

Saint Januarius Parish

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First Sunday in Lent

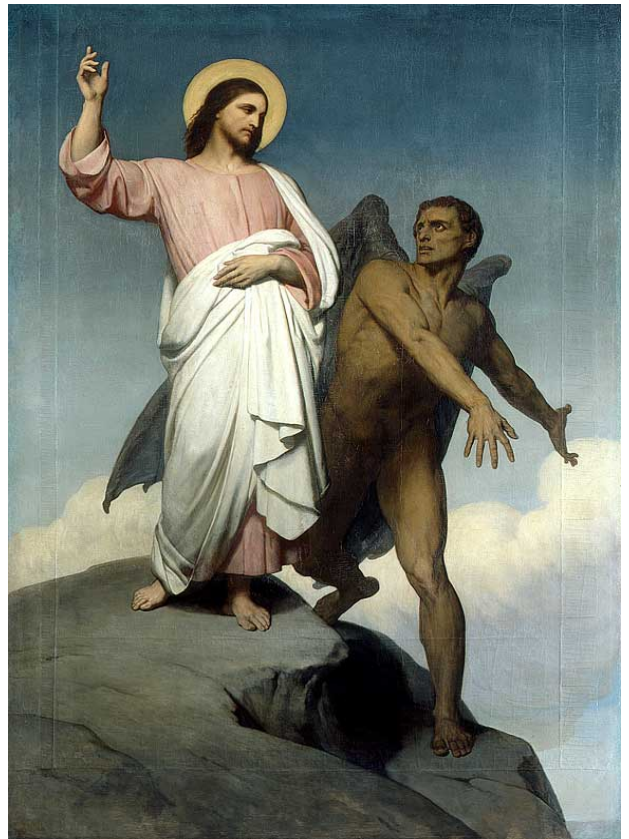
THE WAY OUT

Today's readings launch us into Lent with the story of salvation. How did we humans get where we are? How do we get out? Genesis--through the Adam and Eve narrative--explains that we got separated from God and happiness through greed, selfishness, arrogance.

But, as Paul explained to the Romans, God has not abandoned us, and never will. We get out through the "new Adam," Jesus Christ, through whom the death of sin is conquered by the life of "overflowing grace."

From the start, though, Jesus--like Adam and Eve, like you and me--had to face "the tempter." Shown fame and wealth, he was tempted to grab for it. But Jesus saw through such foolishness. During Lent we will look at what the tempter spreads before us daily, then try to make choices that put us on the side of the angels.

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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 Waruszewski

Pastoral Council President: Bud Joyce

C.C.D. Coordinator: Cindy Kutcho

Women's Guild President: Arlene Miller

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George Carabin

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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.



The Light is Still On for You, an evening for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, will be this Wednesday, March 12, 6:00-9:00 PM, Now is the time to seek God's love and forgiveness in our new Reconciliation Room. Remember that all Catholics need to seek the sacrament at least once a year.

Here are some other dates for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the surrounding parishes in which I will be in attendance.

- Tuesday, April 8, 7:00 PM - Our Lady of Joy Parish
- Wednesday, April 9, 7:00 PM - Saint Bernadette Parish



Diocesan auditor, Lori Kusluch, will be reviewing our financial records this week. These audits occur when there is a change of leadership in a parish's pastorate. I will give you the outcome of this audit when she releases the report to me.

Daily Mass on Monday, March 17, will be at 7:30 AM as I attend the *Good Leaders, Good Shepherds* class. These classes are to enhance a pastor's skill in managing a parish effectively. Hopefully you are seeing some fruition from my participation and attendance!

I ask all the faithful to attend our Parish's Ministry Fair on Sunday, March 16, after the 10:00 AM Mass. There will be representatives from all of our parish organizations to assist you and your inquiries on all phases of our parish life. Become an active member and help Saint Januarius Parish's mission to be *A Church Alive* in Plum Borough. Speak with me if you want to create a new ministry to enhance the spirituality of our parish.

If any retired parishioner would be interested in assisting me as an adult server for parish funerals, please contact the Rectory and let me know. I appreciate your help in this worthy charitable work for the Church.

