

# Saint Januarius Parish

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March 16, 2014  
Second Sunday in Lent

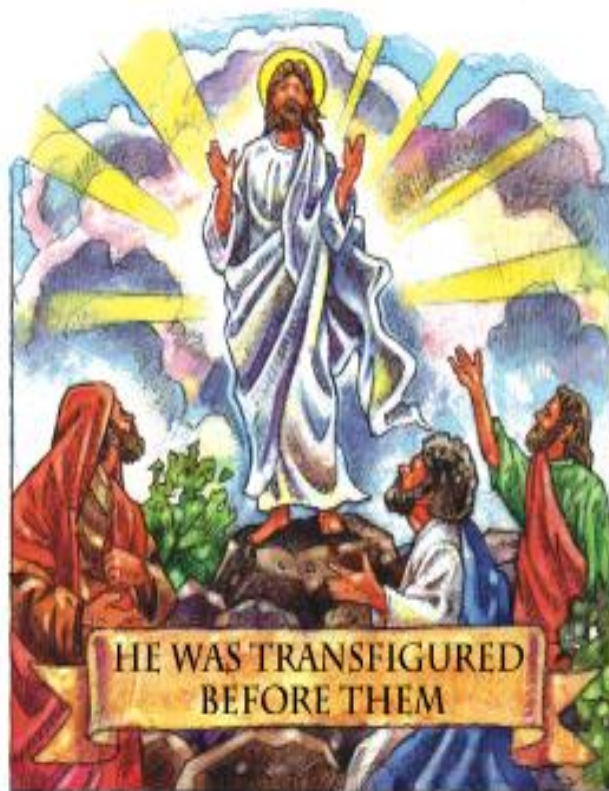
## SEEING THROUGH

Today's readings invite us to look more deeply, to catch a glimpse of Divine Reality hidden within the "stuff" of life. God challenged the elderly Abram and his wife to leave home for a land that God would show them. Their eyes would see the land, but only God could "show" it as a divine gift. Paul reminded Timothy that God's grace had always been available, but in Jesus Christ was made "manifest."

Jesus called Peter, James, and John up the mountain and was "transfigured" for a moment, the radiance of God shining through. Then, just as abruptly, the three looked up . . . and saw only Jesus.

During Lent we're invited to "see through" to God's presence in the stuff of life: prowling the supermarket, waiting in traffic, arguing with the kids, cleaning the bathtub. We wouldn't really have to "do" anything, if we could only glimpse divine love supporting us, holding us together.

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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  
Helen Feledik

**Women's Guild President:** Arlene Miller

**Pastoral Finance President:** George Carabin

**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.



We want to **WELCOME REVEREND JOHN FORBIDUSSI** to our neighborhood. Father John is assigned to the hospital chaplaincy of Forbes Regional Hospital and UPMC East. He begins his new responsibilities on Monday, April 28. He will be the primary contact cleric for any Catholic who is admitted to these facilities and will be residing at Saint Bernadette Parish.



The **MINISTRY FAIR** is this weekend. Please make a visit to the social hall after 10:00 AM Mass and meet our various organization representatives who will tell you all about their ministries in the parish. Your interest in volunteering for any of these groups will be appreciated! The more we cooperate in the vineyard of our Lord will help to make us *A Church Alive* for our community.



**ONE OF THE PROJECTS** gaining interest among our Pastoral and Parish Councils is the installation of a handicapped bathroom in the back of our church. Please let me know your thoughts in writing on this project. The bathroom would occupy part of the cry room area. Funding would come from the *Church Alive Campaign*.

**SPEAKING OF** the *Church Alive Campaign*, \$13,691 will be sent to our Deposit and Loan account with the Diocese.

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

**Food for Thought:** As we listen to the Transfiguration account in this Sunday's Gospel, what opportunities is God seeking to bring to your attention? Be still and reflect upon them. Write them down and begin to act on them.

**FINANCE COUNCIL** will meet on Thursday, March 20 at 7:00 PM in the church hall to begin work on the budget.

**ST. JANUARIUS MINISTRY FAIR**

**TODAY—SUNDAY—TODAY**

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 week-ends 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.

**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 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.





**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**March 16—23, 2014**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

10 AM Living & Deceased members of  
St. Januarius Parish

**MONDAY - LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**7:30 AM + Anne Doyle** - Mary Kay Sneider

**TUESDAY — LENTEN WEEKDAY**

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

**WEDNESDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY**

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

**THURSDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**8 AM + George Bruer** - Lorraine Rosso

**FRIDAY—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

**8 AM + Wesley Nielson** - Patrick Cawley

**SATURDAY—LENTEN WEEKDAY**

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

**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT**

**8 AM + Rudolph Klemencic** - Daughter,  
Frances K. Gayler



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

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16**

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13;  
Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17,  
21, 23; Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16;  
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or  
Lk 2:41-51a

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a;  
Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12;  
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,  
6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8;  
Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26,  
39a, 40-42]



**THINGS THAT MAKE YOU GO HM-M-M-M!**

Irish scientists have discovered that  
birthdays are good for you. The more  
you have, the longer you live...



