

Saint Januarius Parish

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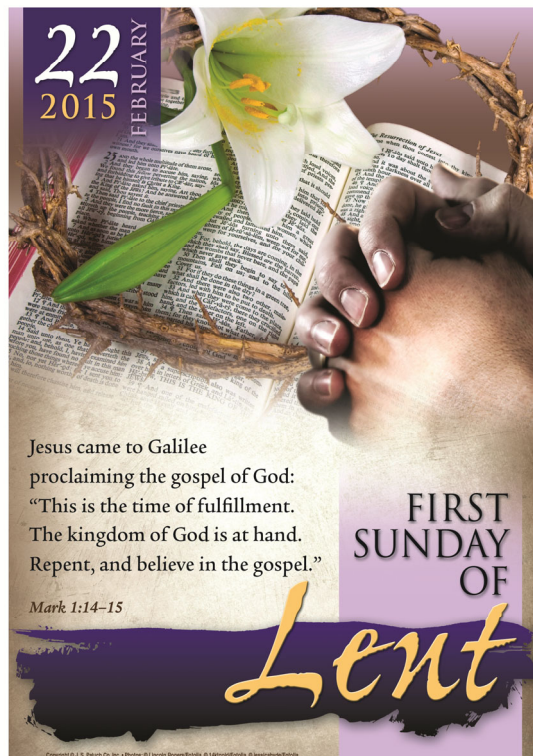
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February 22, 2015
First Sunday of Lent

THE MEANING OF OUR BAPTISM

Lent is the time of year that we devote to scrutinizing our lives in the light of our baptism into the death and resurrection of Jesus. Today's readings are a nice shorthand catechism of what our baptized lives mean. As Noah passed through the waters of the flood to a covenant with God, so did we enter into a covenant, a promised relationship with God through our baptism. The psalm reminds us that if we truly keep the covenant, the way of life God expects us to follow will not be a burden, but a source of love and truth. Peter's letter gives one explanation of what our baptism means: it is an appeal that we make to God for a clear conscience. How do we obtain this clear conscience? The words that Jesus proclaims immediately following his temptation show us the way: "Repent and believe in the gospel." It might be a good spiritual exercise to keep these readings before us throughout the entire season of Lent, a means to help us return to a life lived in our baptismal promises.

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Worship Schedules

• Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 PM, Sunday - 10:00 AM
Monday - Friday - 8:00 AM

• Confession

Saturday - 3:30 PM
Sunday - 9:30 AM
Or by appointment

• Sacraments

BAPTISM - By Appointment
MARRIAGE - Arrangements are to be made six months in advance.



Parish Staff and Other Contacts

Pastor: Fr. Kenneth Sparks
Church Secretary: Betsy Yaklich
Pastoral Council Presidents: Bud Joyce
Steve Bullick
Finance Council President: George Carabin
Women's Guild President: Arlene Miller
C.C.D. Coordinators: Diana Bullick
Helen Feledik
Prayer Chain Contact: Tracy Zanaglio
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Church and Hall are Handicap Accessible

Saint Januarius Parish 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.

From the Pastor's Desk

While Lent is a time of service to others, it is also a time of preparation and renewal of one's self. The word Lent, in Latin based languages, derives from the term *quadragesima*, meaning "fortieth," indicating the fortieth day before Easter. In other parts of the world, the name means "a time of fasting."

What will I do this Lent as an outward sign of my repentance?

What would I like to accomplish spiritually over the next six weeks?

What is one thing I will do daily during this Lenten season?

Beginning Tuesday, Feb. 24, our Lenten Adult Ed series, "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues" will begin. Looking forward to see you there!

With the amount of salt being used, please, when entering the church, wipe your feet off on the mat. Thank you.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Ask yourselves: "How much space do I give to the Lord? Do I stop to talk with him?" Ever since we were children, our parents have taught us to start and end the day with prayer, to teach us to feel that the friendship and the love of God accompanies us. Let us remember the Lord more in our daily life!

~ General Audience, May 1, 2013

May God's perfect peace and love remain with you always! ~ Fr. Ken

Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following:

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| Larry Cybach | Jacob Knighton |  |
| Audrey D'Incau | Ursula Koontz | |
| Helen Feledik | Helen Kosnac | |
| William Griffith III | Farah Marshal | |
| Sarah Griffith | Donnalee McCloy | |
| Fredrick Heinz | Chuck McKinley | |
| Mary Kathryn | Patsy Montanaro | |
| Heinz | Msgr. Ogradowski | |
| Caroline Keaton | Sandy Novak | |
| Sandy Keller | Phyllis Pierce | |
| | Kay Silvio | |
| | Emily Snow | |
| | Phil Stango | |
| | Jack Tolan | |
| | Haley Uzman | |
| | George Walcutt | |
| | Tom Woods | |
| | Angie Zucco | |
| | Elmer Zucco | |

Please : We ask those who have requested prayers to give us another "update" call when your loved one is better.

