

Saint Januarius Parish

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March 29, 2015
Palm Sunday

PROPHETIC ANOINTING

The solemnity of today's readings invites us into silent contemplation of the mystery of our redemption. There are so many levels on which to understand the events of the Passion. The woman who anoints Jesus acts prophetically in a way that the other disciples do not yet grasp. Anointing is for priests, prophets, and kings, and also for the preparation of the dead. It is for healing and for holiness. Her action acknowledges the imminent events of the passion and death of the Lord, and points toward his resurrection and triumph over evil and death. He is priest and victim, prophet and God, King and Lord. All these things are acknowledged in her prophetic anointing.

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Blessed is he
who comes
in the name
of the
Lord!

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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
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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

Today we are given the entire story of the Passion that will play out this week. Imagine you are present at Christ's passion. Think of how you would be feeling, or thinking when Jesus entered Jerusalem being greeted with palms and "Hosannas." How would you have reacted? What would be going thru your mind at the Last Supper, the way of the Cross, or the Garden of Gethsemane?

The Old Testament, especially the Book of Isaiah, foretold that the Messiah would have to suffer and die. During this most Holy Week, read the following passages and see how they can be applied to Jesus. Isaiah 49; 50 and 52.

The church will be open from 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on Holy Thursday. The Blessing of the Baskets will take place on Saturday, April 4 at 1:00 pm.

Holy Thursday Mass will be at 7:00 pm; Good Friday will be 3 pm and Tenebrae at 7:00 pm; Easter Vigil Mass will be at 7:00 pm.

Thank you to Chuck McKinley and all the men who made the Irish Pancake Breakfast a success. As with any function, there is a lot of behind the scenes work that takes place. Thank you, the men of the parish for helping!

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: What part of the Passion narrative touches you the most deeply? Can you set aside time this week to simply be in the presence of God? As you prepare for Easter, are you spending as much time on spiritual preparations as you are spending on Easter baskets and the special meal?

"All though every day a man lives my rightly be a day of repentance, yet is it in these days more becoming, more appropriate, to confess our sins, to fast and to give alms to the poor; since in these days you may wash clean the sins of the whole year."

~ St. John Chrysostom

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 | Emily Snow |
| Audrey D'Incau | Helen Kosnac | Phil Stango |
| Helen Feledik | Farah Marshal | Jack Tolan |
| William Griffith III | Donnalee McCloy | Haley Ucman |
| Sarah Griffith | Chuck McKinley | George Walcutt |
| Fredrick Heinz | Patsy Montanaro | Tom Woods |
| Mary Kathryn | Msgr. Ogradowski | Angie Zucco |
| Heinz | Sandy Novak | Elmer Zucco |
| Sandy Keller | Phyllis Pierce | |
| Jacob Knighton | Kay Silvio | |

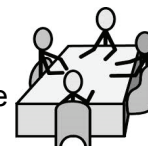


Please : We ask those who have requested prayers to give us another "update" call when your loved one is better.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Overeaters Anonymous - Tuesday, March 24
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

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

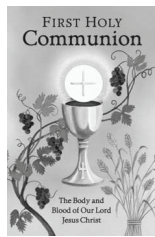


St. Januarius, Pray for us.

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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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION - Will be held on Sunday, April 12. All are invited to witness the children receiving the Body and Blood of Jesus for the first time.



CONFIRMATION - Will be held on April 28 at 7:00 pm. All are invited to witness our young men and woman being confirmed.



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

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 28	Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Mary Ann Kaiser	Millie Massimino	Tony Traficante Kathleen Specht Mary Kay Sneider	
SUNDAY MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY	Maria Czura Megan Christman	Bob Oldenski	Gary & Rina DiFrank	Jessica McKinley Charles McKinley Judy Rogers	Arlene Miller Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy
THURSDAY APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY	Angela Valotta Marisa Valotta Rachel Valotta	Linda Stukus	Jurkiecicz Grandchildren	Loretta White Vincie Barbieri	
FRIDAY APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY	Zachary End Marley Lewis	David Lavrich Mary Ann Birsra	Ushers	Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy Phyllis Pierce	
SATURDAY APRIL 4 EASTER VIGIL	Peter Zullo Chris Izydore Blake George	Laura Zullo	Ushers	Cheryl George Jack George	
SUNDAY APRIL 5 EASTER	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	David McKinley	Papciak Family	Judy Rogers Jeannie Rabick Barb Waruszewski	Pat Staudt Janet DiLonardo Carol Carabin Tom O'Connell



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, March 28-
Sunday April 5**

SATURDAY – Lenten Weekday **03/28**

4 PM Andrew & Frances Massimino - Millie Massimino

SUNDAY - Palm Sunday **03/29**

10 AM Gladys Greene - Gary & Rina DiFrank

MONDAY - Monday of Holy Week **03/30**

8 AM Caroline Keaton - St. Januarius Parish

TUESDAY - Tuesday of Holy Week **03/31**

8 AM Paolo Gullo - M/M Domenico Michienzi & Family

WEDNESDAY– Wednesday of Holy Week **04/01**

8 AM Maxine - Sissy Lee

THURSDAY - Holy Thursday **04/02**

8 AM Harry Jurkiewicz - Grandchildren

FRIDAY - Passion of the Lord **04/03**

3 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Januarius

7 PM Living & Deceased Members of St. Januarius

SATURDAY – Holy Saturday/Easter Vigil **04/04**

4 PM Thanksgiving for all our blessings - Papciak Family

SUNDAY -Easter Sunday-Resurrection of the Lord **4/05**

10 AM Maria & Joseph Valotta - Valotta Family

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL FORUM:

