

# Saint Januarius Church

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February 23, 2014  
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

I wonder how many people read today's Gospel and said, "You expect me to do that?" Aren't we supposed to resist evil? Yes, and we do it as Jesus did—we conquer it with love.

When Jesus died on the cross, this was the victory over sin and death because he gave his life for us out of love. This love was for everyone, especially those sinners who need it. All he asks of us is to show love to everyone, even our enemies.

Now when we read the examples in the Gospel (Matthew 5:39-42), we may be tempted to say that the way to stop evil is to make people suffer for doing evil. But Jesus didn't say to let people run over us. Instead of a weak passivism, we actively offer the other cheek, hand over the cloak, or go the extra mile. And that's just for the ones who occasionally annoy us. Later in the same Gospel, Jesus tells us to love and pray for our enemies.

But notice what he doesn't say. He never promises that we will change these people, that our actions will eventually cause them to repent or become our friends. No, he only asks his disciples to change, to become "perfect" as the Father is perfect. That kind of holiness comes only from God, just as changing evil-doers or enemies is up to God. Perhaps the love we show to our enemies will at least open their hearts to the possibility of receiving the love of God, who can help them to become holy, too.

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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  
6 months in advance.



## Parish Staff and Other Contacts

**Pastor:** Fr. Kenneth Sparks  
**Church Secretary:** Michele Mullen  
**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

**Church and Hall are Handicap Accessible**

## 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.



“If it isn’t broke, don’t fix it!” Father Fred Cain, our Regional Vicar, was alerting me to install a new boiler for the church from our Vicariate Parish Review visit. But Bill McCloy has told me that even though our church boiler is long in tooth, it is working just fine. “Don’t cross that bridge until we get there.” So, I will be holding off in looking into a new boiler (just pray that it doesn’t end its life in the middle of a cold, dreary winter).

FORMAT for Friday evenings during the season of Lent

- ◆ The Examen Prayer
- ◆ Stations of the Cross
- ◆ Sacrament of Reconciliation



IF YOU ARE interested in doing a group book review on Father Robert Barron’s book, *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of Faith*, call the Rectory to sign up and reserve a copy of the book. The meetings will be Tuesday evenings and Wednesday afternoons during the season of Lent.

I AM very happy to have Mrs. Michele Mullen with us as the parish makes a transition from our former secretary/administrator, Patti Tokarski, to the new future candidate. She has worked extensively at Saint Bernadette Parish and has some new insights on how to create a more efficient and effective office. Welcome Michele!

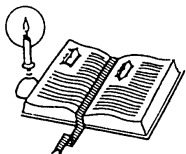
OUR PARISH will be audited by the Diocese of Pittsburgh as a transitional process from the previous administrator, Monsignor William Ogradowski, to my current administration. Lori Kusluch will be here Wednesday and Thursday, March 12 and 13. She will review current operating procedures and make recommendations for improving any shortcomings we might have.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Think of your problems as potential teachers. Problems come in many shapes, sizes and degrees of seriousness, but all have one thing in common: They present us with something that we wish were different. The more we struggle with our problems and the more we want them to go away, the worse they seem and the more stress they cause us. *Don’t Sweat the Small Stuff.*

Yours in Christ,  
*Fr. Ken*

Love is the absence of judgment.  
*Insights from the Dali Lama*

## ***Readings for the Week of February 23***



**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jas 4:13-17; Ps 49:2-3, 6-11; Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Jas 5:1-6; Ps 49:14-20; Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Jas 5:9-12; Ps 103:1-4, 8-9, 11-12; Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Jas 5:13-20; Ps 141:1-3, 8; Mk 10:13-16

