

# Saint Januarius Church

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December 1, 2013  
First Sunday in Advent

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## GETTING READY

Today marks the beginning of another liturgical year. The tone of today's readings casts us in the role of students learning solemn lessons. The reading from Isaiah sets the stage, calling us up a mountain to receive the Lord's instruction. In this passage we study peace.

Then Paul steps forth with sober admonitions. We have to wake up; the day is almost here. Live honorably in the light. Paul reminds us that we really do know the time in which we are living.

Finally, Matthew presents Jesus the storyteller. Just imagine, Jesus tells us, what it was like in Noah's time. He paints a vivid picture of ordinary people living ordinary lives and ignoring the warnings that Noah heeded. Totally unconcerned, they were destroyed. How will it be any different for us? No one knows when the Lord will come. But we have been warned.

Perhaps we find such sobering scriptures unappealing and threatening. But within them there is promise. We are to live in the light with nothing to hide. We are to be ready.  
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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**



**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

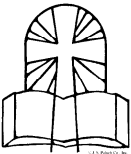
SAT (NOV 30) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + VINCE & MARY TRESCO  
 (Grandchildren)  
 SUN (DEC 1) **10:00 AM** + RUDOLPH KOSNAC (Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family)  
 MON (DEC 2) **7:30 AM** + CHRISTINE BEILSTEIN (John Konop & Family)  
 Advent Weekday  
 TUE (DEC 3) **7:30 AM** + MURIEL WATTS (Elizabeth Froetschel)  
 St. Francis Xavier  
 WED (DEC 4) **7:30 AM** + CORINA FORTI (Loretta Petrilena & Family)  
 Advent Weekday  
 THUR (DEC 5) **7:30 AM** + NICOLA MOSCHELLA (Paul & Sharon Gullo)  
 Advent Weekday  
 FRI (DEC 6) **7:30 AM** + DAN TALLON (Karen, Kasandra, Mike, Kelly & Jay)  
 St. Nicholas

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

SAT (DEC 7) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + STANLEY BALENCIAGA (Donna Miller)  
 SUN (DEC 8) **10:00 AM** + LES MULHOLLAND (Wife, Gloria Mulholland)

**Readings for the Week of December 1**

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Monday: Is 4:2-6; 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  
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;

**Ministry Schedule**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
DEC. 7	Megan Christman Kyle Hanes	Loretta White	Donna Miller	Arlene Miller Adele Treice Tony Traficante	
DEC. 8	Alexandra Greenberg Blake George	Pat Staudt	Gloria Mulholland	Mike Waruszewski Karen Griffith Marlene Jones	Gary & Karen Rog- ers Shirley DeLuca Donna Flaherty
DEC. 14	Megan Christman	Pat Demharter	Marie, Vincie & Sonny Pietropaolo	Mary Graf Mary Kay Sneider	
DEC, 15	Zachery End Matt & Alex McKinley	Alexandrea Green- bert	Hayes Family	Jim End Catherine Hanlon Gloria Mulholland	Jim End, Gloria Mulholland, Mike Waruszewski & Donna Miller



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## 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 Ucman
Kay Silvio	Albert Silvio
Emily Snow	Stacie Zarroli
Bill Griffith	Chuck McKinley
Helen Kosnac	Gladys Greene
Jack Tolan	



**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**—John Bartko, of our parish family and the brother of Helen Feledik. 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.

**TRAINING**—St. Januarius Parish now has an AED (Automated External Defibrillator) This device can help save the life of someone who is having a heart attack. Instruction in its use will be given on Monday, Dec. 16 and Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 7 PM in the church hall. Anyone interested in how to use an AED is welcome to attend a session (you need only attend one session). We’re especially encouraging all ushers and everyone who uses the church facilities on a regular basis to attend one of the evenings. Each session should be less than an hour.

**COLLECTIONS:**

Offertory Collection	November 17, 2013	2,101.00
Monthly Collection	November 17, 2013	25.00
Religious Retirement fund	November 17, 2013	1,032.00
Parish share collected to date		21,843.00
<b>PARISH SHARE 2013 ASSESSMENT</b>		<b>30,084.00</b>

**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.

**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.

**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!***

**PASTOR’S NOTES**

Advent is a season of patiently waiting for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Not to celebrate His birth, for Jesus has come and gone from this Earth, but to wait for His return in glory. Be more prayerful, be still and silent, and be reconciled to God.

Saint Nicholas Day festivities after the 10:00 AM Mass.

Oplotki on sale at the Rectory.

*Food for Thought:*

Free your mind from negativity. See the best in any situation you experience and be grateful. Express gratitude for what you have

May God’s love and peace remain with you always

-Fr. Ken

*In today’s gospel Jesus advises: “Stay awake, watch out, and pray for the strength to hold your ground” when “fearful and bewildering signs” appear threatening your family. Resist being fear-filled,. Instead “pray for the strength” to be courageous*

**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](http://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](http://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](http://www.pmhs.org/events).

**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 PILGRIMAGE 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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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.

**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

**MASS FOR HEALING** on Wednesday, **December 4th at 7 PM** at Madonna del Castello Church in Swissvale. You are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every Mass, to touch you in all of your needs.

**ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH** invites you to “**lunch with Santa**” on Saturday, December 14, in Beaufort Hall in Churchill at 12 Noon. Cost of \$5 ea adult. Children are free. For reservations please call the church office at 412-241-4722

**CRISTMAS CARDS**—Sketched BY Sr. Martha ,lsp. The cards are 7 for \$10 (Plus \$1.50 shipping) 12 for \$15 (plus \$2 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$5 shipping. Cards can be ordered online at [www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org) or by calling 412-307-1100 or sending a check made payable to Little Sisters of the Poor at 1028 Benton Avenue, Pgh. PA 15212

(c) Youth and Young Adult Ministry. I have witnessed firsthand the enthusiasm of countless youth and young adults and their great desire to be involved in their parishes and in the life of the Church. Our young people today have a strong sense of apostolic zeal in serving the needs of others and want to make a difference. So often, however, the materialist and secular culture in which we live makes it difficult for young people to embrace their faith. The Church must find effective means to reach out to our youth and young adults and enable them to become active members of the Church community.

- Bishop David Zubik