Your Pastoral Council wants to keep you informed and provide opportunities for you to be involved. “**Be encouraging**” is the final building block of **The Church Evangelizing!** You may have noticed that at offertory and the presentation of the gifts a White Prayer box is brought up and placed on the altar. This tradition was started this year in CCD. Before or during the classes students can write out a prayer request and place it in the box. The prayer requests remain confidential and Father Ken simply asks that God hear the prayers in the box. CCD classes end this Sunday but we thought it would be appropriate to keep the box in the back of the church. There will be paper and pencils to record your request. We want to **encourage** the students as they continue through the year to keep adding their prayers. We also want to make this available to whoever wants to add their prayer requests. The requests are disposed of confidentially after mass and the empty box will be back again the following week. Please **encourage** your children to continue this practice of praying to God. 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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Readings for the Week of March 29

Monday: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21; Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14;

Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13 -- 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 -- 19:42

Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 -- 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 -- 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 -- 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;

g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-7

Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - On Palm Sunday Christians celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem, the week before his death and resurrection. For many Christian churches, Palm Sunday, often referred to as "Passion Sunday," marks the beginning of Holy Week, which concludes on Easter Sunday. The Bible reveals that when Jesus entered Jerusalem, the crowds greeted him by waving palm branches and covering his path with palm branches. Immediately following this great time of celebration in the ministry of Jesus, he begins his journey to the cross.

Thursday: Holy Thursday; Paschal Triduum begins - Is the day on which Catholics commemorate the institution of three pillars of the Catholic Faith: the Sacrament of Holy Communion, the priesthood, and the Mass. During the Last Supper, Christ blessed the bread and wine with the very words that Catholic and Orthodox priests use today to consecrate the Body and Blood of Christ during the Mass and the Divine Liturgy. In telling His disciples to "Do this in remembrance of Me," He instituted the Mass and made them the first priest

Friday: Good Friday of the Lord's Passion; - On Good Friday, the entire Church fixes her gaze on the Cross at Calvary. Each member of the Church tries to understand at what cost Christ has won our redemption. In the solemn ceremonies of Good Friday, in the Adoration of the Cross, in the chanting of the 'Reproaches', in the reading of the Passion, and in receiving the pre-consecrated Host, we unite ourselves to our Savior, and we contemplate our own death to sin in the Death of our Lord. The Church - stripped of its ornaments, the altar bare, and with the door of the empty tabernacle standing open - is as if in mourning. In the fourth century the Apostolic Constitutions described this day as a 'day of mourning, not a day of festive joy,' and this day was called the 'Pasch (passage) of the Crucifixion.'

Saturday: Holy Saturday; Vigil of Easter - On Holy Saturday the Church waits at the Lord's tomb, meditating on his suffering and death. The altar is left bare, and the sacrifice of the Mass is not celebrated. Only after the solemn vigil during the night, held in anticipation of the resurrection, does the Easter celebration begin, with a spirit of joy that overflows into the following period of fifty days. The day is and should be the most calm and quiet day of the entire Church year, a day broken by no liturgical function. Christ lies in the grave, the Church sits near and mourns. After the great battle He is resting in peace, but upon Him we see the scars of intense suffering...The mortal wounds on His Body remain visible...Jesus' enemies are still furious, attempting to obliterate the very memory of the Lord by lies and slander.

Around Our District

FLEA MARKET - Saturday, April 11 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. The U.P. Church of Universal, 2455 Main Street. Free coffee. All proceeds to go to their chimney fund (repair).

MASS OF HEALING: Come one, come all and celebrate Mass with us at Our Lady of Joy with Father Bill Kiel, Mass with Prayers and Blessings for Healing. Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 6:30 pm.

PALM SUNDAY EVENING ... OUR LADY OF VICTORY CHURCH - in Harwick Musical Performance of the Passion of Jesus Christ . Ensemble cast of actors and musicians LIVE! from Bob Summers production of "Make Us Believers: A Musical Opera of the Passion of Jesus Christ" Join us March 29th @ 6:30p.m. as this live performance of THE PASSION is experienced throughout the entire church. Meet the Cast afterwards for fellowship in the social hall! Any questions call the church office @ 724.274.8575 ext 4.

SACRED HEART HIGH SCHOOL Class of 1975: A reunion is being planned for this summer. If you are interested in attending and/or planning, and if you can provide contact info for any of our classmates, please contact either Mary Ann Martino Maxwell (mamax0602@consolidated.net) or Karen Caprino Criscella (kcriscella@aol.com)

PASSION OF THE CHRIST MOVIE – AMC 22 Waterfront Movie Theater will be showing The Passion of the Christ movie on Wednesday, April 1 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 each, or \$10.50 for VIP.

BISHOP CANEVIN ENROLLMENT & OPEN HOUSE Bishop Canevin High School "Igniting the Greatness in You!" Interested in Bishop Canevin High School enrollment, tuition assistance and scholarship information? Email reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org or Call 412-922-7400 x28/ Apply now for the 2015-16 school year. Spring Open House, April 29th, 6:30 - 8:30.

Diocesan News

CO-ED SOFTBALL PLAYERS WANTED: SINGLES, 21 AND OVER. Games are played 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 tennis, parties, picnics, dances, hiking, volleyball, dinners, scripture study, trips, and many other great events. For more information or an application, go to their website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, or contact Christine at 412-225-5077 or cac.softball@yahoo.com.



ANNUAL BLESSING OF FAMILIES - Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015, Bishops David Zubik, William Waltersheid and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland beginning at 2:00 p.m. As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witness 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 Diocese. Each family attending will receive a special memento to take home.

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

Only send 300 copies.