*May God's peace and love be with you.
Fr. Ken*

Food for Lenten Thought: If you don't already, start reading Bible stories to your children. Some great stories for Lent include Noah and the ark, Jonah and the whale, and Daniel and the lion's den (www.usccb.org will assist you in finding the right Bible to use.)

ST. JANUARIUS MINISTRY FAIR

Next Sunday, March 16, 2014

In the Church Hall after 10:00 AM Mass
Snacks and refreshments provided

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

REMEMBER -- YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Bingo is coming to St. Januarius on Saturday, April 5! Doors open at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 in advance, sold after all Masses on the weekends and at the Rectory during business hours. \$30 at the door. For more info, please call the Rectory.

Please plan to join us for a fun time.



A THANK YOU letter has come from the Office of Stewardship at the Diocese of Pittsburgh expressing gratitude to our parishioners for your very kind and generous donations to the Bishop's Education Fund. Once again you have gone above and beyond to show your care. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

March 9 - 16, 2014

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

10 AM **Jennie & Duck DeMichiei** -
Garrett, Spencer & Branik
Dzurinko (Great Grandchildren)



MONDAY - LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **Harry Jurkiewicz** - M/M Jerry Fuller

TUESDAY — LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **Theresa Shamrock** - M/M C. Lorion

WEDNESDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **John Mocek** - Rose Marie Greco &
Family

THURSDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **Al Aufman** - Tammy Pifer

FRIDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **Geraldine Ruggieri** - Donna Devlin

SATURDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY

4PM + **M/M Eutimio Giammarco** - Mary
Montanaro

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

10 AM Living & Deceased members of
St. Januarius Parish

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

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9

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 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9



**WE COMMEND TO YOUR PRAYERS
THE SOUL OF:**

Michael Prusasky - Nephew of Dorothy Koma

*May his soul and all the souls of the
faithful departed rest in the peace of
our Lord. Amen*



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 8	David Demharter Zachary End	Loretta White	M/M J. Barbieri	Arlene Miller Bernard Murphy Karen Murphy	
SUNDAY MARCH 9	Christopher Izadore Blake George Peter Zullo	David McKinley	M/M R. Farabaugh	Nancy Golubski Marlene Jones Carol Kelly	Jim End Donna Miller Gloria Mulholland Mike Waruszewski
SATURDAY MARCH 15	Maria Czura Megan Christman	Tracy Zanolgia	Mary Montanaro	Connie Meli Mary Graf Phyllis Pierce	
SUNDAY MARCH 16	Maria Campbell Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Gary Rogers	Ushers	Susan Price Jim Price Mary Kay Schneider	Connie Fiorina Carol Kelly Jeannie Rabick Mary Ellen Zik

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COLLECTIONS:

Offertory	February 16, 2014	\$1,753
Monthly	February 16, 2014	\$ 62
Offertory	February 23, 2014	\$2,369
Monthly	February 23, 2014	\$ 30
PARISH SHARE 2014 ASSESSMENT		\$31,472
PSP collected to 2/23/14:		\$1,490

THIS IS THE FIRST WEEK IN LENT. Our Lenten Schedule will be:

FR. KEN'S group book review on Father Robert Barron's book, *Catholicism: A Journey to the Heart of Faith* begin this week - Tuesday evenings at 7:30 PM and Wednesday afternoons at 1:30 PM. Call the Rectory to sign up and reserve a copy of the book.

In this book, Fr. Barron seeks to capture the body, heart and mind of the Catholic faith. Starting from the essential foundation of Jesus Christ's incarnation, life, and teaching, Fr. Barron moves through the defining elements of Catholicism – from sacraments, worship, and prayer, to Mary, the Apostles, and Saints, to grace, salvation, heaven, and hell... Come join us.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be prayed each Friday of Lent at 7:00 PM beginning with the Examen prayer. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered after the Stations.



