

Saint Januarius Parish

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December 21, 2014
Fourth Sunday of Advent

ECHOING MARY'S DECISION

The angel Gabriel today confronts Mary with a mystery. The mystery of salvation in Christ is not a mystery that is solved, but a reality beyond our comprehension that we must choose to enter into. In the liturgy of the Eastern Church, everyone waits to see if Mary will enter into the mystery: God waits, Adam and Eve and all the souls of the dead who long for paradise wait, angels wait for new heavenly companions. And there is much rejoicing when her decision is "yes." We have less dramatic choices offered to us, but the mystery of our salvation in Christ is by no means "solved." We may understand it a bit better due to Mary's "yes." We may be a bit closer to it through the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. But it still remains a mystery to which we all must give our own "yes." Soon we will be singing "O come, let us adore him." May our Advent prayer, our echo of Mary's "yes," continue then, so we may enter into the mystery of our salvation in Jesus Christ, God among us.

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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

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful Christmas sign which is located at the front of our church. Not only has it been a blessing for our church, but for everyone who travels on Renton Road, they see the beautiful sign and the true message of Christmas.

Christmas Mass schedules are as follows: Christmas Eve, there is a 4:00 pm Mass and at 7:00 pm is the Silent Night Mass, there is no music, all songs will be sung a capella.

Reconciliation will be on Monday from 7:00 to 9:00 pm and again on Tuesday from 3:30 to 5:00 pm and 7:00 to 9:00 pm

Blessings to you and your families and friends during this season of celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Wishing each and everyone of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: *Are you there for them?* Mary continues to accompany life. Do I, like Mary, remain steadfast? How are your parents? How are your grandparents? How are your in-laws? Are you there for them? Do you care about them? Do you visit them? Sometimes it is very painful, but there is no other choice than to put them in a nursing home for health reasons or family situations. But once they are there, do I set aside a Saturday or Sunday to be with them? Do you care about that life that is fading away and that gave life to you ?

~ Only Love Can Save Us, Homily, Feast of the Annunciation
March 25, 2011

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

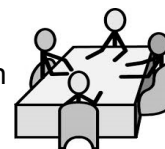


Please : We ask those who have requested prayers to give us another "update" call when your loved one is better.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Overeaters Anonymous - Tuesday, December 23
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

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



**O Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament,
have mercy on us.**

DioPitt VICTIMS ASSISTANCE: 412.456.3060 or Toll free: 1.888.808.1235

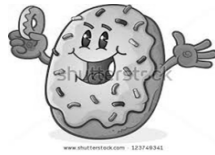
PLEASE NOTE! The deadline for information to be included in the bulletin is NOON on MONDAYS. Anything received later than that will be included in the following week's bulletin.

Fourth Sunday of Advent December 21, 2014

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BEST ATTENDANCE!

Congratulations to Kindergarten, Grade 1 And Grade 5 for the best attendance. Each class had only one child absent in the past four weeks!



Upcoming dates:

Thurs., Dec. 25: MERRY CHRISTMAS!
Sun., Dec. 28: NO CCD
Sun., Jan. 4, 2015: CCD classes resume

Mrs. Laura Zullo's and Mr. Bud Joyce's eighth grade class prepare for Christmas with the sacrament of Penance.



Mrs. Dolly O'Connell's and BJ Campbell's first graders learn about the birth of Jesus with a hands-on lesson using a miniature Nativity set



Ministry Schedule

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>ALTAR SERVERS</u> | <u>LECTORS</u> | <u>OFFERTORY</u> | <u>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</u> | <u>MONEY COUNTERS</u> |
|---------------------------------------|---|---------------------|----------------------------------|--|---|
| SATURDAY DECEMBER 21 | Ryan Kmonk Zachary End | Frank Czura | Marie, Vinnie & Sonnio Tresco | Cheryl George Jack George Connie Meli | |
| SUNDAY DECEMBER 22 | Denis Farabaugh Erik Farabaugh Danielle Farabaugh | Alexandra Greenberg | The Showalter Family | Karen Griffith Kathy Heinz Mark Heinz | Arlene Miller Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy |
| 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 Terice | Ushers | 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 | |
| SATURDAY DECEMBER 27 | Ryan Kmonk Zachary End | Linda Stukus | Ushers | Marie Pietropaolo Jim Price Susan Price | |
| SUNDAY DECEMBER 28 | Angela Valotta Marisa Valotta Rachel Valotta | Cindy Kutchko | Ushers | Charles McKinley Jessica McKinley Jeannie Rabick | Pat Staudt Janet DiLonardo Carol Carabin Tom O'Connell |



