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THE CHURCH OF ST. COLMAN OF CLOYNE

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Third Sunday of Lent



“Leave it, sir,
this one year
while I dig
around it.
If it bears fruit,
well and good.”
Luke 13:9



On Monday, March 1 the funeral of Fr. John Devany took place at 10:00 a.m. at our Parish. It was an event that marked the passing of a truly dedicated Man of God, who loved the priesthood and who poured out his life for the People of God, sometimes called “the Church.”

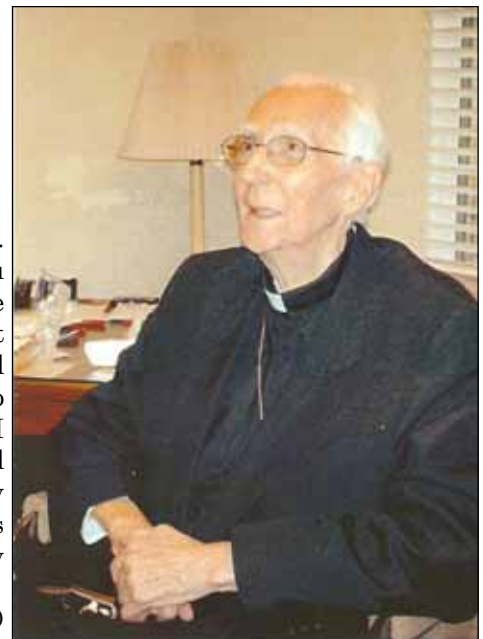
In December of 2009, Fr. John sent out a letter that was typically him. In his own hand he wrote on the letter: “Dear Norbert and all my dear friends at St. Colman’s.” The letter, like his preaching, was direct and positive. The letter is being reprinted here to honor this well-loved man, and friend of St. Colman. The words of Jesus in the Parable of the Silver Pieces, are aptly applied to him: “Well done, you good and faithful servant ... Come, share your master’s joy!” (Mt. 25:21)

Although this correspondence was printed in our paper once before, the words in his letter have the ability to evoke a kind of melancholy poignancy (at least to me) now that he rests in the arms of God.

Christmas 2009

Dear Fr. Norbert
and all my dear friends
at St. Colman’s,

This letter has a double purpose. In the first place, I pray that you and all your loved ones may be graced with every blessing at this Joyful Season. My second purpose is to bring you up to date on how I am surviving as I enter upon my ninety second year. 2009 has been an equally divided bad news – good news experience. Between January and July, I was in the hospital
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WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY AND TUESDAY 8:30 a.m.

THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE

8:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY 12 Noon

HOLYDAY MASS SCHEDULE

8:30 a.m., 12 NOON, 7:00 p.m.

BAPTISM

Any Sunday of the month.

Please contact the Parish Office
at least one month before baptism
to arrange for Baptism preparation.

**SACRAMENT OF
RECONCILIATION**

Saturday from 3:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
and by appointment at other times.

SICK CALLS

Anytime. Call residence 248-626-5055
or Parish office 248-626-0285.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

Archdiocesan law requires a lead time of at
least six months. Longer if a previous
marriage is involved.

MEMBERSHIP

New members are asked to call
the parish office to register.

Parish Pastoral Council

John Gernacy, President 855-9477
Norb Leszczynski, Vice President 855-1741
Michael Van Dyke737-7004
Robert Juliao 477-8086
Martha Mullkoff.....626-9031
Fr. Norbert Kendzierski 626-5055
Michael Garms, Vicariate Rep.539-7660

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Pamela Gernacy 855-9477

Christian Service Commission

Terry Klenczar 661-5753

Women of St. Colman

Joan Hall..... 539-1716

Ushers 626-0285

Archdiocese of Detroit website:
www.AODonline.org

(Revised 12/17/09)



Mass Schedule

March 06-07, 2010

3rd Sunday of Lent

03/06 Saturday -4:30 p.m.

†Irma Marcon

Requested by Louis Marcon

Int. of Fr. Vincent

Req. by Carol & Kelvyn Ventour

†Elizabeth Wilczewski- 7th anniv.

Req. by Bernadette Carroll

03/07 Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

03/07 Sunday - 11.00 a.m.

