

Saint Januarius Parish

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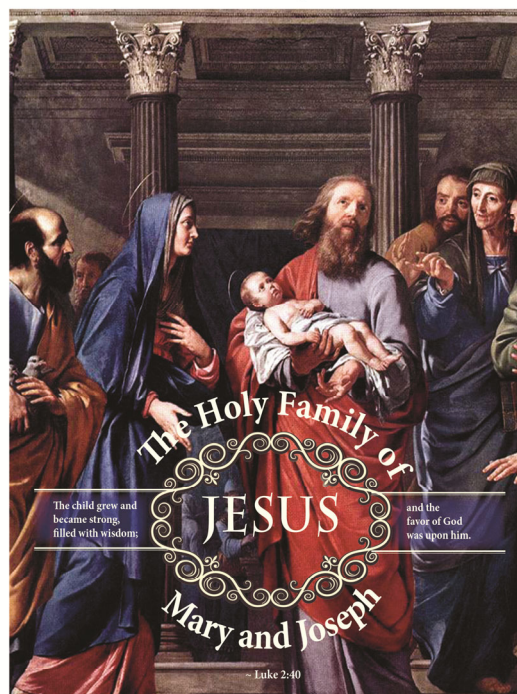
December 28, 2014
The Holy Family

WE ARE GOD'S HOLY FAMILY

The scriptures of Israel are filled with many stories of barren couples who were miraculously granted the gift of children by God. Surely the best known among these is the first reading from today, from which Luke took inspiration when he recounted the miraculous birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah and Elizabeth, and the more miraculous birth of Jesus to Mary and Joseph. In each instance, we are given examples or role models of those who trusted in God. More than examples of those who trust, they are models of self-surrender. They abandoned their own presuppositions and prejudices about the workings of the world and turned their lives over to belief in a God who can make life grow where none ought to; a God who can turn death around into a new and unimagined life; a God who can, today, take a tiny child of humble parents in an insignificant town and make him into a light for all the world. This is what we, as God's holy family, are called to do each day: to trust not in ourselves and the way we think things should be, but to open ourselves and surrender ourselves in faith to a God of endless promise.

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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

I wish to thank the following for their hard work:

- ◆ To each and everyone who helped make this year a special Christmas for those who are less unfortunate with the Angel Tree donations.
- ◆ To Diane & Dave Lavrich who were the principle designers of our Christmas decorations this year. Thank you for your time and creativity to help us aid in the celebration of the Lord's birth.
- ◆ To George & Carol Carabin for handling the Angel Tree.
- ◆ To Stephanie Hayes and the choir/cantors for the beautiful music Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, and to all the children that participated in the Christmas Eve Mass.
- ◆ A special thank you to Diana and Steve Bullick for making the atmosphere for the CCD students festive while learning about their faith, and to all the CCD Teachers and Aides.
- ◆ To everyone who worked hard this year in any and all aspects of the parish.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Dear brothers and sisters, God calls us, by name and surname, each one of us, to proclaim the Gospel and to promote the culture of encounter with joy. The Virgin Mary is our exemplar...Watch over me, Mother, when I am disoriented, and lead me by the hand. May you spur us on to meet our many brothers and sisters who are on the outskirts, who are hungry for God but have no one to proclaim him.

~ Homily, World Youth Day, July 27, 2013

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

Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following:

Larry Cybach	Farah Marshal	
Audrey D'Incau	Donnalee McCloy	Haley Ucman
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	

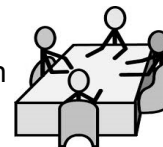


Please : We ask those who have requested prayers to give us another "update" call when your loved one is better.

MEETINGS COMING UP

Overeaters Anonymous - Tuesday, December 30
Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897

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



MASS TIMES:

New Years Eve - Mass will be at 4:00 pm

New Years Day - Mass will be at 10:00 am

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.

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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!



