

Saint Januarius Church

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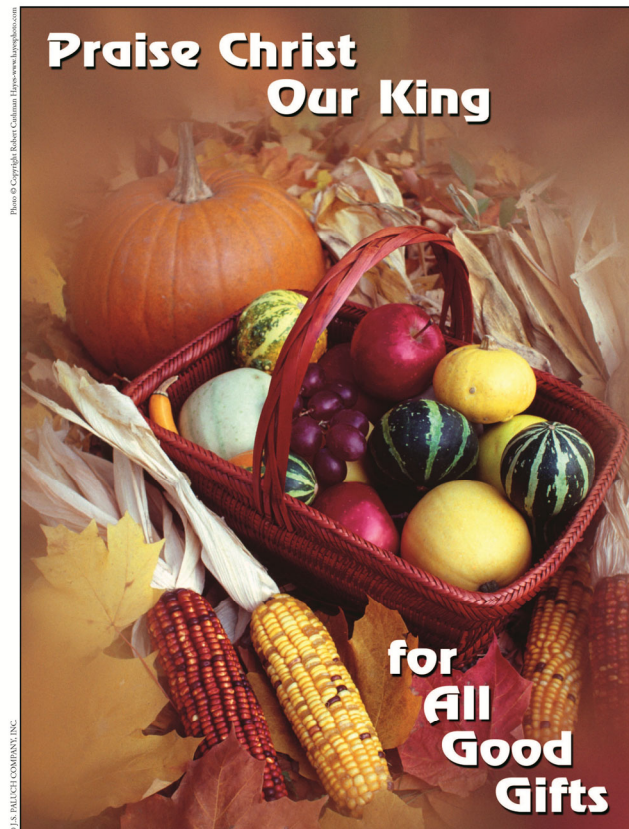
November 24, 2013
Christ the King

Redefining Kingship

This last Sunday of the Church's liturgical year is dedicated to Christ, our King. In the first reading, from the second book of Samuel, we meet Jesus' ancestor David, the greatest king of Israel. This passage describes a glorious monarch who is acclaimed by all the tribes of Israel. He is called both a "shepherd" and a "commander." The second reading, from Paul's Letter to the Colossians, also contains glorious language, describing Christ as "the firstborn of all creation." Only at the end of this passage do we hear a hint of the paradox we will meet in today's Gospel: Christ the King makes "peace by the blood of his cross."

In Luke's Gospel, we confront the stark reality of Christ's kingship. Here is our king, hanging on a cross, jeered, taunted, berated by a common criminal. This king looks defeated and powerless. Yet he demonstrates how absolute his power is. His death is truly for the salvation of all, one person at a time, starting with the "Good Thief," and continuing through the ages to us today.

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Worship Schedules

- **Mass Schedule**
Saturday - 4:00 PM
Sunday - 10:00 AM
Monday - Friday - 7:30 AM

- **Confession**
Saturday - 3:15 - 3:30 PM

- **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, Patti Takarski
Parish Council President, Mike Waruzewski
Pastoral Council President, Bud Joyce
C.C.D. Coordinators, Helen Feledik and Cindy Kutchko

Contact the Rectory for more information

Church and Hall are Handicap Accessible

Saint Januarius Church 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.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK



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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST KING OF THE UNIVERSE

SAT (NOV 23) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** GINNY BODNAR (Dee Pivik)
 SUN (NOV 24) **10:00 AM** + RUDOLPH KOSNAC (Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family)

MON (NOV 25) **7:30 AM** + DAN TALLON (Howard,Cindy & Jack Theis)
 St. Catherine of Alexandria

TUE (NOV 26) **7:30 AM** PAPCIAK,BLODGETT,ANZLOVAR & BENTON
 Weekday FAMILY LIVING & DECEASED (Papciak Family)

WED (NOV 27) **7:30 AM** FR. PETER PILARSKI (Papciak FamilyP)
 Weekday

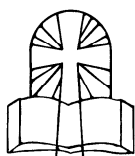
THUR (NOV 28) **9:00 AM** + MARIA & JOSEPH VALOTTA (Valotta Family)
Thanksgiving Day

