

Saint Januarius Parish

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March 23, 2014
Third Sunday in Lent

THIRSTING FOR UNITY

In today's Gospel, Jesus is thirsty and goes to the well for a drink of water. He meets a Samaritan woman, who expects him to treat her like dirt. But surprise! He talks to her like a fellow human being, treats her with respect and interest. And what happens? Why, pretty soon the whole town turns out to hear him.

Centuries earlier, the Israelites, wandering in the desert, were thirsty. They had no water. All they had was an attitude problem. They growled at Moses, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt?" But surprise! God gave them water from the rock. No questions asked.

All the peoples of Earth are travelers on this planet together, all thirsting, all harboring our own fearful expectations of each other. But God, as a loving parent, treats us all with generous care and compassion. We are one family. We could surprise each other. We could remember we are one.

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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.

From the Pastor's Desk

For all who participated in our Ministry Fair this past weekend, thank you! May God continue to bless our parish ministries in bringing forth the Kingdom of God.



We continue the *Catholicism* series by Father Robert Barron this week—Tuesday at 7:30 pm and Wednesday at 1:30 pm. I have obtained DVDs for the series which will make our discussions more entertaining as well as enlightening!

On the weekend of March 29-30, the second collection will be for the *Catholic Campaign for Human Development*. It is the domestic anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops. This will also include the Catholic Home Missions Appeal and the National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. All of these programs assist in the financial relief and the support of programs to rectify human suffering among the poor in our nation. Please be generous as your means allow for this campaign.

May your Lent lead you to Christ and a greater love for each other—

Fr. Ken

Food for Thought: "Prayer is the most concrete way to make our home in God."
-Henry Nouwen

The feast of the **ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD** celebrates the angel Gabriel's appearance to the Virgin Mary (Luke 1:26-38), his announcement that the Blessed Virgin had been chosen to be the Mother of Our Lord, and Mary's fiat—her willing acceptance of God's holy plan. This feast day which is not a holy day of obligation, falls on Tuesday of this week.



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 Parish Office. Please plan to join us for a fun time.



This year we are planning to publish the names and donors of our **Easter flowers**. If you would like your living or deceased loved ones remembered in this way, please make sure you fill out their names on the back of the Easter Flower donation envelope in your pack and get it in to the Parish Office no later than Palm Sunday, April 13. Please print clearly!



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 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 22—30, 2014

SATURDAY, VIGIL-THIRD SUNDAY

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

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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

MONDAY - LENTEN WEEKDAY

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

TUESDAY — ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD

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

WEDNESDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **Verelda Dugan** - Covelli Family

THURSDAY— LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **Edward M. Vavro** - Steve & Karen Blass

FRIDAY—LENTEN WEEKDAY

8 AM + **James Kansler** - Lorraine Rosso

SATURDAY, VIGIL-FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

4 PM + **Florence Bruno** - Richard Glucs

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8 AM + **France Shirer** - John & Colleen Hanes

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



READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23

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

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

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: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]



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

Some people are kind, polite, and sweet-spirited... Until you try to sit in their pew.

Ministry Schedule

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MONEY COUNTERS
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 Birsas	Dr./M M. Flaherty	Gloria Mulholland Jeannie Rabick Karen Rogers	Keith Trischan Anna Trischan Marie Pietropaolo
SATURDAY MARCH 29	Kyle Hanes Erin Hanes	Debbie Brinker	Richard Glucs	Tony Traficante Loretta White	
SUNDAY MARCH 30	Matt McKinley Alex McKinley Blake George	Pat Staudt	M/M D Favero	George Carabin Carol Carabin	Arlene Miller Bernard Murphy Karen Murphy

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Weekly Collection - March 9

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$2,277
Monthly	\$308
PSP Assessment	\$31,472
PSP received to date	\$6,485

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.



THIS IS THE THIRD 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. There is still time to call the Parish Office 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.