**Sunday:** Is 49:14-15; Ps 62:2-3, 6-9; 1 Cor 4:1-5;

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY (FEB 22) VIGIL**

4 PM + DOMINIC PIETROPAOLO (Marie & Children)

**SUNDAY (FEB 23)**

10 AM + JENNIE & DUCK DEMICHIEI (Sandra DeMichie and daughter)

**MONDAY (FEB 24) Weekday**

8 AM + HARRY JURKIEWICZ (M/M Joseph Renk)

**TUESDAY (FEB 25) Weekday**

8 AM Albert Silvio (Robert & Rosemary Zappa)

**WEDNESDAY (FEB 26) Weekday**

8 AM Ed Lakomy (Raffaele Family)

**THURSDAY (FEB 27) Weekday**

8 AM Robert Ciccola (Chesos Family)

**FRIDAY (FEB 28) Weekday**

8 AM Living & Deceased member of Papciak, Blodgett, Anzloyar & Benton Families (Papciak Family)

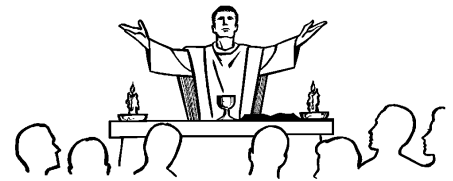
**EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**SATURDAY (MAR 1) VIGIL**

4PM + Rudolph Kosnac (Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family)

**SUNDAY (MAR 2)**

10 AM +Robert Lang (Wife, Rose Lang)



**Ministry Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
FEB 22	Megan Christman	Mary Ann Kaiser	Marie & Children	Patricia & Richard Demharter & Adele Trerice	
FEB 23	Alexandra Greenbert, Matt & Alexis McKinley	Pat Staudt	Dr./M M. Flaherty	Connie Fiorina, Shirley Deluca & Michael Waruszewski	Pat Staudt, Janet DiLonardo & Carol Carabin
MAR 1	Maria Czura Marley Lewis	Kathleen Hood	Hayes Family	Bud Joyce, Michele Joyce Mary Ann Kaiser	
MAR 2	Gina, Marisa and Rachel Valotta	Mark Heinz	Rose Lang	Mark Heinz Kathy Heinz James End	Gary Rogers Karen Rogers Shirley DeLuca Donna Flaherty

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory Collection	February 9, 2014	2,605.00
Monthly Collection	February 9, 2014	371.00

Parish share collected to date                   \$29,643.00  
**PARISH SHARE 2013 ASSESMENT   \$30,084.00**

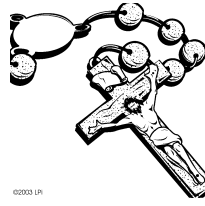
**As you can see we were short of the \$30,084.00 for Parish Share so we had to take \$621 out the offertory collection. This is not bad but we have to start the new campaign and the assessment was raised to \$31,472. With your help and prayers we will reach the new goal. You will be receiving a letter describing the new assessment amount and the reason that is so important. You are asked to give what you can afford after prayerful consideration. God bless all of you.**

**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Please pray for the following:



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



**ROSARY FOR LIFE**

The Rosary for Life, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus at St. Januarius, will be prayed on the following dates and parishes, each at 7:00 PM except as noted.

Wednesday, February 26 - St. Joseph (Verona)  
 Thursday, March 6 - St. Irenaeus (Oakmont)  
 Wednesday, March 12 - St. John the Baptist (Plum)  
 Wednesday, March 19 - St. Bartholomew (Penn Hills)  
 Wednesday, March 26 - St. Januarius (Plum)  
 Wednesday, April 2 - St. Susanna (Penn Hills immediately after 7 PM Mass)  
 Wednesday, April 9 - St. Gerard Majella (Penn Hills)

All are welcome to attend.

**ST. JANUARIUS MINISTRY FAIR**

Sunday, March 16, 2014  
 In the Church Hall after mass  
 Snacks and refreshments provided

YOU have questions????  
 WE have the answers!!!!

REMEMBER -- YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

**THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!**

"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 a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on Wednesday, March 12 from 6:00-9:00 PM in every Catholic parish in the Diocese.



**BINGO MARK YOUR CALENDAR:** Bingo is coming to St. Januarius on Saturday, April 5! Doors open at 5:00 PM. Tickets: \$25 advance/\$30 at the door. See today's flyer for more information.