†Deborah M. Morrow

Requested by Alberto Basirico

Monday 03/08- 8:30 a.m. -

St. John of God

†Fr. John Devany

Requested by Jerry Gannon

Tuesday 03/09 - 8:30 a.m. -

St. Francis of Rome

†Maria Poolello

Requested by Friends

Int. of Diane Anderson

Req. by Cef & Cathy Martin

Wednesday 03/10- 12:00 noon -

†Fred Carne

Requested by Frank Williams

†Bernard Kerbawy

Req. by Ms. Carmen, Ms. Renuka,
& Mrs. Hopkins

Thursday 03/11- 8:30 a.m. -

COMMUNION SERVICE

Friday 03/12 - 12:00 Noon -

In Thanksgiving

Requested by Mary Kay Wheatley

March 13-14, 2010

4th Sunday of Lent

03/13 Saturday -4:30 p.m.

†Margaret McHugh

Req. by Leslie & Susan Pettis

†Margaret Wesley

Requested by Betty Herbert

†Lucille Halleman

Req. by Ray & Clare Pety

03/14 Sunday - 9:00 a.m.

†Dolores Putti

Requested by Kathy & Joe Sterbling

03/14 Sunday - 11.00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parishioners

ushers/lectors

March 13-14, 2010

Saturday-4:30 p.m.

Lector: Norb Leszczynski

Ushers: Team #3, Bob Zimmerer, Clare
Pety, John Rembowicz, Angel Gama-Diaz

Sunday-9:00 a.m.

Lector: Tom De Witt

Ushers: Team #6 John Klenczar, Jerry

Brown, Tom Ouellette

Sunday-11:00 a.m.

Lector: Joseph Salvaggio

Ushers: Team #4 Donna Varese, Bob Mueller

Pray for and Visit the Sick

Janie Allsworth, Tony Angelosanto,
Charlotte Ankers, Marian Barron, Judy
Basso, David C., Kimberly Callahan, Babs
Carlisle, Bernadette Carroll, Mary
Chmielewski, Louise Clark, Janet Conlon,
Jack & Reggie Corsi, Dorothy Ann
Creamer, Mary Rita Cuddohy, Kelsie
Marie Cullen, Rita Cutcher, Helen Daniels,
Joanne Davies, Fr. John Devany, Joanne
De Witt, Susan Dickow, Marie Dobson,
Anthony Dolney, Anna Doree, Angelo
Evangelista, Vern Fargo, Nancy Fife,
Connie & Joe Fortuna, John Fushman,
John Gernacy, Bob Gilliatt, Allison Gilson,
Thomas Gladwin, Gary Glownia,
David Goodnough, Autumn Grady,
Patricia Gulan, Shoney Habel, Samantha
Hainer, Pat Hammell, Maryann Hammill,
Adela Harvath, Terry & Francis Haughey,
Hubert Hoadley, Regina Homer, Lenore
Holbrook, Jonah Hurley, Jeff Hutchison,
Robert Juliao, Coral Kasprzyk, Ken Kemp,
Bernard Kerbawy, Pat Kecskes, Marie &
Wenzel Koch, Coe Kraus, Felix Krempa,
Marie Kuberski, Peter Larion, Ann Leber,
Laurie Leszczynski, Nooria Mansour,
Margaret Martin, Junie Mayhue, Carol
McCurry, Dillon McGillivary, Jim
McKenna, Karen Mullane, Erica Nader,
Melissa Nasser, John Hammell Nelson,
Geri Mertens, Heather Neuman, Colleen
Nicklay, Marie Oleksiak, Gerry Olsen,
Jackie Parent, Ray Pety, William Pilchak,
John Plonka, Patricia Presto, Ben &
Loretta Purcott, Maria Sanchez, Gene
Scarpone, Mikki Stein, Sabah & Sona
Sinawi, Cheri Tomkovich, Veronica Tripp,
Katherine Van Dan, Earl & Marie Watson,
Mary Whalen, Mary Kay Wheatley, Frank
Williams, Katie Willis, Carol Wiseman, Robert
Wojciechowski, Tasia Yaldo, Mary
Yanowski, Nizar Yono, & the residents of
Sunrise Assisted Living.

**NOTE: To add or remove a
name from this list please call
the parish office at 248-626-0285**



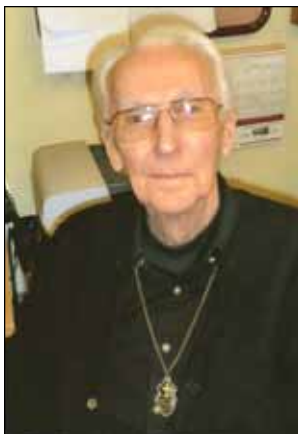
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three times – all of them 911 emergencies for various ailments, including pneumonia and fluid on the left lung, followed by five weeks in an assisted living facility called Marywood. I'm sure that my Passionist companions in community were anticipating continued downward progress when I was finally well enough to come home. That was in the middle of July – the beginning of the "Good News" part of my 2009. To everyone's surprise, myself included, my condition has improved significantly. My doctor gave me a general check-up just last week and she found all my vital-signs to be positive. In fact, she told me: "The Lord must have further plans for you."