PRAYER is one of the three pillars of Lenten practice. Through prayer, we raise our hearts and minds to God in thanksgiving and praise. Prayer is our "vital and personal relationship with the true and living God." During Lent, we place special emphasis on prayer and contemplation on the Passion and Death of our Lord through expressions of popular piety such as the Via Crucis (Stations of the Cross) and veneration of the Crucified Christ. USCCB

A PRAYER FOR HEALING

Lord,
 You invite all who are burdened to come to you.
 Allow Your healing hand to heal me.
 Touch my soul with Your compassion for others.
 Touch my heart with Your courage and infinite love for all.
 Touch my mind with Your wisdom, that my mouth may always proclaim Your praise.
 Teach me to reach out to You in my need, and help me to lead others to You by my example.
 Most loving Heart of Jesus, bring me health in body and spirit that I may serve You with all my strength.
 Touch gently this life which You have created, now and forever. Amen



NOTARY PUBLIC services are available at the Parish Office (no motor vehicle services). Call Michele to make an appointment: 412.793.4439.

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.

WE COMMEND TO YOUR PRAYERS
THE SOUL OF:

Betty A. Davis - Mother of Edward P. (Anita), Jeffrey (Lucette), Wendy, Marcy and Lori Ann

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



PARISH FAMILY CENSUS ONLINE-
 The census form is now online and you can complete it and forward to the Parish Office. Thanks for your cooperation.



LOCAL CHURCH FISH FRY:

North American Martyrs (Monroeville)

DeLuca Hall - 2526 Haymaker Road, Monroeville
 When: Fridays of Lent, including Good Friday
 Times: 11:30 am-7 pm

St. Bartholomew (Penn Hills)

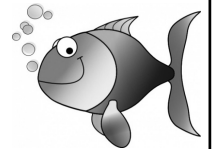
School Cafeteria, 111 Erhardt Drive (Frankstown Road at Erhardt Drive) Pittsburgh 15235
 When: Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday
 Times: 4:30 pm to 7 pm

St. Bernadette (Monroeville)

Lourdes Center - 245 Azalea Drive, Monroeville
 When: Each Friday of Lent, except Good Friday
 Times: 4:30-7:30 pm

St. John the Baptist (Unity)

School cafeteria - 418 Unity Center Road, Pittsburgh 15239
 When: Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday
 Times: 4-7 pm



Please support our neighboring parishes by patronizing their fish fries.

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:

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

North American Martyrs Parish

2526 Haymaker Road, Monroeville

Thursday, June 12, 2014 at 7:00PM

To register, contact Donna Lew-Buechel –
412.349.0942



Diocesan News

9TH ANNUAL GATHERING of Catholic Men...Come and See! All men are invited to come and see Jesus, come and see the blessings he has planned for you! This annual gathering will take place on Saturday, April 12 at the A. J. Palumbo Center, Duquesne University. For more info, visit the website at www.cmf pitt.org or contact CMF at 724.680.0263.

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES: On Easter Sunday, April 20, Bishops David Zubik, William Waltersheid and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, beginning at 2:00 pm.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to The Faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are, and the gifts that you bring to our Diocesan Faith Community. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home and the children will receive a sweet treat.

Around Our District

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP continues at St. John the Baptist Parish; 7:00 PM in the annex the fourth Tuesday of every month. Call Bob Mineo at 412-793-4511 ext. 225 for info or to register.

THIRD ANNUAL GALA to be held at St. Bernadette on Saturday, March 29, at Stratigos Banquet Hall in North Huntingdon. 5:30-11 pm. Tickets are \$75. Call St. Bernadette School (412.372.7255) for tickets or more info.

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. Fulfills Diocesan requirements. Call 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.



SAVE THE DATE: Bunny Brunch, Sunday, April 6, at St. John School cafeteria. Time: 9:30 am—12:30 pm. Menu: French toast sticks, sausage, fruit cup and beverage. Children under 12: \$4. Adults: \$5. Bring your camera. Crafts at an extra cost. For more information, call 412.793.0555.

The **BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY** of Our Lady of Joy will have a seven-week grief support series beginning Wednesday, April 23 from 7-8:30 PM. Our support group is for those who have lost a loved one and are seeking the company of others in their time of need. We will meet every Wednesday through June 4 in Marchukonis Hall. All are welcome. If you or someone you know might be interested please call Liz Bachtel at 724.337.0049 or the religious education office at 412.795.4389 for more information or to register.

CO-ED SOFTBALL: Singles, 21 and over. Games played in Blawnox. Catholic Alumni Club. Interested? Contact Christine (412.225.5077) or cac.softball@yahoo.com.

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.



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