

Saint Januarius Parish

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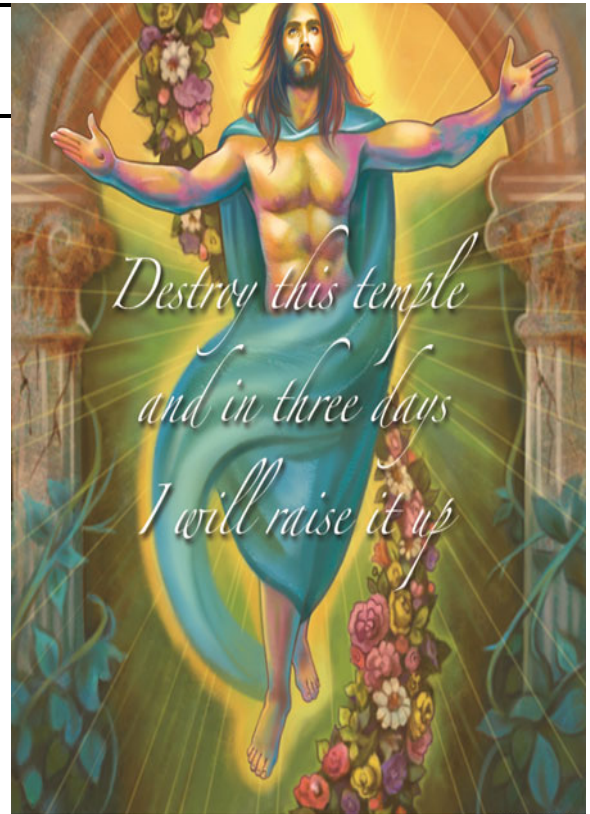
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March 8, 2015
Third Sunday of Lent

THE PATH TO FREEDOM

Most of us, if we were asked "Does the phrase 'the Ten Commandments' appear in the Bible?" would likely get it wrong, because the answer is "no." "The Ten Commandments" is a post-biblical, phrase that developed along with an image of God as police officer that is not found in today's passage from Exodus. The first phrase is the key: God is the one who brings us out of slavery; following God's law or commands is our path to freedom. The moneychangers whom Jesus drove from the temple were not explicitly breaking any of the commandments, but neither were they helping people to find God's path to freedom as they came to worship at the temple. This is an important Lenten lesson for us. We need to stop asking ourselves whether or not we are breaking specific rules or regulations and instead examine our lives to see if we are truly following a path to God's freedom through Christ.

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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
412-793-8377

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

For those who have not done so, The Magnificent Lenten Companion is still available in the vestibule of the church.

Our Lenten Series entitled "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues" by Fr. Robert Barron continues on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm and Wednesday afternoons at 1:00 pm in the church hall. All are welcomed.

Upcoming on March 21 is the Irish Pancake Breakfast.. Any male that is interested in volunteering, sign up sheet is in the vestibule of the church or call the church office.

When we come to Mass, we can be distracted by worldly affairs, what someone is wearing (or not wearing), slipping out early or even on our cell phone texting. In the gospel today, Jesus is showing us that the time we give to God needs to be given freely and fully—without being compromised by anything or anyone else. Let's make Mass the highlight of our week.

This week and the following two weeks, we will celebrate the Scrutinies, their purpose—to "uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong and good." (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, 141)


FOOD FOR THOUGHT: When I attend Mass, am I fully aware that I am in the presence of God during that time? When was the last time I went to confession? As we enter the third week of Lent, what progress have I made spirituality? Do I need to make a "course connection" for the remaining weeks?