FRI (NOV 29) **7:30 AM** + DIANE MISKO (Nancy Matuszak & Douglas Addington)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT (NOV 30) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + VINCE & MARY TRESKO (Grandchildren)
 SUN (DEC 1) **10:00 AM** + RUDOLPH KOSNAC (Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family)

Readings for the Week of November 24



Monday: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4
 Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11
 Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Dn 6:12-28; Dn 3:68-74; Lk 21:20-28
 Thanksgiving Day, Suggested:
 Sir 50:22-24; Ps 145:2-11; 1 Cor 1:3-9; Lk 17:11-19
 Friday: Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33
 Saturday: Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
 Sunday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9;
 Rom 13:11-14; Mt 24:37-44

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
NOV 23	Christopher Izydore & Zachary End	Michelle Flynn	Dolores Pivik	Tony Traficante, Phyllis Pierce & Kathleen Hood	
NOV 24	Matt & Alex McKinley & Blake George	Mark Heinz	Hayes Family	Carol Kelly, Jeannie Rabick & Mary Pivik	Arlene Miller, Bernard & Karen Murphy
NOV 30	David Demharter	Adele Trerice	M/M J. Barbieri	Bud & Michele Joyce & Loretta White	
DEC 1	Alani & Abby Di-Lonardo & Peter Zullo	Mary Ann Birsa	Hayes Family	Barb Waruszewski, Charles McKinley & Karen Griffith	Pat Staudt, Janet DiLonardo & Carol Carabin



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NOVEMBER AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- November 24: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 10 AM Mass with closing at 12:30 PM**
- November 26: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- November 28: HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

DECEMBER AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- December 1: Sunday, 11:30 A.M. Visit from St. Nicholas**
- December 3: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- December 4: Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting**
- December 9: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Men's Fellowship Meeting**
- December 10: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeater's Anonymous**
- December 11: Wednesday, 6:00 P.M. "The Light is still on for you"**
- December 17: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- December 23: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- December 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS**
- December 30: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**

JANUARY AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- January 7: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- January 8: Wednesday, 7:00 P.M. Parish Council Meeting**
- January 13: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Men's Fellowship Meeting**
- January 14: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- January 21: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**
- January 28: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous**

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for the following:

Phyllis Pierce	Elmer Zucco
Kelli Biondich	Art Proviano
Audrey D'Incau	Angie Zucco
Theresa Shamrock	Dave Lavrich
Jacob Knighton	Ursula Koontz
William Griffith III	Caroline Keaton
Tom Woods	Betty Davis
Lou Scarano	Heather DeLuca
Barbara Ayala	Sandy Keller
Frank Papciak	Sandy Novak
Donnalee McCloy	Farah Marshal
Patsy Montanaro	Haley Ueman
Kay Silvio	Albert Silvio
Emily Snow	Stacie Zarroli
Bill Griffith	Chuck McKinley
Helen Kosnac	Gladys Greene
Jack Tolan	



BIBLE STUDY—on the Gospel of John on Monday evenings after the 7 PM Mass at St. Bernadette Parish in Monroeville in the Art Room of the school in Nov. 18, & 25. And Thursday morning at 11 am in Biedenbach Hall.

PLEASE COMPLETE THE CENSUS FORM IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

FROM THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE—anyone who wants to send in their “Church Alive” payment please do so in the envelope provided by the diocese. By sending the money to the rectory your payment may not be credited to your pledge. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS AND RETURN TO RECTORY OFFICE

REST IN PEACE—Charles Sweet and Harry Jurkiewicz both of our parish family and Fr. Dom Mancini. May all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.

ANNUAL GIVING TREE—tags and unwrapped gifts are to be returned before December 15th to be distributed to those in need. Thank you for your kindness.

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory Collection	November 10, 2013	1,836.00
Monthly Collection	November 10, 2013	125.00
Archdiocese for the Military	November 10, 2013	691.00
Parish share collected to date		21,843.00
PARISH SHARE 2013 ASSESMENT		30,084.00

UPCOMING ENVENTS FOR 2013 AT ST. JANUARIUS:

Mark your calendars for:

St. Nicholas Sunday December 1, 2013

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.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP MEETING - All men of the parish are welcome to the next meeting. It is **December 9, at 7 PM** in church hall and discuss “Catholic Man's role in the world we live in”. Light refreshments will be available.