JOURNEY TO THE FOOT OF THE CROSS - TEN THINGS TO REMEMBER FOR LENT

Bishop David L. Ricken of Green Bay, Wisconsin, chairman of the Committee on Evangelization and Catechesis of the USCCB offers these suggestions:

1. Remember the formula. The Church does a good job capturing certain truths with easy-to-remember lists and formulas: 10 Commandments, 7 sacraments, 3 persons in the Trinity. For Lent, the Church gives us almost a slogan - Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving - as the three things we need to work on during the season.
2. It's a time of prayer. Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, one that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.
3. It's a time to fast. With the fasts of Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, meatless Fridays, and our personal disciplines interspersed, Lent is the only time many Catholics these days actually fast. And maybe that's why it gets all the attention. "What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jelly beans?" It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

(To be continued next week)

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for the following:



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

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

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. We will discuss "Catholic Man's role in the world we live in." Light refreshments will be available.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS meet every Tuesday at St. Januarius. For more information or questions, contact Sherry at 412-795-4897.

THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!



This year in every parish across the Diocese of Pittsburgh, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Wednesday, March 12 from 6:00-9:00 PM. Consider making a commitment this Lent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love.

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, 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.

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.

The next workshops in our area:

North American Martyrs Parish

2526 Haymaker Road, Monroeville

Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00PM

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00PM

To register, contact Donna Lew-Buechel –
412.349.0942

Saint Bernadette Parish

245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville

Saturday, April 5 at 10:00AM in Biedenbach Hall

To register: contact Marlene Kopper –
mvkopper@stbrnadet.org – 412.373.1797

Seeking God

Heavenly Father,

You have brought me to this place in my life, with the circumstances I'm experiencing, the people I'm involved with, because You desire to be invited into my life more fully. Father, please quiet the thoughts and feelings that prevent me from opening myself to You completely. Confuse and weaken the enemy who seeks to block me from inviting you in. Help me to resist the distractions of daily life that prevent me from opening my heart to You.

Father, I ask that You move what I know about You from my head to my heart, so that I go beyond knowing about you to knowing You as my Heavenly Father. I want nothing more than a close, intimate relationship with You. But I recognize that the desire and my own will is just the beginning—I also need the grace and mercy You have promised us. Cleanse my heart and purify my motivations. Direct me to Your Word and bring into my life the people and resources that can help me to walk closer to You.

I thank You and praise you, Heavenly Father: Creator of the universe, the One who made the oceans and the seas, Who made all the stars and the planets, and each animal and plant. That You, Father, would also want a relationship with me is beyond my understanding. But I gratefully accept Your invitation with every cell in my body.

May Your will be done. Amen.

What you want....is not always what you need!
God gives the very best to those who leave the
choices up to Him!



A sincere and **heartfelt** thank you to all the people who worked on and attended my farewell reception on February 16. Over two years ago you welcomed me into your parish so much that it felt like home. You are wonderful and I will truly miss all of you and I will always carry you in my heart. May you grow in the Spirit of God's love and be blessed.

Patti Tokarski

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.

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 started March 5 and will continue through May 28. All persons going through separation or divorce are welcome to attend **any** or **all** of the sessions.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER:

Our Lady of Joy's Junior Youth Ministry and CCD Program will be sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit Chimbote Peru and Our Lady of Joy Parish. The fundraiser will be held on Sunday, March 23 from 4:00-7:00PM in the Fr. Marchukonis Hall. Tickets may be purchased at Our Lady of Joy after all Masses until the weekend of March 22/23. Tickets may also be purchased at the doors. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children which includes spaghetti with meatball, salad, dessert, coffee, tea, lemonade and one glass of wine per adult. Take out is available! For more info: 412.795.3388.



ANNUAL PRE-CANA MARRIAGE PREPARATION

- Saturday, March 29 from 12:45-4:45 PM and Sunday, March 30 from 1:00-5:30 PM at St. Maurice Parish Center. The Pre-Cana program fulfills the Diocesan requirements for couples wishing to be married in the Catholic Church. Contact the Parish Center Office at 412-271-0809 to register.

ST. JOHN FISHER AFTERNOON BINGO SOCIAL:

Sunday, March 30, 1:00 PM Beaufort Hall. Admission for 4 cards is \$10 (additional cards available). 18 games. Snacks and soft drinks will be available for purchase. For more info, call the church office ~ 412.241.4722.

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