

SAINT COLMAN CHURCH

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December 24, 2017

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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DEACON HERB RILEY

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Gerry J. Meyer*Business Manager*

Sr. Judith Stojhovic, RSM, ...*Principal, East Catholic School*

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

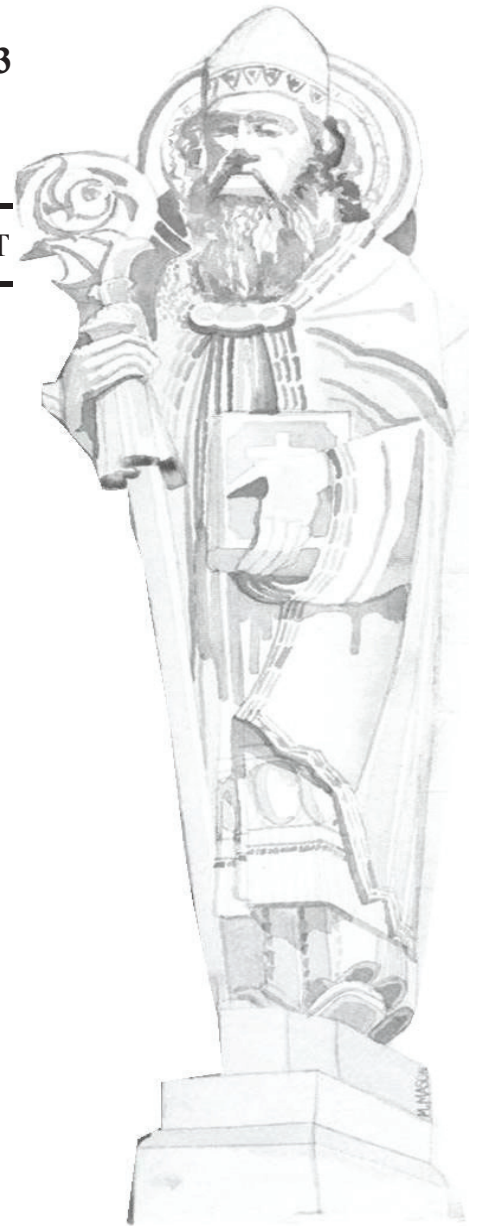
Weddings Call Rectory for arrangements.

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 FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT


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 which we know well. The first reading today prepares us for the 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...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.

CHRISTMAS BLESSINGS

The story of Christmas is a story of love - a simply fundamental love, uncluttered by details - the love of 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, Fr. Jim Seeger and Deacon Herb

Thoughts to reflect on and share: *“Advent is a time for change and preparation. As we reflect over the past three weeks, have we used this season well, to prepare, as God calls us to, for the second coming of His Son? If we have, then the Christmas season will be one of peace, calm and comfort, knowing that we have done all that God asks of us. May you and your families have a Blessed, Peaceful and Merry Christmas.”* **Deacon Herb Follow Deacon Herb on Facebook.**

	
Sunday, December 17, 2017	
Offertory.....	\$6038.00
Monthly.....	\$180.00
Parish Share.....	\$225.00
WEEKLY OPERATING EXPENSE.....	\$9,705.00

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, 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

**CATHOLIC MEN’S FELLOWSHIP
“PIVOTAL PLAYERS”**

We invite you to attend the first meeting of 2018 of the Catholic Men’s Fellowship on Saturday, January 6th from 9-10:30am in the school cafeteria. Come and see as we journey along with Bishop Barron’s multi-part film series that illumines a handful of saints, artists, mystics, and scholars known as “Pivotal Players.” Questions call Ted at 412-596-2544 or email Teddyn28@comcast.net

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 Margaret Pifer and Charles Ruffner. May they rest in the peace and the joy of the Lord.

HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS



The Lord Is With You - As the archangel Gabriel appeared to Mary to reveal to her that she would be the mother of Jesus, he greeted her with “hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.” Meant to be words of comfort and strength, Mary still needed to be reassured that what she was experiencing was of God. That comfort came in the continued encouragement of Gabriel, in the strong, loving presence of Joseph, her betrothed, in the familial support of her cousin Elizabeth and, through it all, by the constant outpouring of grace from the Father. While we are confident that the Lord is always with us and promises to remain with us, we know how important the presence of a loving family and a supportive community can be to fill our hearts with peace. As the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative continues to unfold we have a great opportunity to sustain each other in faith. This Christmas, as we celebrate Emmanuel, God-with-us, may he dwell in us so that we can reflect his love to others and grow the Church. Visit on-missionchurchalive.org to learn more and stay informed.