CALLING ALL CHILDREN—to participate in a children's choir for the **4 PM Mass on Christmas Eve**.

What a beautiful way to celebrate the Birth of Jesus by lifting up your voices in song on the Feast of the Christ Child.

OVER-EATERS ANONYMOUS presided by Sherry Podobnik, a psychotherapist, and Director of the Pittsburgh Caring Ctr. & Healers Network, invites the community to take part in the first ever **OA meetings every Tuesday at St. Januarius' Church**. There are no membership requirements other than the desire to stop eating compulsively. OA is a faith driven 12 Step Program open to all & always free of charge and judgment free. For more information or questions, contact Sherry at 412-795-4897.

RCIA—If you are interested in becoming a Catholic or learning about the Catholic faith, please call the rectory at 412-793-4439.

PASTOR'S NOTES

As we celebrate Christ the King this weekend, this will end the liturgical “Year C.” The Season of Advent begins “Year A” for our readings. In three years, you will have heard the whole Bible. Year A will center on the Gospel of Matthew. Lectors may obtain their new work books in the Sacristy on the bottom book shelf. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will occur after 10:00 Sunday Mass. There will be a short training session with our Altar Servers and then the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed. Benediction will occur 12:30 for you to see your beloved Steelers.

The season of Advent takes on a penitential setting as we prepare for Christmas.

- Penitential Act A will be recited at Mass
- Eucharistic Prayer IV will be used for the Liturgy of the Eucharist
- Most importantly, the Sacrament of Reconciliation is prevalent throughout this month, especially, “The Light is Still On” celebration on December 11th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm

The bulletin will have further times for reconciliation as we approach Christmas.

Oplatki can be obtained from our parish for your family gatherings.

Mark your calendars for our Parish's Saint Nicholas Day celebration: Sunday, December 1st, after the 10:00 Mass

Thanksgiving Day Mass will be at 9:00 AM.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: The best prayer you can offer to God is simply “Thank You”. Pray it often!

May you have a blessed Thanksgiving Day!

-Fr. Ken

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, **December 11 from 6 PM to 9 PM.** Consider making a commitment this Advent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. For more information visit www.diopitt.org/lightstillon.

HELPING HUNGRY FAMILIES by supporting the Plum Food Pantry. As the holiday approaches there is always a concern for the less fortunate to have enough food to feed their families. Any donation is accepted and appreciated.

SINGLE 21 & OVER (OR KNOW SOMEONE WHO IS?)

Looking for a new way to meet people and have some fun? Check out the Catholic Alumni Club. We offer a variety of different activities including parties, picnics hiking etc. For more information, visit our website: www.cacpittsburgh.org, or check out our Facebook page or call 412-341-4070 JOIN TODAY. We think that you'll be glad you did.

ST. PEREGRINE PRAYER FOR CANCER—every fourth Monday of the month at 7 PM all are invited to gather in St. Ferdinand Parish,, Cranberry TWP, to pray for people with cancer, their families and their friends.

RELATIONSHIPS THAT WORK: FAMILY SYSTEMS THEORY FOR CLERGY AND GROUP LEADERS is an 8 session class for people looking to increase their effectiveness in managing the relationship challenges common to parish life. Class will meet on the **Second Friday afternoon of each month from now through May 4, 12:30– 3:30, at St. Paul Seminary.** Diocesan continuing education credits available. For more information or to register, contact instructor, Ann Depner LCSW at 412-952-3144 or ADepner57@gmail.com.

CANCER SUPPORT GROUP started at St. John's 7:00 p.m. in the annex of St. John the Baptist Church. We convene the fourth Tuesday of every month. We encourage hope, peace and comfort to all of those who suffer from this disease as they seek God in their daily lives. If you are interested in attending this support group, please contact Bob Mineo at 412-793-4511 ext. 225.

NEED A CHRISTMAS GIFT The Sisters of Charity are selling **Enjoy 2014** from now until Dec. 19, 2013 for \$30 To reserve you Enjoy 2014 call Sr. Agnes Steedle at 412-243-4651

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER makes good marriages GREAT. Weekends are scheduled throughout the year. Get info by calling 412-635-7775.