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

**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 15	Maria Czura Megan Christman	Tracy Zanaganlia	Mary Montanaro	Connie Meli Mary Graf Phyllis Pierce	
SUNDAY MARCH 16	Maria Campbell Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Gary Rogers	Ushers	Jessica McKinley Charles McKinley Catherine Hanlon	Connie Fiorina Carol Kelly Jeannie Rabick Mary Ellen Zik
SATURDAY MARCH 22	Ryan Kmonk David Demharter	Adele Trerice	Marie, Sonny & Vince	Mary Kay Sneider Susan Price Jim Price	
SUNDAY MARCH 23	Alani DiLonardo Abby DiLonardo Peter Zullo	Mary Ann Birsa	Dr./M M. Flaherty	Gloria Mulholland Jeannie Rabick Karen Rogers	Keith Trischan Anna Trischan Marie Pietropaolo

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**JOHN ANTHONY'S**

**Restaurant,  
Lounge and  
Banquets**

**Sundays 1—7 PM**

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory - March 2, 2014 \$2,352  
Monthly - March 2, 2014 \$ 642  
  
PSP 2014 ASSESSMENT \$31,472  
PSP collected to March 2, 2014: \$ 4,865

Please fill out and turn in your Parish Share card if you have not already done so. We are relying on you. Thank you.



**THIS IS THE SECOND 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* continues this week - Tuesday evening at 7:30 PM and Wednesday afternoon at 1:30 PM. Call the Rectory to sign up. 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 continued from last week:

4. It's a time to work on discipline. The 40 days of Lent are also a good, set time to work on personal discipline in general. Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. "I'm going to exercise more. I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers."
5. It's about dying to yourself. The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.
6. Don't do too much. It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. There's a reason the Church works on these mysteries year after year. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent. That's a recipe for failure.

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**SICK AND HOMEBOUND**

Please pray for the following:



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|----------------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 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.

7. Lent reminds us of our weakness. Of course, even when we set simple goals for ourselves during Lent, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful, but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.
8. Be patient with yourself. When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. "What a bad person I am!" But that's the wrong lesson. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love.
9. Reach out in charity. As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.
10. Learn to love like Christ. Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.

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

### **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

## *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.

### **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.

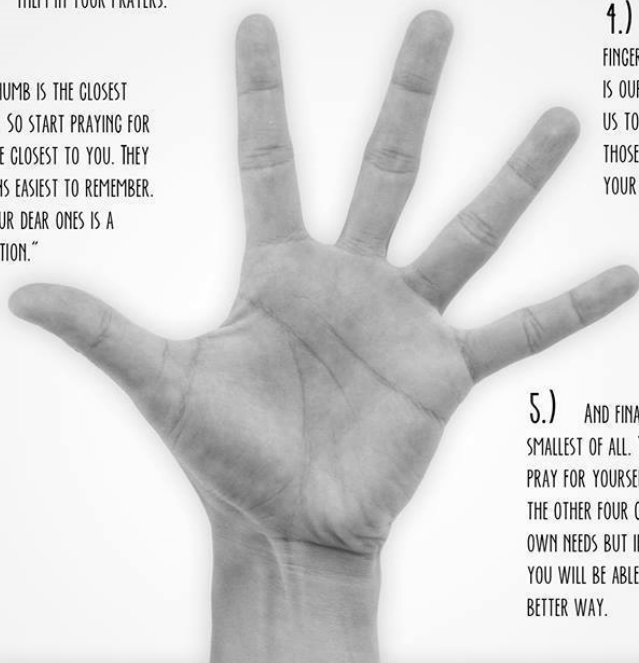


# POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER

2.) THE NEXT FINGER IS THE INDEX. PRAY FOR THOSE WHO TEACH YOU, INSTRUCT YOU AND HEAL YOU. THEY NEED THE SUPPORT AND WISDOM TO SHOW DIRECTION TO OTHERS. ALWAYS KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS.

3.) THE FOLLOWING FINGER IS THE TALLEST. IT REMINDS US OF OUR LEADERS, THE GOVERNORS AND THOSE WHO HAVE AUTHORITY. THEY NEED GOD'S GUIDANCE.

1.) THE THUMB IS THE CLOSEST FINGER TO YOU. SO START PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO ARE CLOSEST TO YOU. THEY ARE THE PERSONS EASIEST TO REMEMBER. TO PRAY FOR OUR DEAR ONES IS A "SWEET OBLIGATION."



4.) THE FOURTH FINGER IS THE RING FINGER. EVEN THAT IT MAY SURPRISE YOU, IT IS OUR WEAKEST FINGER. IT SHOULD REMIND US TO PRAY FOR THE WEAKEST, THE SICK OR THOSE PLAGUED BY PROBLEMS. THEY NEED YOUR PRAYERS.

5.) AND FINALLY WE HAVE OUR SMALLEST FINGER, THE SMALLEST OF ALL. YOUR PINKIE SHOULD REMIND YOU TO PRAY FOR YOURSELF. WHEN YOU ARE DONE PRAYING FOR THE OTHER FOUR GROUPS, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE YOUR OWN NEEDS BUT IN THE PROPER PERSPECTIVE, AND ALSO YOU WILL BE ABLE TO PRAY FOR YOUR OWN NEEDS IN A BETTER WAY.

**SHARING:** It's easy to halve the potato where there's love. -Irish saying

### **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 AFTER-NOON 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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