

Saint Januarius Church

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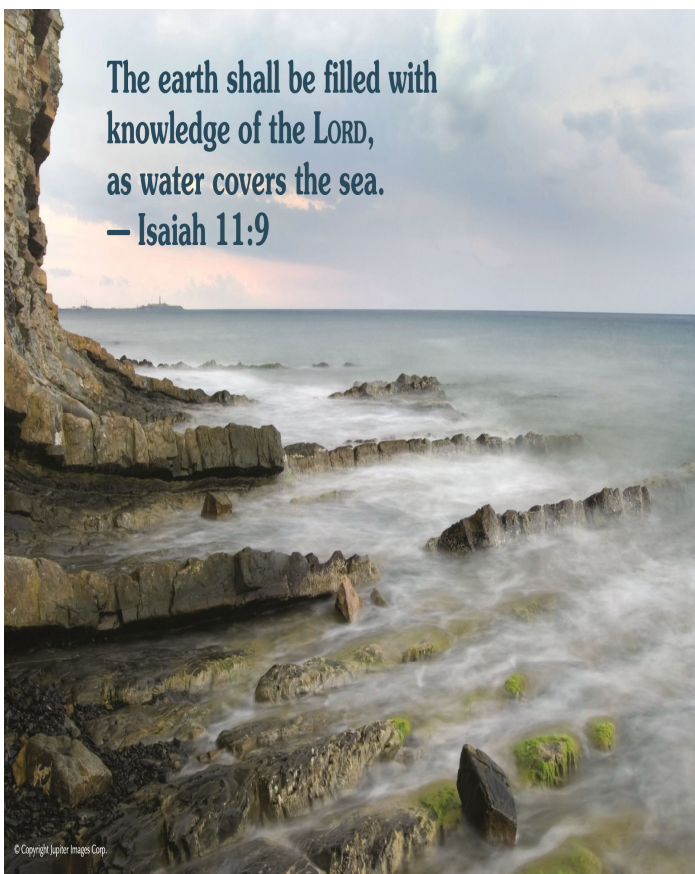
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December 8, 2013
Second Sunday in Advent

GOD'S WORD TODAY

John the Baptist's cry reaches out to us on this Second Sunday of Advent: "Prepare the way of the Lord." How do we recognize the way of the Lord? Isaiah gives us a glimpse of this way. When this reading is proclaimed at Mass today, allow the richness of its imagery to transport you to God's holy mountain, where we catch sight of the way of the Lord. This reading is the very definition of the way of peace and justice that is the kingdom of God. Once again, we must express our sadness and lament the fact that our weary world seems to be so far from the way of the Lord. Justice is not something that floats "out there," waiting for some prophetic types to address it. Injustice occurs in our families, in our companies, in our churches, and in our relationships. Let today's scriptures inspire us to recognize the injustice that surrounds us and to do something to address it. Come, Emmanuel! From *Saint Margaret Sunday Missal*, copyright © J. S. Paluch Company



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 Kutchno

Women's Guild President, Arlene Miller

Pastoral Finance President, George Carabin

Contact the Rectory for more information

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



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)

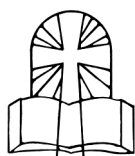
MON (DEC 9) **9:00 AM** PAPCIAK,BLODGET,ANZLOVAR & BENTON LIVING
 Immaculate Conception **(HOLY DAY)** FAMILIES LIVING & DECEASED (Papciak)
 TUE (DEC 10) **7:30 PM** + DAN TALLON (Helen & Henry Reppy)
 Advent Weekday
 WED (DEC 11) **7:30 PM** + WAYNE ZERISHNEK (Hanni Family)
 St. Damasus I, Pope
 THU (DEC 12) **7:30 PM** + RUTH NICHOL (Hanni Family)
 Our Lady of Guadalupe
 FRI (DEC 13) **7:30 PM** + ROBERT COOLEY (Wife, Susan)
 St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAT (DEC 14) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + MARY & VINCE TRESKO (Marie, Vincie & Sonny)
 SUN (DEC 15) **10:00 AM** + RUDOLPH KOSNAC (Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family)

Readings for the Week of December 8

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
DEC. 14	Megan Christman	Pat Demharter	Marie, Vincie & Sonny Pietropaolo	Mary Graf Mary Kay Sneider	
DEC. 15	Zachery End Matt & Alex McKinley	Alexandrea Greenberg	M/M R. Karl	Jim End Catherine Hanlon Gloria Mulholland	Jim End, Gloria Mulholland, Mike Waruszewski & Donna Miller
DEC. 21	David Demharter	Debbie Brinker	M/M Richard Porter	Rick & Patricia Demharter & Mary Kay Sneider	
DEC. 22	Maria, Angela & BJ Campbell	Cindy Kutchko	M/M Oldenski	Karen Rogers, Shirley DeLuca & Connie Fiorina	Connie Fiorina, Carol Kelly Jeannie Rabick & Mary Ellen Zik



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DECEMBER AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- December 9:** Monday, 9:00 A.M. Mass for Feast of Immaculate Conception
December 9: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Men's Fellowship Meeting
December 9: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Pastoral Council 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 11: Wednesday, **CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**
December 16: Monday, 7 P.M. AED Training
December 17: Tuesday, 7 P.M. AED Training
December 17: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
December 23: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
December 24: **Christmas Eve Masses at 4 pm and 6 pm**
December 25: **Christmas Day Mass at 10 am 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

FEBRUARY AT SAINT JANUARIUS

- February 4:** Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
February 10: Monday, 7:00 P.M. Men's Fellowship Meeting
February 11: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
February 18: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous
February 25: Tuesday, 7:00 P.M. Overeaters Anonymous