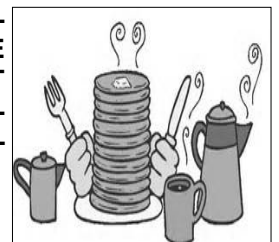
MEETINGS COMING UP

Overeaters Anonymous - Tuesday, February 24
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

All meetings are held at 7:00 pm in the Church Hall.



MEETING FOR ALL PANCAKE HELPERS WILL BE HELD ON MARCH 10TH AT 7:00 P.M. ANY MALES INTERESTED, YOU ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND.



PLEASE NOTE! The deadline for information to be included in the bulletin is NOON on MONDAYS. Anything received later than that will be included in the following week's bulletin.

First Sunday of Lent February 22, 2015

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CONFIRMATION

Our eighth grade class will be confirmed on Tuesday, April 28th, at St. Januarius.



Upcoming events.....

Wed., Feb. 18: Ash Wednesday
 Fri., Feb. 20: **Valentine's Family Dance**
 Sun., Feb. 22: CCD resumes

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Our second grade class will receive their First Holy Communion on Sunday, April 12th, at St. Januarius, during 10:00 AM mass.



SCHOOL CLOSING

Please remember to tune-in to Channel 11 during inclement weather for information on CCD cancellation. Thank you!

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21	Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Mary Ann Kaiser	Wife Millie & Children	Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy Arlene Miller	
SUNDAY FEBRUARY 22	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Alexandra Greenberg	Lindsay & Wayne Fischbach	Mike Waruszewski Judy Rogers Marie Pietropaolo	Pat Staudt Janet DiLorenzo Tom O'Connell
SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28	Angela Valotta Marisa Valotta Rachel Valotta	David Lavrich	Gus & Connie DeKallas	Michelle Joyce Bud Joyce Mary Graf	
SUNDAY MARCH 1	Megan Christman Maria Czura	Robin Greenburg	Mary & Tony Longo	Shirley DeLuca Connie Fiorina Nancy Golubski	Jim End Gloria Mulholland Mike Waruszewski Donna Miller



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, February 21 -
Sunday March 2**

SATURDAY – Saturday after Ash Wednesday 02/21

4 PM Bob Massimino - Wife, Millie & Children

SUNDAY - First Sunday in Lent 02/22

10 AM Bob Alberta - Linda & Wayne Fischbach

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday 02/23

8 AM Domenic Pietropaolo - Marie & Children

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday 02/24

8 AM Theresa Shamrock - Lee & Cathy Mazur

WEDNESDAY– Lenten Weekday 02/25

8 AM Agnes Colwell - Donny & Jerry Anderson

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday 02/26

8 AM Margaret L. Schons - Michelle Clemenson

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday 02/27

8 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Papciak, Blodgett, Anzlovar & Benton Families - Papciak Family

SATURDAY – Lenten Weekday 02/28

4 PM Conrad & Jennie DiMichiei - Gus & Connie Dekallas

SUNDAY - Second Sunday in Lent 03/01

10 AM James Noone - Mary & Tony Longo

We reserve the right to make unavoidable changes in the Mass schedule.

Readings for the Week of Feb 22

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
 Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Rite of Election marks a key moment. For the catechumens this Rite signifies that they have been called by Christ and attests to the reality that only those mystically claimed by Christ will enter Heaven. **Rite of Calling the Candidates to Continuing Conversion:** the candidates are “called to continuing conversion,” and thus their intention to be fully initiated and share in the Eucharist is recognized. This Rite also takes place before the bishop, normally as part of the same liturgical event as the Rite of Election for those who are unbaptized. The Rite of Sending, ordinarily held earlier on the same day, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made, express approval of their election or recognition, and send them forth to our bishop with assurance of the parish’s care and support. To send a catechumen or candidate to the bishop means that a parish has discerned that the person is ready to enter the Catholic Church.