With encouragement like that, with Fr. Blaise's help and that of Fr. Arthur Carrillo, I have resumed my on-line homily ministry which was interrupted by my open heart surgery back in 2007. I started with a second-time-around for my Cycle C homilies. Fr. Arthur has given me space on his website where I can now offer to everyone interested, my Cycle C homilies. These are available at this web address: <http://deposito.arthurcp.org/Devany/>

If I survive, I will be sixty-five years ordained on June 30, 2010. It is still a bit remote to be making plans, but we do have at least the intention of observing the occasion as we did for my sixtieth, so you might mark the date on your calendar. The picture I'm enclosing was taken just last week. Obviously, I'm not as young as I would like to look, but I think that I am bearing the burden of my birthdays more or less gracefully!

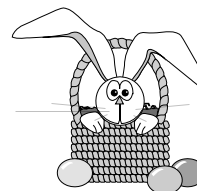
This is my first venture at typing anything on my computer in more than a year. I am sure there are some undetected typos and it has taken me much longer than on earlier efforts. I hope I have covered enough, to bring you up to date, so I'll sign off as I began by prayerful Best Wishes for a Wonderful Christmas and a Peaceful and Prosperous New Year.



I hold you in my heart:
Fr. John Devany C.P.

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Sue's News



The Faith Formation students in grades 1-8 are collecting items to assemble Easter Baskets for the children of prisoners. **Please donate Easter Baskets (large size), pre-wrapped candy, small stuffed animals, crayons, coloring books, markers, silly putty and any other items that could go in the baskets. I could also use some large cellophane, plastic bags that we will use put the baskets in for delivery.** These items can be given to the children to bring to class or dropped off in the parish office. Thank you.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING



Attention youth in grades 3 and up:



Training sessions for new altar servers

begin on Tuesday, March 9 at 6 pm. This is a wonderful privilege and opportunity to become a valuable participant in the Holy Mass. There are three sessions (March 9, 16, 23) from 6 -6:30pm. Contact Sue Crudginton for more information or just show up on Tuesday. (continued on page 5)

Gospel Lesson:
Life is unpredictable -
we should make ourselves ready to meet God at any moment.



Anointing of the Sick

Friday,
March 12th

after the 12 noon Mass



We extend our sincere sympathy to Flo McNichol on the death of her neighbor, Dorothy Trosko, who died recently. Let us remember the family in our prayers. We commend her soul to the Lord. May she rest in peace.

Called to repentance ...
Called to change ...
Called to follow ...

Oakland County Jail Ministry at Saint Colman Church

The last several years the Oakland County Jail Chaplain's Office has sent us a request for help. During four Sundays of Lent, we would like to respond to this call for help by supporting the families of the prisoners as well as the prisoners.



The Chaplain's Office is again asking for large size men's coats and shoes. **Men's new or gently used walking (street) shoes, sizes 10-13 or dark, winter coats** will be distributed from the Chaplain's Crisis Response Closet. Please put these items on the coat rack in the Church hallway.



SMART Bus tickets can no longer be purchased as individual tickets. Cash donations will be used for us to purchase lots of 250 tickets from Detroit. The individual tickets will be given to both families needing public transportation to the jail and to released prisoners to help in such things as job searches and Doctor appointments.

Gift Certificates from Meijer in \$10.00 amounts are helpful.

If you wish to donate a check for us to purchase the gift certificates or bus tickets, **please make the check out to St. Colman. Indicate at the bottom of the check, "Jail Ministry" and deposit the check in the Oakland County Jail containers at the back of the Church.**

God bless you for your generous help in the past,

The Christian Service Committee

Lent: Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

Monsignor John Zenz, Episcopal Vicar,
and our St. Colman newly confirmed
Faith Formation Students on February 27, 2010.



*Keep them in
your prayers.
May the gifts of
the Holy Spirit
continue to
strengthen all of
them in their
mission to live
and spread
the Good News.*

LENTEN & EASTER SCHEDULE 2010

STATIONS OF THE CROSS WITH BENEDICTION

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 pm

(except Good Friday)

March 12, 19, 26

CONFESSION SCHEDULE Communal Penance Service

Tuesday, March 30, at 7:00 pm

Private Confessions

Wednesday and Fridays of Lent

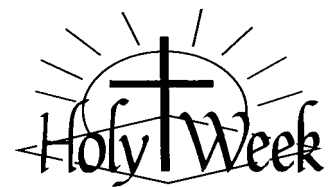
after the Noon Mass

Saturdays of Lent

(except Holy Saturday)

from 3:30-4:00 pm

FRIDAY SOUP LUNCH
in Social Hall after all Noon
Masses (except Good Friday)