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Please pray for the following:

Phyllis Pierce
 Kelli Biondich
 Audrey D'Incau
 Theresa Shamrock
 Jacob Knighton
 William Griffith III
 Tom Woods
 Lou Scarano
 Barbara Ayala
 Frank Papciak
 Donnalee McCloy
 Patsy Montanaro
 Kay Silvio
 Emily Snow
 Bill Griffith
 Helen Kosnac
 Jack Tolan
 Bill Stezoski

Elmer Zucco
 Art Proviano
 Angie Zucco
 Dave Lavrich
 Ursula Koontz
 Caroline Keaton
 Betty Davis
 Heather DeLuca
 Sandy Keller
 Sandy Novak
 Farah Marshal
 Haley Uzman
 Albert Silvio
 Stacie Zarroli
 Chuck McKinley
 Gladys Greene
 Patricia Phillips

**DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT THE CENSUS AND RETURN TO RECTORY OFFICE**

REST IN PEACE—Mary Lou Scarano of our parish. 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). Some basic CPR instruction will be included. 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.

THANK YOU to the Young people that helped with the St. Nicholas Mass. Lectors, Frank & Maria Czura and Chris Izydore and Ushers, Bernard Campbell, Blake George, Will Rumcik and Peter Zullo. Good job!

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory Collection	November 24, 2013	2,527.00
Monthly Collection	November 24, 2013	20.00
Religious Retirement fund	November 24, 2013	127.00
Parish share collected to date		21,843.00
PARISH SHARE 2013 ASSESSMENT		30,084.00

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!

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.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED DECEMBER 11, 2013. THANK YOU!**PASTOR'S NOTES**

As the year draws to a close and you are looking for a tax deduction to claim, you can make a donation to our Parish Share Campaign. Simply write on your note section of the check "P.S.P." and it will help us greatly in taking this expense from our ministry. The Parish Share Campaign is vital to the Diocese of Pittsburgh to pay and insure the staff in the diocesan central administration. Any amount that does not get paid by your generosity will come from our parish savings with the diocese.

"The Light is Still on for You" is your opportunity to seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation before celebrating Christmas. All parishes will be open Wednesday, December 11, from 6-9 pm to hear your confessions.

I will be holding individual confession before Christmas on:
 Sunday, Dec. 22 in the afternoon from 12-3 pm
 Monday, Dec 23 in the afternoon from 1-3 and in the evening from 7-9 pm
 Tuesday, Dec. 24 in the morning from 9-12 Noon.

Please take note of this schedule

Thank you to all who made the Saint Nicholas Day event a memorable experience for all families!

Waiting for Jesus Christ with joyful hope and peace

-Fr. Ken

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.

CONFESSIONS FOR ADVENT-at Our Lady of Joy on Tues. December 17 at 7:00 PM

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.

PLUM FOOD PANTRY sent a "Thank You" for our recent donation to the Food Bank from the generous parishioners of St. Januarius..

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, 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.

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..

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.

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.

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.

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

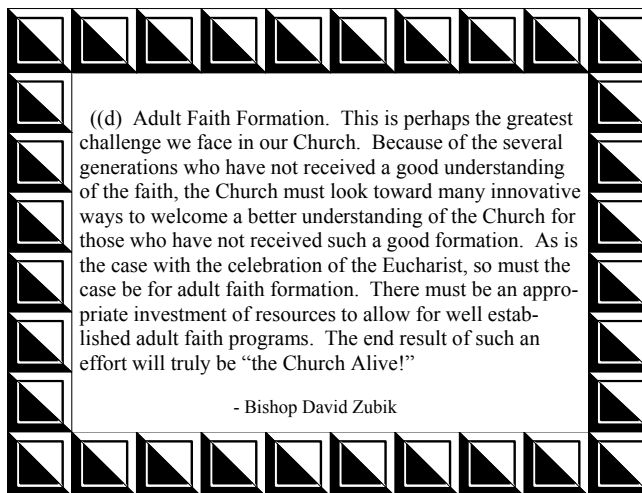
CRISTMAS CARDS—Sketched by Sr. Martha ,lsp. The cards are 7 for \$10 (Plus \$1.50 shipping) 12 for \$15 (plus \$2 shipping) or 30 for \$25 (plus \$5 shipping). Cards can be ordered online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org or by calling 412-307-1100 or sending a check made payable to Little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

NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY with St. Ferdinand Parish at **The Marriott—Pittsburgh North on December 31, 2013 from 7:30 PM to 12:30 PM.** No dress code. Price \$75 thru Dec. 2 and \$80 from Dec.23 to Dec. 29, 2013. Menu of Prime Rib of Beef or Chicken Romano. Includes hors d'oeuvres and entertainment.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT at St. Therese in Munhall with the Revlak Family on **Saturday, December 14 from 5:30 to 7 p.m.** The Revlak family has performed lively song repertoire in Hungarian, Polish, Czech, Ukraine. All are welcome.

FEELING LUCKY?? Lottery Calendars are now on sale at Nativity Church. These are based on the 3 digit PA Daily Number (straight hit, evening draw) and are good for the entire 2014 calendar year. Cost \$30. To order yours, call the Church Office @ 412-655-3000 for more details. All proceeds benefit Nativity Church.

PLACEMENT TEST for 8th Grade boys, who wish to attend Central Catholic starting in fall of 2014, will be administered on **Saturday, December 14, 2013.** Registration fro the test can be completed online at www.centralcatholic.com or contact the Admissions Office at 412-621-7505 with any questions.



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