Monday: St. Polycarp: Bishop of Smyrna (modern Izmir, Turkey), disciple of St. John the Apostle and friend of St. Ignatius of Antioch was a revered Christian leader during the first half of the second century. St. Ignatius, on his way to Rome to be martyred, visited Polycarp at Smyrna, and later at Troas wrote him a personal letter. The Asia Minor Churches recognized Polycarp’s leadership by choosing him as a representative to discuss with Pope Anicetus the date of the Easter celebration in Rome—a major controversy in the early Church. Only one of the many letters written by Polycarp has been preserved, the one he wrote to the Church of Philippi in Macedonia. At 86, Polycarp was led into the crowded Smyrna stadium to be burned alive. The flames did not harm him and he was finally killed by a dagger. The centurion ordered the saint’s body burned. The “Acts” of Polycarp’s martyrdom are the earliest preserved, fully reliable account of a Christian martyr’s death. He died in 156.

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORUM:

Your Pastoral Council wants to keep you informed and provide opportunities for you and our parish members to become involved. In “**THE 8 BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION**” Bishop Zubik invites us to spend some time every day learning our faith. Knowledge of the faith is required of evangelizers. How can you practice this or encourage this in your family, or at our parish? During Lent Father Ken is again conducting an adult education class in our faith. Look for information in the bulletin or contact the church office. Make arrangements to attend. Also remember the Food Bank. Green bins at the main Church entrance and inside the doors of both side entrances are there for your donations. Thank you for your caring!!! “Amen I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.” Matthew 25: 40

If you have any suggestions or input please contact the Church. Here is the contact information:

Parish Office:
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Weekly Collection - Feb 15

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$ 1,301
Monthly	\$ 0
Second Collection	\$ 101
PSP received to date	\$26,185

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.

Around Our District

ROSARY FOR LIFE - Knights of Columbus will be conducting its fifth Rosary for Life series during Lent. Upcoming are: St. Gerald—Feb25 and St. Bart's—March 4, St. Irenaeus—March 5; St. Joseph—March 11; St. John the Baptist—March 18 and St. Januarius—March 25.



PRE-CANA CLASSES: The annual St. Maurice Pre-Cana Wedding/Marriage preparation classes will be held Saturday, March 21, from 12:45 PM-4:45 PM and Sunday, March 22, from 1:00 PM-5:30 PM in the Parish Center at St. Maurice. Our sessions will fulfill the Diocese of Pittsburgh's requirements for couples wishing to be married in 2015 in the Catholic Church. Registrations will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline for registering will be March 13. Please call the Parish Center Office at 412-271-0809 to register or for more information. The cost is \$60 per couple.

LENTEN NULLITY PRESENTATIONS: The Tribunal Office will be providing a 45-minute presentation in each of the four Vicariates of the Diocese. The purpose is to provide information about the nullity process and help those wanting to begin the process to do so by receiving the initial paperwork. All presentations begin at 7:00 pm and are free. Presentations will be March 2 St. Benedict the Abbot, Peters Twp; March 3-St. John Fisher, Churchill; March 10 St. Camilus New Castle; March 23 St. Sebastian Ross Twp. Please call the Tribunal Office so that they can reserve a seat for you at 412-456-3033 or email at tribunal@diopitt.org

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU - Is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is the best way to participate in the Lord's Passion at Easter. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, March 18** from 6:00-9:00 pm in every Catholic parish in the Diocese.



Diocesan News

CO-ED TENNIS &/or SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED: SINGLES, 21 AND OVER. Tennis is played at Moore Park in Brookline, Softball in Blawnox. Looking for a new way to meet people, make friends, and share good times with others? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club.



The group offers parties, picnics, dances, hiking, volleyball, dinners, spirituality events, trips, and many other great events. For more information or an application, go to their website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, or contact Gary at Gary.Urbatis@verizon.net or 412-427-8772, or cac.softball@yahoo.com.



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY - is holding an Accounting Honors Institute for high school students who have interest in business. There are 3 topics with 2 sessions each held on Saturday mornings on campus in January, February and March. Students may sign up for one or more topics. Information and registration is available online at www.du.edu/business/AHI or by calling 412-396-5832



CATHOLIC CRUISE TO CARIBBEAN - Come and sail away on a 7-night Catholic Caribbean Cruise (Priest to be Assigned by the Apostleship of Seas of the USA), September 27-October 4, 2015 on Carnival Dream out of New Orleans, LA. Ports of call: Mahogany Bay (Isla Roatan), Belize (Belize), Cozumel (Mexico) and back to New Orleans, LA. Prices begin at \$1,065 for two passengers. This includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of only \$300 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further info or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com



St. Januarius Parish
Membership Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

CHECK ONE:

New Registration Change of Address Moving out of Parish Want Envelopes

PLEASE NOTE the new membership form in the bulletin. If you are thinking about joining our Parish Community of Faith OR there is new or changed information that should be of record, please complete the form and put it in the collection basket or send it to the Parish Office; we will be happy to contact you. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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Attn: Betsy

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