Holy Thursday, April 1

7:00 pm - Evening Mass of the

Lord's Supper

Followed by Adoration until 9PM

Good Friday, April 2

12 Noon - Stations of the Cross

1:00 pm- Liturgy of the Lord's

Passion and Death

Holy Saturday, April 3

12 Noon and 12:30 pm - Blessing

of Easter Food

8:00 pm- Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday, April 4

9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses

Sue's News

DAYTIME BOOK STUDY

Book selection: **Jesus of Nazareth** by Pope Benedict XVI

Wednesdays at 10:00am

This week's reading: **second half of Chapter 4, pages 99-127**

The Torah of the Messiah

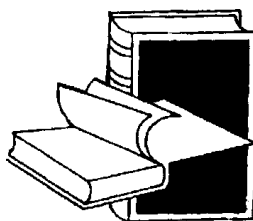
Please contact Sue Crudgington at suecrudgington@aol.com or at 248-626-0285 for more information or just show up on Wednesday at 10:00am. All are welcome!

EVENING BOOK DISCUSSION

Our day for discussion is finally here. Join us as we discuss **Galileo's Daughter** by *Dava Sobel* on **Thursday, March 11 at 7p.m.**

A Historical Memoir of Science, Faith and Love.

This is a biography of Galileo's eldest daughter, Maria Celeste, who was placed in a convent of the Poor Clare's in Florence when she was thirteen. Sobel weaves her letters to her father into the narrative. Moving between Galileo's public life and Maria Celeste's sequestered world, Sobel illuminates the Florence of the Medicis and the papal court in Rome during the pivotal era when humanity's perception of its place in the cosmos was being overturned and when one man sought to reconcile the Heaven he revered as a good Catholic with the heavens he revealed through his telescope.



PLEASE BRING YOUR BOOKS TO DISCUSSION SO SUE MAY RETURN THEM TO THE LIBRARY.

Always Our Children

This is a very brief excerpt from, "Always Our Children: A Pastoral Message to Parents of Homosexual Children and Suggestions for Pastoral Ministers", U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops - 1997:

In this pastoral message, we draw upon the gift of faith as well as the sound teaching and pastoral practice of the Church to offer loving support, reliable guidance, and recommendations for ministries suited to your needs and to those of your child. Our message speaks of accepting yourself, your beliefs and values, your questions, and all you may be struggling with at this moment; accepting and loving your child as a gift of God; and accepting the full truth of God's revelation about the dignity of the human person and the meaning of human sexuality. Within the Catholic moral vision there is no contradiction among these levels of acceptance, for truth and love are not opposed. They are inseparably joined and rooted in one person, Jesus Christ, who reveals God to be ultimate truth and saving love.

We address our message also to the wider church community, and especially to priests and other pastoral ministers, asking that our words be translated into attitudes and actions that follow the way of love, as Christ has taught. It is through the community of his faithful that Jesus offers you hope, help, and healing, so your whole family might continue to grow into the intimate community of life and love that God intends.

In an effort to help us address our fear of those who are different from ourselves and to better understand the experiences, expectations and spirituality of gays and lesbians (and their families) **a meeting is being held at St. Colman in the social hall on Thursday, March 18, at 7pm.** A panel composed of parents of gay and lesbian Catholics will tell their stories.

The purpose of this meeting is NOT to debate religious issues related to this subject. The purpose is merely to OPEN THE DOOR to what has been a forbidden subject and offer an opportunity to better understand the lives of gay and lesbian persons and their families.

Rosary Collection



Our St. Colman parish will be helping the Knights of Columbus, Livonia Council 2690, on behalf of St. Vincent de Paul Society, collect rosaries that will be sent to Iraq and Afghanistan. **Please bring your "intact" rosaries to church - there is a box outside the parish offices.** Thank you.

A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

The owner of the orchard in today's Gospel was disappointed with the fig tree and ordered it cut down. When others disappoint us, today's Gospel tells us to imitate the gardener. Don't cut them out of your life by silence or ignoring them, rather, give them more time and assistance. Families don't give up on each other. When others reject, family accepts!

Used Eyeglasses Collection

St. Colman will have an ongoing collection of used eyeglasses to donate to Volunteer Optometric Services to Humanity or VOSH - a non-profit organization that provides free eye care to thousands of people in need in developing countries - people who cannot afford and cannot obtain vision care otherwise.

Please place your used eyeglasses in the box outside the parish offices.

