Saint Januarius Parish

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December 14, 2014
Third Sunday of Advent

MORE THAN DISCIPLES

Each of today's four scriptural roles--disciple, prophet, apostle, herald--forms a facet of our life in Christ as we live it day by day. Isaiah tells us that a prophet is anointed, as we were anointed at our baptism in water and the Spirit, to bring glad tidings and to promote God's reign of healing, justice, and peace. An apostle, like Paul, is one who is "sent." Each of us, in his or her own way, is sent by Christ to be a voice of rejoicing, to encourage prophetic voices in the world, and to make sure that the work of the Spirit thrives. John the Baptist shows us the job of the herald, making the Lord's way straight, announcing the coming of the Light of the world. Today we also hear from Mary, model disciple. Her song, the Magnificat, shows us the world we must believe in and work for: one in which God is praised, where God's favor is bestowed on the humble, where the hungry are filled and the rich are sent away empty, a world that continues to know and rejoice in the mercy of God that lasts for all ages.

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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
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

A special thank you to the students who participated at Sunday's Mass. Cantors: Abby, Alani and Savino DiLonardo; Altar Servers: Rachel, Angela and Marisa Valotta; Lectors: Maria Czura and Ryan Billings; Ushers Evan Golubski, Connor Zik, Anthony Frazetta and Michael Rapneth.

A heartfelt thank you to Chuck and Jessica McKinley and Anita Valotta and all those who volunteered their time to make the St. Nicholas visit a success.

Reminder, a Penance Service will be held at North American Martyrs on Tuesday, December 16 beginning at 7:00 pm. Reconciliation will be held here on Monday, December 22 from 7:00-9:00 pm and on Tuesday, December 23 from 3:00 pm to 5:30 pm and again from 7:00-9:00 pm.

The Mass schedule for Christmas will be 4:00 pm on December 24, will feature the Children's Choir and at 7:00 pm, will be the Silent Night Mass. Christmas Day Mass will be at 10:00 am.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Are we capable of bringing the Word of God into the environment in which we live? Do we know how to speak of Christ, of what he represents for us, in our families, among the people who form part of our daily lives? Faith is born from listening and is strengthened by proclamation.

~ Homily, April 14, 2013

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

Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following:

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

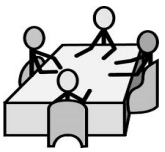
Please : We ask those who have requested prayers to give us another "update" call when your loved one is better.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Overeaters Anonymous - Tuesday, December 16
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

Men's Fellowship - Monday, December 15

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



DioPitt VICTIMS ASSISTANCE: 412.456.3060 or Toll free: 1.888.808.1235

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.

C C D O R N E R

Happy Birthday!

We wish a very happy birthday to:

Fisher Bradley

You are a gift from God!

GENTLY USED COAT DRIVE

Thank you so very much for your kindness! We collected many wonderfully warm coats from many wonderfully warm-hearted friends! Please know how much your generosity will be a blessing to others in need!

Upcoming dates:

Sun., Dec. 21: holiday treat; Penance (grades 4 and 7)
(We are still in need of cookies, if you can donate-thanks!)
Thurs., Dec. 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Sun., Dec. 28: NO CCD

FAMILY CHRISTMAS TREE

We are asking each St. Januarius family to place an ornament on our tree in the Church Hall. Please make sure your last name is on it—preferably on the front! Whether your family has 1 member or 101, we would love to have you represented!

Mrs. Golubski , Mrs. Murphy, and their second grade students learn about Advent and make Advent wreaths to share with their families!

*Ministry Schedule **see next page for Christmas Schedule*

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MONEY COUNTERS
SATURDAY DECEMBER 13	Ryan Kmonk Zachary End	Frank Czura	Marie, Vinnie & Sonnie Tresco	Cheryl George Jack George Connie Meli	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 14	Denis Farabaugh Erik Farabaugh Danielle Farabaugh	Alexandra Greenberg	The Showalter Family	Karen Griffith Kathy Heinz Mark Heinz	Arlene Miller Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy
SATURDAY DECEMBER 20	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Mary Ann Kaiser	M/M Lorion	Bud Joyce Michelle Joyce Arlene Miller	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 21	Abby DiLonardo Alani DiLonardo	Robin Greenberg	Sandy, Connie & Joyce DiMichiei	Catherin Hanlon Cheryl George Jack George	Ray Valotta Cheryl Stezoski Bill Stezoski

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 13 - Sunday December 21

SATURDAY – St. Lucy 12/13
4 PM Mary & Vince Tresco - Marie, Sonny & Vincie

SUNDAY - Third Sunday of Advent 12/14
10 AM Patricia Phillips - The Showalter Family

