

Saint Januarius Church

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February 2, 2014 The Presentation of Our Lord

A CHRISTMAS REPRISE

The Church's celebration three weeks ago of the Baptism of the Lord signaled the "official" end of the Christmas season. Today's feast of the Presentation of the Lord seems to extend the Incarnation celebration a bit longer. In fact, some have called this feast a "second Epiphany." The first reading recalls the anticipation of Advent, as Malachi writes, "Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me." The reading from Hebrews reminds us of the Incarnation, proclaiming that Jesus had a "share" in our own "blood and flesh." The Gospel finds the infant Jesus on his first visit to Jerusalem and his human parents once again surprised and in awe over the events surround his birth.

In the simplicity of the manger, in the grandeur of the temple, in the domesticity of Nazareth, Jesus comes. May we come to know him and so be filled with "wisdom" and the "favor of God."

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Worship Schedules

- **Mass Schedule**

Saturday - 4:00 PM

Sunday - 10:00 AM

Monday - Friday - 8:00 AM

- **Confession**

Saturday - 3:15 - 3:30 PM

- **Sacraments**

BAPTISM - By Appointment

MARRIAGE - Arrangements are to be made 6 months in advance.



Parish Staff and Other Contacts

Pastor: Fr. Kenneth Sparks

Church Secretary, Patti Tokarski

Parish Council President, Mike

Waruzewski

Pastoral Council President, Bud Joyce

C.C.D. Coordinators, Helen Feledik and

Cindy Kutchko

Women's Guild President, Arlene Miller

Pastoral Finance President, George Carabin

Contact the Rectory for more information

Saint Januarius Church Mission Statement

St. Januarius is a Roman Catholic community of faith focused on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. We are grateful to those who have built up St. Januarius to be a welcoming, active, and spiritual parish. With the Eucharist and through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we strive to use the gifts and talents given to us by the Father to support the lives of parishioners at all age levels and stages of life. We also pledge to live our lives so that through our words and actions all may feel the presence of Jesus Christ in the world today.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK

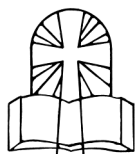


THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

SAT (FEB 1)	VIGIL	4 PM	+ SARAH TOLAN (Husband, Jack Tolan)
SUN (FEB 2)		10 AM	+ CLEMENT TARASI (Dave & Joyce Cheripka)
MON (FEB 3)		8 AM	+ CHRISTINE BIELSTEIN (Konop Family)
Weekday			
TUE (FEB 4)		8 AM	+ MARY LOU SCARANO (John & Gloria Coon)
Weekday			
WED (FEB 5)		8 AM	+ HARRY JURKIEWICZ (Helen Greco)
St. Agatha, Virgin & Martyr			
THU (FEB 6)		8 AM	+ JOHN BARTKO (M/M R Drosky)
St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs			
FRI (FEB 7)		8 AM	PAPCIAK, BLODGETT, ANZLOVAR & BENTON
Weekday			FAMILIES LIVING & DECEASED (Papciak Family)
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
SAT (FEB 8)	VIGIL	4 PM	+ MARY LOU SCARANO (Dave & Patty Hall & Family)
SUN (FEB 9)		10 AM	+ MARY LOUISE SCARANO (Victoria Padgetti, Tony, Michael & Vicki)

Readings for the Week of February 2

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Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20	Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 - 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43	Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6	Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
	Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
FEB 1	Maria Czura & Gabriela Hantz	Laura Zullo	Jack Tolam	Jim & Susan Price & Phyllis Pierce	
FEB 2	Gina, Marisa & Rachel Valotta	Alexandra Greenberg	M/M J. Cheripka	Jessica & Charles McKinley and Gloria Mulholland	Connie Fiorina, Carol Kelly, Jeannie Rabick & Mary Ellen Zik
FEB 8	Kyle & Erin Hanes	Debbie Brinker	Mr. Scarano	Mary Kay Sneider, Adele Trerice & Tony Traficante	
FEB 9	Alani & Abby Dui-Lonardo & Zachary End	Robbin Greenberg	M/M W. Griffith	Catherine Hanlon, Mary Pivik & Donna Flaherty	Keith & Anna Trischan & Marie Pietropaolo



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FEBRUARY AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- February 1 & 2:** Sat. & Sun. Mass Blessing of Throats
February 3: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting
February 4: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
February 9: Sunday, 10:00 A.M. Mass **“World Marriage Day”**
February 10: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Men’s Fellowship Meeting
February 11: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
February 12: Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Women’s Guild Meeting
February 18: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
February 25: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous

MARCH AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- March 4:** Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
March 10: Monday 7:00 P.M. Men’s Fellowship Meeting
March 11: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
March 18: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
March 25: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous

APRIL AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- April 7:** Monday, 7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council Meeting
April 8: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
April 14: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Men’s Fellowship Meeting
April 15: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
April 17: HOLY THURSDAY MASS 7:00 P.M.
April 18: GOOD FRIDAY, 3 P.M. Adoration of The Cross
April 19: Saturday, 12 Noon, Blessing of the Baskets
April 20: **EASTER SUNDAY**
April 22: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
April 29: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for the following:



Phyllis Pierce	Elmer Zucco	
Kelli Biondich	Art Proviano	
Audrey D'Incau	Angie Zucco	
Theresa Shamrock	Dave Lavrich	
Jacob Knighton	Ursula Koontz	
William Griffith III	Caroline Keaton	Tom Woods
Betty Davis	Heather DeLuca	Barbara Ayala
Frank Papciak	Sandy Novak	Donnalee McCloy
Farah Marshal	Patsy Montanaro	Haley Uzman
Kay Silvio	Emily Snow	Bill Griffith
Stacie Zarroli	Chuck McKinley	Jack Tolan
Helen Kosnac	Gladys Greene	Patricia Phillips-
Susan Crowe	Bill Stezoski	Sandy Keller

witnesses and support for the complementary union of man and woman that Christ raised to the dignity of a sacrament. It is celebrated the 2nd Sunday in February and is important for us not just to stand up for the sanctity of marriage, but understand the importance of this vocation. **St. Januarius will be celebrating WMD on Feb. 9, 2014 and we would like to know how many would be interested in participating in the special mass and a possible reception afterwards. If interested please contact the rectory at 412-793-4439 by February 1, 2014.**



REST IN PEACE Albert Silvio from our Parish. And may all the souls of the faithfully departed rest in peace. Amen

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory Collection	January 19, 2014	2,204.00
Monthly Collection	January 19, 2014	40.00
St. Anthony School Fund	January 19, 2014	508.00

Parish share collected to date	25,935.00
PARISH SHARE 2013 ASSESSMENT	30,084.00

As you can see we are still short of the 30,084.00 for Parish Share. If you haven't made a donation as of yet or you would like to add to your pledge you still have time. Please consider helping to reach

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN Diocese of Pittsburgh Victim Assistance Hotline phone number **1-888-808-1235**.

All volunteers and employees of the Church **MUST** complete the Protecting God's Children course to continue in the ministry.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING - All men of the parish are welcome to the next meeting. It is **February 10 at 7 PM** in church hall and discuss "Catholic Man's role in the world we live in". Light refreshments will be available.

OVER-EATERS ANONYMOUS presided by Sherry Podobnik, a psychotherapist, and Director of the Pittsburgh Caring Ctr. & Healers Network, invites the community to take part in the first ever **OA meetings every Tuesday at St. Januarius' Church**. There are no membership requirements other than the desire to stop eating compulsively. OA is a faith driven 12 Step Program open to all & always free of charge and judgment free. For more information or questions, contact Sherry at 412-795-4897.

RCIA- If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith, please call the rectory at 412-793-4439.

PEWS FOR SALE- We still have a few pews for sale. Anyone wishing to purchase one from the cry room, please call the rectory at 412-793-4439. Thank you

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is celebrated throughout the Catholic Church and reflects in a special way Christ's love for His bride, the church—a sacrificial life-giving love that is faithful, fruitful and forever. Today, more than ever, our families, parishes and communities need

ROSARY FOR LIFE -sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Januarius will be on **March 26, 2014**. All are welcomed to attend.

PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN WORKSHOP- **Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at 6:30 PM** at St. Joseph Parish Activities Hall, Verona. To register contact Fran Morrow 412-828-9287.



The celebration of St. Blaise Monday, February 3rd, I will bless your throats this weekend at the beginning and after Mass. Please line up as receiving Holy Communion. Plus, throats will be blessed on the feast day as well. Perhaps St. Blaise will help us to endure this winter weather.

World Marriage Sunday is next weekend. There will be a special Mass for married couples with a reception in the Hall at the Sunday, 10:00 Mass.

We have some families who are interested in the Adopt a Grandparent Ministry. We could use a few more. This ministry is an outreach to the residents of Ridgewood. It doesn't take much time or effort and you could make a difference in someone's life. Writing a letter, sending a birthday card, or letting them know that someone else cares about them is all it takes. Won't you consider taking part in this special ministry? Please call the rectory to sign-up.