"In the formation of conscience of the Word of God, is the light for our path (Cf, Ps 119:105), we must assimilate it in faith and prayer and put it into practice. We must also examine our conscience before the Lord's cross."
~ Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1785

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 | Ursula Koontz |  |
| Audrey D'Incau | Helen Kosnac | |
| Helen Feledik | Farah Marshal | |
| William Griffith III | Donnalee McCloy | |
| Sarah Griffith | Chuck McKinley | |
| Fredrick Heinz | Patsy Montanaro | |
| Mary Kathryn Heinz | Msgr. Ogradowski | |
| Sandy Keller | Sandy Novak | |
| Jacob Knighton | Phyllis Pierce | |
| | Kay Silvio | |
| | Emily Snow | |
| | Phil Stango | |
| | Jack Tolan | |
| | Haley Ucman | |
| | 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, March 10
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

Men's Fellowship - Monday, March 9



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

ROSARY FOR LIFE - Knights of Columbus will be conducting its fifth Rosary for Life series during Lent. Upcoming are: St. Joseph—March 11; St. John the Baptist—March 18 and St. Januarius—March 25.



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.

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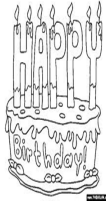
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Happy Birthday!
We wish a very happy birthday to:
Matt Lewis
You are a gift from God!



Early Bird Discount Registration for CCD for the 2015-2016 School Year
We are offering a discounted rate for families who register their children for next year's CCD by March 29th. The rates are as follows:
\$25 for 1 child
\$40 for 2 children
\$50 for 3 or more children
To take advantage of this offer, please remit proper payment with completed

Upcoming events.....
Sun., March 29: last day of CCD + treat!
mission money due
last day- early registration
Sun., April 12: First Holy Communion
Tues., April 28: Confirmation

Valentine's Dance Raffles
A BIG thank you goes to **Mary Ann Birsa** for creating 7 raffle bags for our dance. Since the dance was cancelled, Mrs. Birsa has kindly offered the raffle items to our CCD students. The children have greatly enjoyed making their guesses. The winners will be determined on March 8.

Valentine's Dance Committee
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the members of our committee: Mary Ann Birsa, Steve Bullick, Mary Beth Facchiano, Maria Franco, Nancy Golubski, Bud Joyce, Michele Joyce, Jennifer Kapusta, Erin Lewis, Shannon Panichella, Jeannie Rabick, Judy Rogers, Dolly O'Connell, Kim Tamburri, and Anita Valotta. Your motivation and heartfelt giving were a huge help and such a joy. I would like to offer a special thank you to our visionary group of Maria Franco, Jennifer Kapusta, Kim Tamburri, and Anita Valotta whose energy, enthusiasm, and passion laid the creative (and phenomenally FUN) foundation for our dance. All members have opted to hold the dance another time (TBD)! **You are a blessing!!!!**

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
SATURDAY MARCH 7	Peter Zullo Chris Izydore	Linda Stukus	Richard Glucs	Connie Meli Mary Ann Kaiser Arlene Miller	
SUNDAY MARCH 8	Ryan Kmonk Zachary End	Mark Heinz	Gloria Mulholland	Barb Waruszewski Judy Rogers Karen Griffith	Connie Fiorina Jeannie Rabick Mary Ell Zik Carol Kelly
SATURDAY MARCH 14	Denis Farabaugh Erik Farabaugh Danielle Farabaugh	Adele Trerice	Marie, Vince and Sonny	Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy Phyllis Pierce	
SUNDAY MARCH 15	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Cindy Kutchko	Martina Phillips	Kathy Heinz Mark Heinz Catherine Hanlon	Keith Trischen Anna Trischen Marie Pietropaolo Peg Reynolds