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 20 -
Sunday December 28**

SATURDAY – Late Advent Weekday 12/20

4 PM Mary & Vince Tresco - Marie, Sonny & Vincie

SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday of Advent 12/21

10 AM Patricia Phillips - The Showalter Family

MONDAY - Late Advent Weekday 12/22

8 AM Theresa Shamrock - Steve & Betty DiCocco

TUESDAY - Late Advent Weekday/St. John 12/23

8 AM Theresa Shamrock - Marie Facchiano

WEDNESDAY– Late Advent Weekday 12/24

8 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Papciak,
Blodgett, Anzlovar & Benton Families - Papciak
Family

THURSDAY - The Nativity of the Lord 12/25

10 AM Rudolph Kosnac - Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family

FRIDAY - St. Stephen, The First Martyr 12/26

8 AM Catherine & Larry Greco - M/M Lawrence Greco

SATURDAY – St. John, Apostle 12/27

4 PM Carl Casale - Sue Hollingsworth

**SUNDAY - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and
Joseph 12/28**

10 AM Guy Serra & Greg - Valotta Family

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

St. Januarius, Pray for us.

Weekly Collection - Dec 14

| Collection | Amount |
|----------------------|----------|
| Offertory | \$ 2,676 |
| Monthly | \$ 67 |
| Second Collection | \$ 123 |
| PSP received to date | \$22,590 |

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.

Readings for the Week of Dec 21

Monday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14;
Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27,
29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night:

Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk
2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10;
Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Friday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab,
16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Saturday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a,
2-8

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1
-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or
Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]

Saints and Special Observances

Tuesday: St. John of Kanty - An extremely humble man, he did his best, but his best was not to the liking of his parishioners. Besides, he was afraid of the responsibilities of his position. But in the end he won his people's hearts. After some time he returned to Kraków and taught Scripture for the remainder of his life

Thursday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas) - The canonical gospels of Luke and Matthew both describe Jesus as born in Bethlehem in Judea, to a virgin mother. In the Gospel of Luke account, Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem and Jesus is born there and laid in a manger.^[1] Angels proclaim him a savior for all people, and shepherds come to adore him. In the Matthew account, astronomers follow a star to Bethlehem to bring gifts to Jesus, born the *King of the Jews*.

Friday: St. Stephen - Stephen's name means "crown," and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early Christian Church. The apostles had found that they needed helpers to look after the care of the widows and the poor. So they ordained seven deacons, and Stephen is the most famous of these. God worked many miracles through St. Stephen and he spoke with such wisdom and grace that many of his hearers became followers of Jesus.

Saturday: St. John - St. John, the son of Zebedee, and the brother of St. James the Great, was called to be an Apostle by our Lord in the first year of His public ministry. He became the "beloved disciple" and the only one of the Twelve who did not forsake the Savior in the hour of His Passion. He stood faithfully at the cross when the Savior made him the guardian of His Mother. He wrote the fourth Gospel, and three Epistles, and the Book of Revelation is also attributed to him. St. John is called the Apostle of Charity, a virtue he had learned from his Divine Master, and which he constantly inculcated by word and example. The "beloved disciple" died at Ephesus, where a stately church was erected over his tomb. It was afterwards converted into a Mohammedan mosque

Around Our District

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 you may



RECONCILIATION - 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



DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY - is holding an Accounting Honors Institute for high school students who have interest in business. There are 3 topics with 2 sessions each held on Saturday mornings on campus in January, February and March. Students may sign up for one or more topics. Information and registration is available online at www.duq.edu/business/AHI or by calling 412-396-5832



Diocesan News

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. Marriott offers discounted room reservations at \$99.95 (plus tax) for a deluxe room with late checkout. Room reservations must be

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS - The Pittsburgh Diocese is home to two nationally recognized education programs for children with special needs—St. Anthony School and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. A special collections to benefit these two organizations will be taken the weekend of January 17-18, 2015 at all masses at each parish. Your donation will help these two schools to further their goal of providing quality education programs and services to their students. Your support is critical. Your generosity will help these organizations forever improve the lives of their students and families.

St. Januarius Parish
Membership Form

Name _____

 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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Attn: Betsy