*****PLEASE, IT IS NOT A MORTAL SIN TO MISS MASS ON SUNDAY WHEN ENCOUNTERING DBAD WEATHER FOR THAT DAY. THERE IS NO NEED TO CONFESS THAT SIN IN THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION. THANK YOU.**

Food for Thought: "To me, integrity means doing the right thing even if nobody is watching." Dr. Phil McGraw

Make peace with imperfection. You are highly unlikely to meet an absolute perfectionist whose life is filled with inner peace. *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff.*

In the present circumstances, no one can afford to assume that someone else will solve their problems. Every individual has a responsibility to help guide our global family in the right direction. Good wishes are not sufficient, we must become actively engaged. *Insight from the Dali Lama.*

- Fr. Ken

Around Our District

HELPING HUNGRY FAMILIES by supporting the Plum Food Pantry. As the holiday approaches there is always a concern for the less fortunate to have enough food to feed their families. Any donation is accepted and appreciated.

BIBLE STUDY—on the Gospel of John on Monday evenings after the 7 PM Mass at St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville in the Art Room of the school. Thursday morning at 11 am in Biedenbach Hall

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP started at St. John's **7:00 p.m. in the annex of St. John the Baptist Church.** We convene the fourth Tuesday of every month. We encourage hope, peace and comfort to all of those who suffer from this disease as they seek God in their daily lives. If you are interested in attending this support group, please contact Bob Mineo at 412-793-4511 ext. 225.

STIR CRAZY BINGO at **Our Lady of Joy on Saturday, February 15, 2014 from 7:15 to 10 PM.** Ticket price is \$15 and One Non-Perishable Food Item for the Plum Food Pantry. Price includes 6 cards for 15 games at \$25 ea., 1 Jackpot Game and Neighbor Bingo. 3-\$50.00 Specials available. Jackpot \$1,000 in 50 numbers—\$250 Consolation .

SINGLE 21 & OVER (OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?)-

Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. We offer a variety of different activities including parties, picnics hiking etc. For more information, visit our website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, or check out our Facebook page or call 412-341-4070 JOIN TODAY. We think that you'll be glad you did.

RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK: FAMILY SYSTEMS THEORY FOR CLERGY AND GROUP LEADERS

is an 8 session class for people looking to increase their effectiveness in managing the relationship challenges common to parish life. Class will meet on the **Second Friday afternoon of each month from now through May 4, 12:30– 3:30, at St. Paul Seminary.** Diocesan continuing education credits available. For more information or to register, contact instructor, Ann Depner LCSW at 412-952-3144 or ADepner57@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER makes good marriages GREAT. The First Marriage Encounter is February 14-16 at Toftrees Resort in State College. April 4-6 at Four Points Sheraton, Pittsburgh Airport. Get info by calling 412-635-7775.

BISHOP ZUBIK WILL LEAD PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

for the April 27th canonizations of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II . The deadline is Thursday Jan. 2, 2014 and a \$500 deposit must be made by Thursday Jan. 2, 2014. The cost is \$3695. For more information please contact Carmella Weismantle at 412-471-1252 .ext. 3575 or cweisman-

tle@pittsburghcatholic.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE—Celebrate May, the month of Our Lady by being in the Grace-filled village of Medjugorje. April 29-May 8, 2014. Spiritual Director will be Rev. Joseph Freedy. For more information please call Cathy Howe at 412-278-4673.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS— World Marriage Day: Questions, questions, questions:

- What do I like the most about you?
- What is it that most separates us?
- What most unites us?
- I specifically need your help in...
- I think I should help you specifically...by

Valentine Day Bonus: why not dig out the readings you used at your wedding. In a quiet moment read them to each other again and ponder what they mean to you now. If you cannot find them try 1 Cor. 13: 4-13

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH—brings you the award winning recording artist Kitty Cleveland, as speaker at their prayer breakfast **on Sat., Feb. 8, from 9 AM to Noon at the Sheraton Four Points in Cranberry Twp.** Hear a testimony of humor, love and forgiveness involving a terrible injustice to her beloved lawyer father. All elements of a riveting story which will make you laugh and cry. The cost of the breakfast is \$20. To register, go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org or call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906. Deadline to register is Jan. 31.

NIGHT AT THE RACES at St Irenaeus School on February 15, 2014. Tickets are \$20 which include refreshments. Call the school office at 412-828-8444

It seems to me that, just as it was with Father Farina, so must it be with all of us. God wants to use our gifts, shared with others, to inspire each of us to become more like Christ. To do so is to help grow the Church and to help the Church of Pittsburgh to be the Church Alive.

- Bishop David Zubik

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