6	13	22	31	40
42	55	16	95	11
24	76	9	86	
10	54	95	7	40
64	2	67	32	51

**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 Monday, **March 10 at 7:00 PM** in the church hall and we will discuss "Catholic Man's role in the world we live in." Light refreshments will be available.

**CENSUS ONLINE**— Good news! The census form is now online and you can complete it and forward to the rectory office. Sooo, when the pens don't work you can busy your fingers and get the job done on the computer. Thanks for being patient.

**NEW CALENDAR:** Included in this bulletin is a monthly calendar marked with the activities for March. We hope to include a calendar each month. If you see that we've missed something, or even just the fact that you like it or don't like it, let us know.

**OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS** presided by Sherry Podobnik, a psychotherapist and Director of the Pittsburgh Caring Center and 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 and always free of charge and judgment free. For more information or questions, contact Sherry at 412-795-4897.

**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.

## *Around Our District*

**HELP HUNGRY FAMILIES** by supporting the Plum Food Pantry. There is always a concern for the less fortunate to have enough food to feed their families. Any donation is accepted and appreciated.



**CANCER SUPPORT GROUP** started at St. John's **7:00 PM 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.

**HEALING MASS:** St. Robert Bellarmine Parish in East McKeesport will host the next Fraternity of Priests Healing Mass on Wednesday, February 26, at 7:00 PM. For more information, please call the Parish Office at St. Robert - 412.824.2644. All are welcome to attend.

**MARDI GRAS MIXER** at St. Gregory Parish, Zelienople on Saturday, March 1 from 7:00-11:00 PM. Lots of music, mingling, fun at the Bergman Events Center. Tickets are available for \$10/person; you must be at least 21 years old to attend. For more information call 724-452-7245 or 724-452-9731.



**SEPARATED AND DIVORCED MINISTRIES** meets each Wednesday at 7:00 PM in Room 1 in Fr. Marchukonis Hall at Our Lady of Joy Parish. Series will start March 5 and continue through May 28. All persons going through separation or divorce are welcome to attend any or all of the sessions.

**AN EVENING WITH SWING BAND MUSIC** – Keep the date of Saturday, March 29, 2014 open for the mission and ministries of the Sisters of Charity, Cecilian Hall, Seton Hill University. Festivities begin at 6:30 PM with hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, basket raffle and silent auction. Early bird tickets are \$30; after March 7, \$35. For more info call 724-836-0406, Ext 615.

God our Father, enable us who honor the memory of St. Januarius to share with him in the joy of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

**ANNUAL PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION** program will be held on Saturday, March 29 from 12:45-4:45 PM and on Sunday, March 30 from 1 PM to 5:30 PM at the St. Maurice Parish Center. The Pre-Cana program fulfills the Diocese of Pittsburgh's requirements for couples who wish to be married in the Catholic Church. Please contact the Parish Center Office at 412-271-0809 to register.

**RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK: FAMILY SYSTEMS THEORY FOR CLERGY AND GROUP LEADERS** is an eight-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 PM, 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.

**CATHOLIC SCHOOLS NIGHT AT PNC PARK**  
Save the date: **Friday, May 9, 2014 at 7:05 PM.** There will be seating options and orders must be received by **Wednesday, April 9, 2014** by calling Mark Niskach at 412-325-4493. Students from St. Bernadette Catholic School will be performing the National Anthem.

Over the course of these reflections, I have embarked on my first pastoral letter. It is written for you, the people whom I love so much, the Church of Pittsburgh. It is written from me, your shepherd, who deeply desires to grow with you in holiness. But it is written at a time that I believe is a new Pentecost. It is written at a time where I believe God is calling you and me to be excited about our faith. It is written at a time when we are called to, in fact, grow the Church. It is written at a time that the Church of Pittsburgh is recognized for what it must be and is: "the Church Alive!" It is written at a time when we place the spotlight of our attention on Saint Paul. It is written at a time when we are consoled with the knowledge that Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of the Church, protects us under the mantle of her love.

-Bishop David Zubik



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