

Saint Januarius Parish

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November 30, 2014
First Sunday of Advent

WATCH!

"Watch!" This word occurs three times in today's Gospel passage. Moreover, it is placed at significant points: the beginning, the center, and the end. Though this is technically a parable, it is quite short (four verses). The threefold repetition of "watch" leaves no doubt as to what the story is about. We often think of Advent as a time of waiting, but it truly is a season of watchfulness, a very active form of waiting for the coming Day of the Lord. It is that day, more than Christmas day, that the Christian community faithfully expects, using all of our gifts and talents for this purpose, as Paul reminds us in the Letter to the Corinthians. When we use these gifts in faithful watching and expectation, we become like the servants of the parable, set to their tasks, not waiting around idly, but engaged in the master's work until his return. May our Advent be a time when we return or rededicate our lives and our communities to this work--the active and diligent faithfulness that the Lord will expect to find.

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First SUNDAY of ADVENT

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*Oh, that you would rend the heavens and come down,
with the mountains quaking before you,
while you wrought awesome deeds we could not hope for,
such as they had not heard of from of old.*

Isaiah 63:19b; 64:2-3

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
412-793-8377

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

Reminder, December 7 is St. Nicholas party. Please make sure your child is registered by today, November 30.

On December 2, a Penance service will be held at St. John the Baptist in Unity. I will be there along with other priests to hear confessions.

During the Advent season, there will be a special insert for each of the four weeks. They are both interesting and informative.

The Immaculate Conception is on December 8. There will be two Masses that day. One will be at 9:00 am and the other will be at 7:00 pm.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: True joy does not come from things or from possessing, no! It is born from the encounter, from the relationship with others; it is born from feeling accepted, understood, and loved, and from accepting, from understanding and from loving; and this is not because of a passing fancy but because the other is a person.

Joy is born from the gratuitousness of an encounter! It is hearing someone say, but not necessarily with words: "You are important to me." This is beautiful....And it is these very words that God makes us understand. In calling you, God says to you: "You are important to me, I love you, I am counting on you." Jesus says this to each one of us! Joy is born from that!

~ Address, To Seminarians and Novices, July 6, 2013

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

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PRAYERS!

Parents, **please** continue to have your children practice their prayers at home—extra grade level sheets are available on the CCD table in the Church Hall. Also, we are seeking more prayers from your

A family Christmas tree will be set up in the CCD area. We are asking each CCD family to provide a family ornament to hang on the tree. Anyone from the parish may also provide an ornament. Please make sure that your name is on the back so that it can be returned to you.




Upcoming dates:

- Sun., Dec. 7: Penance (grades 5 and 6)
St. Nicholas celebration
- Sun., Dec. 14: CVOL (Catholic Vision of Love) Parent Meeting for grade 5 and parents in grades 6, 7, and 8 who have not yet attended Penance (grades 3 and 8)
- Sun., Dec. 21: holiday treat
Penance (grades 4 and 7)
- Thurs., Dec. 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!
- Sun., Dec. 28: NO CCD due to teacher in-service



Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following:

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| Larry Cybach | Chuck McKinley |  |
| Audrey D'Incau | Patsy Montanaro | |
| Helen Feledik | Sandy Novak | Angie Zucco |
| William Griffith III | Phyllis Pierce | Elmer Zucco |
| Caroline Keaton | Kay Silvio | |
| Sandy Keller | Emily Snow | |
| Jacob Knighton | Phil Stango | |
| Ursula Koontz | Jack Tolan | |
| Helen Kosnac | Haley Uzman | |
| Farah Marshal | George Walcutt | |
| Donnalee McCloy | Tom Woods | |

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

THANK YOU - The C.C.D. students recently made get well cards to send to those on our Sick and Homebound list. However, we have quite a few that cannot be mailed out as we do not have their address - they are not listed in our database. Please contact the office with the addresses for those in bold so that the cards can be forwarded to them. Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS



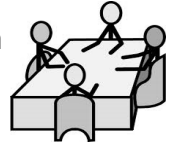
Donna Lloyd and Tim Murphy on their recent marriage.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Overeaters Anonymous - Tuesday, December 2
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

Pastoral Council - Monday, December 1

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



CONGRATULATIONS - To Vincent Polsinelli who achieved High Honors at Central Catholic High School.



ST. NICHOLAS VISIT - On December 7, after the 10:00 am Mass, St. Nicholas will be visiting. Sign up sheets can be found in the rear of the church on the tripod. Last day to register is November 30th.



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.

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 29	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Kathleen Specht	Edward Milhalko	Marie Pietropaolo Jim Price Susan Price	
SUNDAY NOVEMBER 30	Maria Campbell Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Mary Ellen Zik	DeLeonardis Family	Shirley DeLuca Carol Carabin George Carabin	Connie Fiorina Jeannie Rabick Mary Ellen Zik Carol Kelly
SATURDAY DECEMBER 5	Megan Christman Maria Czura	David Lavrich	Ushers	Tony Traficante Loretta White Mary Kay Sneider	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 7	Angela Valotta Marisa Valotta Rachel Valotta	Maria Czura Ryan Billings	Stacy Swanson	Connie Fiorina Donna Flaherty Nancy Golubski	Keith Trischen Anna Trischen Marie Pietropaolo Peg Reynolds



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, November 30 -
Sunday December 7**