MONDAY - Advent Weekday 12/15
8 AM Jeni Casale - Casale Family

TUESDAY - Advent Weekday 12/16
8 AM Lois Lang McDough - Family

WEDNESDAY– Late Advent Weekday 12/17
8 AM Theresa Shamrock - Rose Lang

THURSDAY - Late Advent Weekday 12/18
8 AM Mary Lou Scarano - Family

FRIDAY - Late Advent Weekday 12/19
8 AM Francis Kosmacki - The Petrilena Family

SATURDAY – Late Advent Weekday 12/20
4 PM Theresa Shamrock - M/M C. Lorion

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent 12/21
10 AM Elizabeth & Boleslaw Lewandowski - Sandy, Joyce and Connie DiMichiei

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

Readings for the Week of Dec 14

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Thursday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Saturday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: Las Posadas begins - Posada is Spanish for "lodging", or "accommodation"; it is said in plural because it is celebrated more than one day in that period. The nine-day novena represents the nine months of pregnancy,[3][4] specifically the pregnancy of Mary carrying Jesus.

St. Januarius, Pray for us.

Weekly Collection - Dec 7

Collection	Amount
Offertory	$ 2,648
Monthly	$ 947
Second Collection	$ 76
PSP received to date	$23,485
Please remember St. Januarius in your will.	

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Ministry Schedule

DATE	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	OFFERTORY	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS	MONEY COUNTERS
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 4 PM MASS	Maria Campbell Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	David Lavrich	Ida Sober	Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy Phyllis Pierce	
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24 7 PM MASS	Ryan Kmonk Zachary End	Adele Trerice	Need Volunteer	Tony Traficante Loretta White Mary Kay Sneider	
THURSDAY DECEMBER 25 10 AM MASS	Megan Christman Maria Czura	Mark Heinz	Helen Koznac & Hayes Family	Marlene Jones Carol Kelly Gloria Mulholland	

Around Our District

EUCHARISTIC 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 you may

PENANCE SERVICES - The following are Advent Penance services. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - The Plum Food Pantry is in need of male volunteers to work at the panty on Tuesday mornings. Must be able to lift 40 lbs. Volunteer hours consist of about 2-2 1/2 hours, between 7-8 am to roughly 10:30 am. If interested, please call 724-327-0367

UPCOMING 100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENTS - Scheduled upcoming events for the 100th Anniversary Celebration of St. John the Baptist Parish consists of January 18 at 1:00 pm, Fr. Gene Lauer, speaking on Sacramentality in Today's Society. March 22 Dr. Bergsman, a Scripture Scholar from Steubenville will present "How to go through the Bible in an hour", also scheduled is a Philadelphia Shrine Tour occurring in April or May. Will be a overnight trip and will visit the national shrines of St. Katharine Drexel and St. John Newman where their bodies now rest, and the national shrines of St. Rita Cascia, St. Gianna Boretta Molla and of the Miraculous Medal.

Diocesan News

CHRISTMAS DISCERNMENT RETREAT - December 19-21, led by Fr. Joe Freedy with Frs. Welding, Vaskov, and Bishop Zubik. For men interested in discerning God's will with regard to a Priestly Vocation. Go to pghpriest.com or jfreedy@diopitt.org for more information or to register.

New Year's Eve Oldies Dance & Dinner - Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish will host their Annual New Year's event on Wednesday, December 31st. Doors will open at 7:30 pm; dancing from 8 pm - 1 am. Tickets are now available for $35 per person and include: a homemade hot dinner buffet (Sliced pork & sauerkraut, fried chicken, rigatoni, pierogies, salad, rolls, carrot cake or white cake, coffee & tea), party favors, draft beer, mixers and bottled water. (A snow date of Saturday, January 3rd had been set.) The school hall is located at 1515 Tinsbury Street, Pittsburgh 15212. Phone 412-231-2994, ext. 0. Visit www.mostholynameofjesusparish15212.org

St. Ferdinand Parish - Annual New Year's Eve Party, Wednesday, December 31, 2014, 7:30 PM to Wednesday, January 1, 2015, 12:30 AM.Marriott – Pittsburgh North, Route 228, Cranberry Township, PA- Tickets must be purchased in advance. $75/person thru December 21 - $80/person December 21 thru December 29. Reserved seating available – ages 18 & over are welcome -Call 724.776.9177, ext. 313 weekdays –or-724.779-3986 weekends. Ticket includes: 5-hour event with hors d'oeuvres, 3-course dinner, champagne or sparkling juice toast, 2 free drink tickets, discounted drink prices, DJ entertainment. Dinner choices: Prime Rib of Beef or Panko Chicken or Vegetarian Purse. Dinner includes: Spring greens salad, green beans, red potatoes, breads, NY Cheesecake w/strawberries, water/coffee/tea. Marriott offers discounted room reservations at $99.95 (plus tax) for a deluxe room with late checkout. Room reservations must be made via Marriott; call 724.772.3700.

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Membership Form

Name_____
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Address_____

City _____ Zip _____
Phone_____

CHECK ONE:
___New Registration ___Change of Address ___Moving out of Parish ___Want Enve-

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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