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 7 -
Sunday March 15**

SATURDAY – Lenten Weekday 03/07

4 PM Florence E. Bruno - Richard Glucs

SUNDAY - Third Sunday in Lent 03/08

10 AM Bob Alberta - Gloria Mulholland

MONDAY - Lenten Weekday 03/09

8 AM Caroline Keaton - St. Januarius Parish

TUESDAY - Lenten Weekday 03/10

8 AM Agnes Colwell - Renee & Mary Dugan

WEDNESDAY– Lenten Weekday 03/11

8 AM Gertrude Walcutt Nolf & Family - George Walcutt

THURSDAY - Lenten Weekday 03/12

8 AM Anthony DeLuca - St. Januarius Parish

FRIDAY - Lenten Weekday 03/13

8 AM Lisa Pandl - Teresa Scolieri

7 PM Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY – Lenten Weekday 03/14

4 PM Mary & Vince Tresco - Marie, Vincie & Sonny

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday in Lent 03/15

10 AM Patricia Phillips - Martina Phillips

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

Readings for the Week of March 8

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9;

Mt. 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;

Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10;

Jn 3:14-21

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Scrutiny: The scrutinies, which are solemnly celebrated on Third, Fourth and Fifth Sundays of Lent and are reinforced by an exorcism, are rites for self-searching and repentance and have above all a spiritual purpose. The scrutinies are meant to uncover, and then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. For the scrutinies are celebrated in order to deliver the elect from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the way, the truth, and the life. These rites, therefore, should complete the conversion of the elect and deepen their resolve to hold fast to Christ and to carry out their decision to love God above all.

Monday: St. Frances of Rome: According to the Catholic Encyclopedia, "With her husband's consent St. Frances practiced continence, and advanced in a life of contemplation. Her visions often assumed the form of drama enacted for her by heavenly personages. She had the gift of miracles and ecstasy, (as) well as the bodily vision of her guardian angel, had revelations concerning purgatory and hell, and foretold the ending of the Western Schism. She could read the secrets of consciences and detect plots of diabolical origin. She was remarkable for her humility and detachment, her obedience and patience

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORUM:

Your Pastoral Council wants to keep you informed and provide opportunities for you and our parish members to become involved. Lent is not just about sacrifice and penance it is also about preparation. In the "THE 8 BUILDING BLOCKS OF THE NEW EVANGELIZATION" we are asked to spend some time every day learning our faith. Knowledge of the faith is required of evangelizers. During Lent Father Ken is conducting an adult education class "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues"; every Tuesday evening at 7:00 PM and Wednesday afternoon at 1:00 in the Church Hall. This is a wonderful series by Father Robert Barron. Each installment is self-contained so do not worry if you didn't begin the series, you will come away with a better insight in our faith. Also the Men's Fellowship will be continuing its viewing of the series *Catholicism* on Monday March 9th in the Church Hall at 7:00 PM during its monthly meeting. All men of the parish are welcome. Once again each episode is a wonderful insight into our faith. Come enjoy the fellowship. If you have any input for the Council please contact the Church. We welcome your ideas and suggestions. You can provide written input in the suggestion box in the rear of the church or here is the contact information to share your ideas with us

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IRISH PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Saturday,

March 21. Any male that wishes to volunteer, sign up sheets are in the vestibule of the church.

There will be a bake sale also, any baker, who wishes to donate an item, can either bring it to the church office on Friday March 20 or to the social hall on Saturday, March 21.

Weekly Collection - March 1

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$ 2,515
Monthly	\$ 587
Second Collection	\$ 0
PSP received to date	\$26,315

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.

Around Our District

Diocesan News



HEALING MASS: The Fraternity of Priests will be celebrating a Mass for healing on Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 pm at St. John the Baptist. You are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist with them, expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every Mass, to touch you in all of your needs.

GOING THRU THE BIBLE IN ONE HOUR - Dr. John Bergsma, Scripture Professor at Franciscan University of Steubenville, will provide a unique understanding of how all of scripture is connected with a beautiful thread of gold. You may want to read his book *"Bible Basics for Catholics: Anew Picture of Salvation History"* (Ave Maria Press) before this session. Don't hesitate to bring a notebook and a pen with you. Will be held in the church at 1:00 pm, March 22. All are welcome.

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 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 - Experience God's Mercy! This year in every parish across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday, March 18 from 6:00-9:00 pm. Consider making a commitment this Lent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love.



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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