEREMONY**

The Advent Wreath Lighting Ceremony will be held every Sunday in Advent beginning December 3rd. Families of all types are invited to light the Advent Candle every Sunday at the beginning of each mass. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in the vestibule of the church. Please sign up for a mass of your choice. We ask that you please gather in the back of the church 10 minutes before mass to meet the celebrant and participate in the procession.

RETRouvaille: 4 STAGES OF MARRIAGES ~ 1) Romance 2) Disillusionment 3) Misery 4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stage of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage. If your marriage suffers from disillusionment or misery please contact Retrouvaille (pronounced retro vi with a long i). For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 19, 2018, please contact Retrouvaille at 412-277-3434. More information available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburgh.org.

PLEASE NOTE; THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL CLOSE AT NOON ON FRIDAY DECEMBER 22ND AND REOPEN ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27TH, AND CLOSE AT NOON ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29TH AND REOPEN ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 2, 2018. MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES - Catholic Charities is collecting donations of clothing to serve the individuals and families in need that we serve through the winter months. You can help by donating new and gently used hats, gloves and scarves in all sizes. Drop off at Catholic Charities for smaller donations; larger donations by appointment. Please call to arrange drop off for larger donation. 412-456-6996 or llasen@ccpgh.org.

THE SOUNDS AND EVENTS OF THE CHRISTMAS SEASON! BY THE STUDENTS OF EAST CATHOLIC

The Living Nativity: The beauty of the Christmas season comes alive on Tuesday, December 19th with "The Living Nativity" at St. Maurice Church at 7pm. The 6th, 7th and 8th grade students of East Catholic School will tell the story of Jesus' birth through narration, song and liturgical dances.

Band Concert: The East Catholic School Band will have a concert on Wednesday, December 20th at 7pm in Keane Hall (School Cafeteria). All are invited to attend.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING: RCHEL'S Vineyard, a weekend retreat designed to heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion, will be held on March 2-4, 2018 at Tabor House in Millvale. In a confidential supportive atmosphere, Rachel's Vineyard demonstrates God's love, forgiveness, and compassion to women (and men) struggling with abortion's aftermath. To register or for more information, call Toni Jester at 412-352-5348 or email: toniafj1@comcast.net.

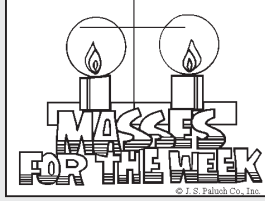


New Year's Eve \$500 Raffle Casino Knight Dinner and Dance Date: Sunday, December 31st, Time: 7:00Pm Doors Open (BYOB) 7:30Pm Cocktails and Hors d'oeuvres 8:00Pm-12:00 Am Casino Games and Dance. Place: Saint Therese Court, Munhall, PA 15120-3701. Cost: \$35 per person. \$60 per couple & \$220 for a table of 8. Extra Raffle Tickets are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. Winner need not be present! Contact: George Wagner at 412-823-8011.

AUTHENTIC HAPPINESS: A HIGH SCHOOL SILENT RETREAT ~ Have you ever allowed God to speak to you through silence? What does it mean to find Him as the source of your authentic happiness? Find out through Authentic Happiness: A High School Silent Retreat. Fr. Mike Ackerman will lead this retreat for high school men on February 3-4 at Martina Spiritual Center. It will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. No cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by January 22nd.

CHRISTMAS DINNER INVITATION: FREE OF CHARGE, MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th at THE LOURDES CENTER, ST. BERNADETTE'S CHURCH 1:30-3:30PM. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES PLEASE CALL 412-373-0050

The Knights of Columbus are at the doors today after all Masses passing out Christmas seals benefiting the McGuire Home. Please use these seals on all your outgoing mail and please be as generous as possible.



The Third Sunday Of Advent ~ December 17th

8:00 am ~ Fannie & Bill Dinzeo ~ Dolly & Tom
10:00 am ~ Guistino & Fiorentina Martinelli ~ Sylvia
& John Martinelli
12:00 pm ~ Francis & Mary Buchholz ~ Family
5:30 pm ~ Janet Marks Long ~ Virginia Shopes &
Tamra Marks

Monday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 18th

8:30 am ~ Deceased Members of our Parish

Tuesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 19th

8:30 am ~ Mrs. Louise Weber ~ Weber Family

**Wednesday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December
20th**

8:30 am ~ Jason Karas ~ William & Virginia Shopes

**Thursday ~ St. Peter Canisius, Priest & Doctor of
the Church ~ December 21st**

8:30 am ~ Leo Martinelli ~ Family

Friday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 22nd

8:30 am ~ Patrick Thomassey ~ Family

Saturday ~ Late Advent Weekday ~ December 23rd

6:00 pm ~ Deceased Members of the Hysong & Gross
Families ~ Bill & Arlene

The Fourth Sunday Of Advent ~ December 24th

8:00 am ~ David N. Bonda ~ Mom, Ray, & Stephanie
10:00 am ~ Ginny & Rudy Schwoeble ~ Pat & Don
Andelmo
12:00 pm ~ John Basala ~ Sue DeLoretta
4:00 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish
6:00 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish
10:00 pm ~ All Living & Deceased of our Parish



Saturday ~ December 23rd

6:00 pm ~ Debbie Sargo, Bill Stanonik, Arlene Gross,
Joe Saxman

Sunday ~ December 24th

8:00 am ~ Mary Jo Meyer, Paul Messineo, Bill Ecken-
rode, Linda Lorenz

10:00 am ~ Renae Brinza, Kraig Riley, Patti Connelly,
Marci Mason

12:00 pm ~ Martha Mallik, Pauline Schoffstall, Lynn
Bahleda, Elaine Clugston



Saturday ~ December 23rd

6:00 pm ~ Renee DiCesare

Sunday ~ December 24th

8:00 am ~ Wanda Melocchi

10:00 am ~ Kevin Tinsley

12:00 pm ~ Joe Kopper



Saturday ~ December 23th

6:00 pm ~ Francesca & Michael Aland

Sunday ~ December 24th

8:00 am ~ Noah Martino

10:00 am ~ Tara Ponitz, Chloe Noah

12:00 pm ~ Lucca Paoletti, Tina Wos