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. Call Connie for information at 412-443-4837 or visit her website at www.stayfitwithconnie.com

Holy Hour: January 22nd

St. Colman Monthly Fish Fry: January 5, 2018

Ladies of Charity Soup Sale: December 31st Beef Barley.

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.

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.

**A DONATION HAS BEEN MADE TO THE
ST. COLMAN UPDATE & RENOVATE FUND
IN MEMORY OF:
Robert Bogovich
BY:
M/M Gene Perkins**

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY: The Catholic Cemeteries Association of the Diocese of Pittsburgh is seeking women and men for positions as Sales Counselors at Good Shepherd (Monroeville) and St. Joseph (North Versailles) Cemeteries. If you enjoy interacting with people and prefer working for a reputable organization, please call or email us to find out more. This is a full-time position with comprehensive benefits. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to careers@ccapgh.org or call Tom at 412-208-1174.

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.

WEEKEND RETREAT FOR POST-ABORTION HEALING: RACHEL'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

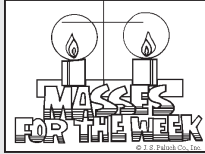
My idea of Christmas, whether old-fashioned or modern, is very simple: loving others. Come to think of it, why do we have to wait for Christmas to do that?

— Bob Hope

“Sanctuary Lamps”

The Sanctuary Lamps are lit this week in memory of Ed & Cecilia Basala and Frank Zemarel as requested by Josie Zemarel.

The Ladies of Charity will be selling Beef Barley soup at the 10am and Noon Masses on Sunday, December 31st.



The Fourth Sunday of Advent ~ December 24th

8:00 am ~ David N. Bonda ~ Mom, Ray & Stephanie

10:00 am ~ Ginny & Rudy Schwoeble ~ Pat & Don
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12:00 pm ~ John Basala ~ Sue DeLoretta

CHRISTMAS EVE ~ December 24th

**4:00pm ~ All Living and Deceased Members of our
Parish**

**6:00pm ~ All Living and Deceased Mem-
bers of our Parish**



**10:00pm ~ All Living and Deceased Mem-
bers of our Parish**

Monday ~ CHRISTMAS DAY ~ December 25th

**8:00 am ~ All Living and Deceased Members of our
Parish**

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Parish**

**Tuesday ~ Saint Stephen, The First Martyr ~ De-
cember 26th**

8:30 am ~ Guido Rossetti ~ Susan Crowe & Norman
Koehler

**Wednesday ~ Saint John ~ Apostle and Evangelist ~
December 27th**

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

**Thursday ~ The Holy Innocents ~ Martyrs-
December 28th**

8:30 am ~ Holy Feast of Innocents ~ AOH#17 &
LAOH #7

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

8:30 am ~ Irene Botti ~ Mark & Nancy Botti

**Saturday ~ Sixth Day within the Octave of the Na-
tivity of the Lord ~ December 30th**

6:00 pm ~ Deceased Members of the Trainor Family &
Paul Bour ~ Bour Family

**The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph ~ De-
cember 31st**

8:00 am ~ Clarence Puhala ~ Wife, Irene

10:00 am ~ Living & Deceased Members of the No-
vak Family ~ Ted Novak

12:00 pm ~ Adolph Maddamma ~ Bill & Patti

5:30 pm ~ All Living and Deceased Members of our
Parish



Saturday ~ December 30th

6:00 pm ~ Carol Deiuliis, Debbie Sargo, Bill Stanonik, Volunteer

Sunday ~ December 31st

8:00 am ~ Helen Wilson, Betty Lou Parello, Lorraine Meglio, Sharon Parker

10:00 am ~ Marci Mason, Marc Tinsley, Connie Tinsley, Julie McDermott

12:00 pm ~ Lynn Bahleda, Tina Kuniak, Elaine Clugston, Joe Kopper

5:30 pm ~ Christine Stinson, Sue Bucholz



Saturday ~ December 30th

6:00 pm ~ Arlene Gross

Sunday ~ December 31st

8:00 am ~ John Parker

10:00 am ~ Mike Krygowski

12:00 pm ~ Pauliine Schoffstall

5:30pm ~ Joanne Saint Pierre



Saturday ~ December 30th

6:00 pm ~ Michael & Francesca Aland

Sunday ~ December 31st

8:00 am ~ Sal & Rocco Aiello, Jonathan Parker

10:00 am ~ Josh & Jacob Murray

12:00 pm ~ Carly Haas, Analise Balaschak

5:30 pm ~ Landon Dunnick