**WISHING EVERYONE
A
BLESSED
AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



Upcoming dates:

Sun., Dec. 28: NO CCD
Sun., Jan. 4, 2015: CCD classes resume

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 27	Ryan Kmonk Zachary End	Linda Stukus	Usher	Marie Pietropaolo Jim Price Susan Price	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 28	Angela Valotta Marisa Valotta Rachel Valotta	Cindy Kutchko	Usher	Charles McKinley Jessica McKinley Jeannie Rabick	Pat Staudt Janet DiLonardo Carol Carabin Tom O'Connell
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 31 4 pm	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Adele Trerice	Usher	Loretta White Tony Traficante Mary Kay Sneider	
THURSDAY JANUARY 1 10 am	Zachary End Marley Lewis	David McKinley	George & Mary Pivik	Arlene Miller Karen Rogers Barb Waruszewski	
SATURDAY JANUARY 3	Zachary End Marley Lewis	Loretta White	Beth & Smoke Yingling	Cheryl George Jack George Arlene Miller	
SUNDAY JANUARY 4	Denis Farabaugh Erick Farabaugh Danielle Farabaugh	Bob Oldenski	Viv Colamarino	Carol Carabin George Carabin Shirley DeLuca	Arlene Miller Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy



Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 27 -
Sunday January 4**

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

MONDAY - Fifth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord; St. Thomas Becket 12/29

8 AM Lois Land McDough - Family

TUESDAY - Sixth Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord 12/30

8 AM Theresa Shamrock - Marie Facchiano

WEDNESDAY– Seventh Day within the Octave of the Nativity of the Lord, St. Sylvester I 12/31

4 PM Living and Deceased Members of the Papciak, Blodgett, Anzlovar & Benton Families - Papciak Family

THURSDAY - The Octave Day of the Nativity of the Lord 01/01

10 AM John Tressa - George & Mary Pivik

FRIDAY - St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen 01/02

8 AM Anna Yingling - Beth & Smoke Yingling

SATURDAY – The Most Holy Name of Jesus 01/03

4 PM Eugene Colamarino - Viv Colamarino

SUNDAY - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 01/04

10 AM Gladys Greene - Eileen Wichner

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

DioPitt VICTIMS ASSISTANCE: 412.456.3060 or Toll free: 1.888.808.1235

MASS INTENTIONS AVAILABLE *Having Mass offered for someone's benefit is as good as it comes - 2015 Book open, Please contact the office. The stipend for Masses is set by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and that amount is still \$10 each.*



Readings for the Week of Dec 28

Monday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
 Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Thursday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Friday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Saturday: 1 Jn 2:29 -- 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Saints and Special Observances

Sunday: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph - The *Feast of the Holy Family* is a liturgical celebration in the Catholic Church in honor of Jesus of Nazareth, his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and his foster father, Saint Joseph, as a family. The primary purpose of this feast is to present the Holy Family as a model for Christian families

Monday: St. Thomas Becket - strong man who wavered for a moment, but then learned one cannot come to terms with evil and so became a strong churchman, a martyr and a saint—that was Thomas Becket, archbishop of Canterbury, murdered in his cathedral on December 29, 1170.

Wednesday: St. Sylvester I - A great store of legends has grown up around the man who was pope at this most important time, but very little can be established historically. We know for sure that his papacy lasted from 314 until his death in 335. Reading between the lines of history, we are assured that only a very strong and wise man could have preserved the essential independence of the Church in the face of the overpowering figure of the Emperor Constantine. The bishops in general remained loyal to the Holy See and at times expressed apologies to Sylvester for undertaking important ecclesiastical projects at the urging of Constantine.

Friday: Ss. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen - These men began their friendship while away at school and later became bishops who were the backbone of Catholic Orthodoxy during a period of doctrinal struggle and confusion. Gregory presided over the 2nd ecumenical council, held at Constantinople, whose great achievement was the completion of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed that the Catholic Church recites each Sunday and the definition of the divinity of the Holy Spirit. These Cappadocian Fathers, both Doctors of the Church, proved to be some of the greatest and most influential teachers of all time, honored by both East and West, Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic.

BULLETIN WAS REQUIRED TO BE IN TO PRINTER PRIOR TO THE 12/21 COLLECTION. IT WILL BE SHOWN IN THE 1/4/15 BULLETIN.

Weekly Collection - Dec 21	
Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$
Monthly	\$
Second Collection	\$
PSP received to date	\$22,590
Please remember St. Januarius in your will.	

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



The following letter was received from the Mission Office Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh:

Dear Fr. Ken,

Thank you for the heart-felt World Mission Sunday contribution of \$450.00 from the parishioners of St. Januarius Parish.

On World Mission Sunday, your parish joined with Catholics throughout the world, called to "build His Church," through prayer and participation in the Eucharist, and by generous sacrifice.

Thank you for encouraging the missionary spirit of prayer and sacrifice among your parishioners. Know that you and they remain in the prayers of those served in the Missions.

May you have a gently and joy-filled day,

*Rev. Ronald P. Lengwin
Diocesan Director*

*Wishing all family and friends a Happy New Year
Office Hours: Closed January 1*

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

Only send 300 copies.