WE'RE OFF TO SEE ST. NICK! - Annual holiday children's gala & online auction to benefit vital Pittsburgh Mercy Health System child & adolescent services on **Sunday, December 1, 2013 from 4 to 7 pm at the Westin Convention Center Pgh Hotel.** Tickets are \$100 for adults and \$50 for each child. To purchase tickets, visit www.pmhs.org/events.

12th ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW at Bishop Canevin High School on **Sunday, November 17, 2013 from 10 AM to 3 PM.** Over 13 crafters-lunch – gift auction-50/50 raffle. Contact Vera 412-922-7400 ext. 24 for more information.

LOTTERY CALENDARS make great Christmas gifts for family & friends. \$30 per calendar gives you a number every day of the week, every week of the month for 2014. Calendar pays \$50 to \$150 per day.(based on the PA lottery 1st evening number drawn. Call for yours today: 724-947-3363. Proceeds benefit Our Lady of Lourdes Church.

MASS OF PRAYERS & BLESSINGS FOR HEALING— at Our Lady of Joy Parish with Fr. William Kiel celebrating Mass on

Thursday, December 5 at 6:30 PM. Please contact the church office for more information at 102-795-3388.

2ND ANNUAL HOLIDAY CRAFT SHOW at Resurrection Church at 1100 Creedmoor Ave.,15226. The deadline for all applications is Nov 29, 2013. The show itself will be **on Dec. 8th from 10 AM to 3 PM.** Contact Bethany at 412-563-4400 for more information.

BISHOP ZUBIK WILL LEAD PILGRIMATE TO ROME for the April 27th canonizations of Pope John XXIII and Pope John Paul II. The deadline is Thursday Jan. 2, 2014 and a \$500 deposit must be made by Thursday Jan. 2, 2014. The cost is \$3695. For more information please contact Carmella Weismantle at 412-471-1252 .ext. 3575 or cweismantle@pittsburghcatholic.com.

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT: Fr. Joe Freedy will be leading a retreat for men in college or above who desire a deeper relationship with Christ, are seeking to know their vocation, and are interested in learning more about discerning a vocation to the Priesthood. From Friday evening, December 20th, Sunday Morning, December 22nd. For more information or to register please visit www.pghpriest.com.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE—Celebrate May, the month of Our Lady by being in the Grace-filled village of Medjugorje. April 29-May 8, 2014. Spiritual Director will be Rev. Joseph Freedy. For more information please call Cathy Howe at 412-278-4673.

USED CLOTHING SALE - on November 23 from 9 AM to 2 PM at St. Gregory Parish in Zelienople in the basement of the church. Good clean clothing for the entire family.

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE MASS—All are invited to join Bishop David Zubik and the Latino Catholics for the annual "Our Lady of Guadalupe Spanish Mass on **Thursday, December 12, at 7 PM at St. Paul Cathedral.** The celebration begins at 7 PM with the "Our Lady" procession. Enjoy the festive reception afterwards in the Cathedral's social hall.

FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS—Come join us **Sunday, December 1st at 2 PM at Most Holy Name of Jesus Church** for a beautiful and inspiring service of scripture readings, carols and Hymns that will help you ready your hearts for the coming of the Light of the world. A small reception will follow the service in the school hall. For more information please call Rebecca Hurst 421-231-2994

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA at **St. John the Baptist School on Saturday, December 7th from 9 to 11 AM.** Adults \$5. and Children \$4. Any questions please call 412-793-0555.

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH invites all to a Choir & Concert of Sacred Christmas music on **Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 at 5 PM** in the Church

(b) Religious Education While citing the importance of Catholic schools, it is equally important to emphasize the central role of religious education in our parishes. For students who attend public schools, religious education must be the best it can be. Those who teach religious education must be well prepared to meet the challenges of handing on God's Word in a way that our students can truly learn and be excited about their faith. Those who teach religious education must be publicly recognized for their important service. Those students who are part of the religious education programs must see that they are as valued as are those who come to Catholic schools. My fear is that, oftentimes, religious education programs are seen only as the "ticket", the rites of passage, to the Sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation) rather than what they are intended to be—growing in the faith in a lively and dedicated manner.

- Bishop David Zubik

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