SATURDAY – Weekday 11/29

4 PM Mildred Mihalko - Edward Mihalko, Son

SUNDAY - First Sunday of Advent 11/30

10 AM William J. Llewellyn - DeLeonardis Family

MONDAY - Advent Weekday 12/01

8 AM Christine Bielstein - Konop Family

TUESDAY - Advent Weekday 12/02

8 AM Francis Kosmacki - Bill & Sherry Kriger

WEDNESDAY– St. Francis Xavier 12/03

8 AM Margaret L. Schons - Susan & John Gaydos

THURSDAY - St. Damascene 12/04

9 AM Theresa Shamrock - Gene & Cookie Pradetto

FRIDAY - Advent Weekday 12/05

8 AM Spiritual & Physical Well Being for Justin Bielstein - Konop Family

SATURDAY – St. Nicholas 12/06

4 PM For All God’s Children - Papciak Family

SUNDAY - Second Sunday of Advent 12/07

10 AM Jennie & Duck DiMichiei - Stacy Swanson

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

Readings for the Week of Nov 30

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8
 Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: First Sunday of Advent - Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas Day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve (Dec 24). If Christmas Eve is a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown

Wednesday: St. Francis Xavier - A Roman Catholic missionary and co-founder of the Society of Jesus. He was a study companion of St. Ignatius of Loyola and one of the first seven Jesuits who took vows of poverty and chastity at Montmartre, (Paris) in 1534. He was influential in evangelization work most notably in India. He is considered to be one of the greatest missionaries since St. Paul.^[2] He is known as the "Apostle of the Indies," and the "Apostle of Japan".

Thursday: St. John Damascene - John defended the Church’s understanding of the veneration of images and explained the faith of the Church in several other controversies. For over 30 years he combined a life of prayer with these defenses and his other writings. His holiness expressed itself in putting his literary and preaching talents at the service of the Lord.

Saturday: St. Nicholas - St. Nicholas, called "of Bari", Bishop of Myra (Fourth Century) 6 Dec. Feast day. The great veneration with which this saint has been honored for many ages and the number of altars and churches which have been everywhere dedicated in his memory are testimonials to his holiness and of the glory which he enjoys with God. He is said to have been born at Patara in Lycia, a province of Asia Minor. Myra, the capital, not far from the sea, was an episcopal see, and this church falling vacant, the holy Nicholas was chosen bishop, and in that station became famous by his extraordinary piety and zeal and many astonishing miracles.



“Be a friend. Be a friend of Jesus. Make friends for Jesus.”

Bishop David Zubik.

**BULLETIN WAS REQUIRED TO BE IN TO
 PRINTER PRIOR TO 11/23 COLLECTION.
 WILL BE NOTED IN NEXT WEEKS BULLETIN.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Today’s gospel tells us to “be watchful.” This comes natural to families. Parents are watchful of their children’s health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today’s gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family. “Be watchful,” the Lord is already with you.

By Bud Ozar

Weekly Collection - Nov 23

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$
Monthly	\$
Second Collection	\$
PSP received to date	\$22,590

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.

Around Our District

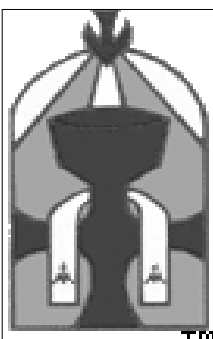
CONCERT - St. John Fisher Choir & Concert Choir will perform a concert of sacred Christmas music on Sunday, December 7th at 5:00 pm in the church. The program will feature Vivaldi's "Gloria", Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Fantasia on Christmas Carols," and other Christmas favorites. All ages are welcomed.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS NEEDED FOR BOTH UPMC AND FORBES REGIONAL HOSPITALS - If you are interested in serving as a Eucharist Minister at either UPMC or Forbes Regional Hospital, please contact Fr. John Forbidussi at the St. Bernadette Parish Office 412-373-0050, and he will be happy to welcome you to share in this ministry and answer any questions



HEALING MASS: The Fraternity of Priests will be celebrating a Mass for healing on Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 pm at Word of God Parish in Swissvale. You are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist with them, expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every Mass, to touch you in all of your needs.



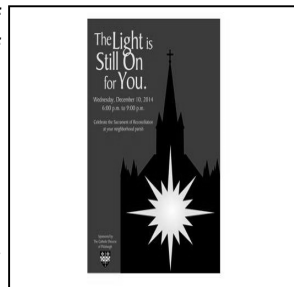
PENANCE SERVICES - The following are Advent Penance services. On December 2 at St. John the Baptist, 7:00 pm. On December 9 at Our Lady of Joy, 7:00 pm. On December 16 at North American Martyrs at 7:00 pm. There will be Reconciliation only at St. Januarius on December 22 from 7:00-9:00 pm and again on December 23 from 3:30-5:00 pm and 7:00-9:00 p.m.



Diocesan News

WE WILL LEAVE A LIGHT ON FOR YOU - Confessing our sins is not going to a psychiatrist, or to a torture chamber: it's saying to the Lord, "Lord, I am a sinner." - Pope Francis

Experience God's Mercy this Advent 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 10 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Consider making a commitment this Lent to experience the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. Visit www.diopitt.org/lightstillon for more information.



MASS IN SPANISH FOR THE FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE - All are invited to celebrate with Bishop Zubik and the Hispanic/Latino Catholic Apostolate at 7 pm on Friday, December 12 at St. Paul Cathedral. A festival reception will follow in the Cathedral social hall. For information, call the Office for Cultural Diversity & Persons with Disabilities, 412-456-3170

FAUSTINA: MESSENGER OF DIVINE MERCY - The moving, live production performed by actress Maria Vargo and directed by Leonardo Defilippis of Saint Luke Productions, will be presented at Serra Catholic High School Gymnasium in McKeesport on Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. Experience firsthand the life and message of Saint Faustina whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. It will run for 90 minutes, and is suitable for ages 13 and up. Admission is a suggested \$8.00. For additional information, contact Serra Catholic High School Office at (412) 751-2020 or visit www.serrahs.org. Watch the trailer & learn more at www.DivineMercyDrama.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 drop Membership Form into the offertory basket or mail to Parish office.

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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