

Saint Januarius Church

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December 15, 2013
Second Sunday in Advent

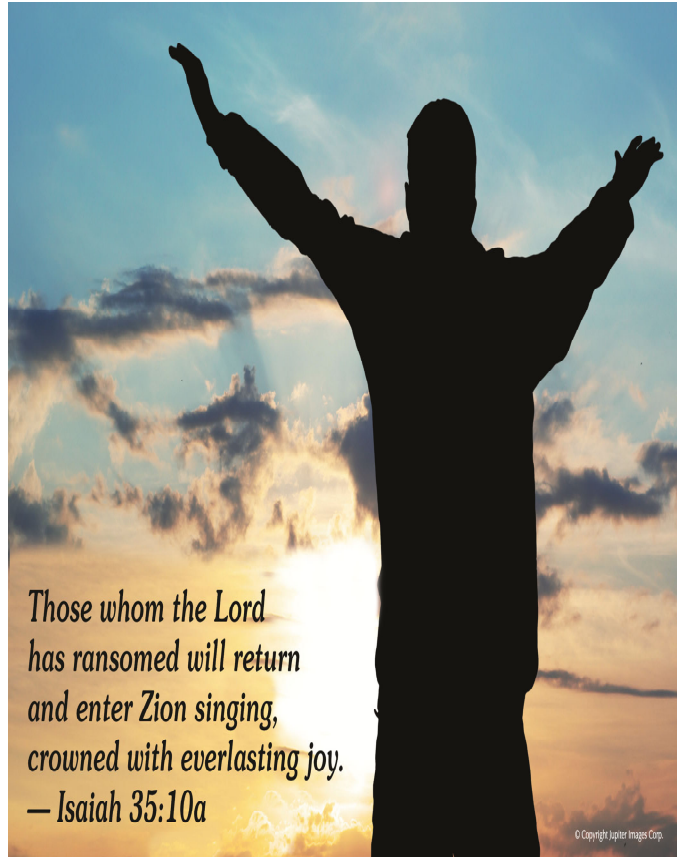
PROMISE FULFILLED

Today's readings address the faithful one, the one who waits on God but may not feel God's presence. Every person who seeks God has at one time or another experienced the absence of God. Jesus himself cried out during his dark night of the soul.

The Epistle of James speaks to this. The author says that we must be as patient as the silent, fallow earth that awaits the slow, soaking rains of winter and the hard, necessary rains of spring. As the farmer is sure of the precious yield of the land, we can be sure of the precious yield of our patient waiting. God is never far away.

The messengers from John the Baptizer asked Jesus if he was the one whose coming John had announced. The messengers wanted to hear the answer that the imprisoned John already knew. Everything that John said was finally happening: because of Jesus, light shines in eyes; words of promise are received; people leap and dance.

The promise of Isaiah is fulfilled in Jesus. Wobbly knees and feeble hands are strong, the desert blooms, the savanna and steppe flower, the darkness is chased away.
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*Those whom the Lord
has ransomed will return
and enter Zion singing,
crowned with everlasting joy.
— Isaiah 35:10a*

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

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



THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

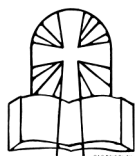
SAT (DEC 14)	VIGIL 4:00 PM	+ MARY & VINCE TRESKO (Marie, Vincie Sonny)
SUN (DEC 15)	10:00 AM	+ RUDOLPH KOSNAC (Helen Kosnac & Hayes Family)
MON (DEC 16)	7:30 AM	+ CORINA FORTI (Prince Family)
Advent Weekday		
TUE (DEC 17)	7:30 AM	+ DAN TALLON (Lynn & Bernie Neuwirth)
Late Advent Weekday		
WED (DEC 18)	7:30 AM	+ CHRIS A. PUHLMAN (Fr. Robert & Albert Puhlman & Peg Phillips)
Late Advent Weekday		
THUR (DEC 19)	7:30 AM	+ JOSEPH TRACY (Amy Wodarczyk)
Late Advent Weekday		
FRI (DEC 20)	7:30 AM	+ MARY MCVAY (Bush Family)
Late Advent Weekday		

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

SAT (DEC 21)	VIGIL 4:00 PM	+ THOMAS ROCHE (People of St. Januarius)
SUN (DEC 22)	10:00 AM	+ EDWARD & CLARA OLDENSKI (Robert & Lorraine Oldenski)

Readings for the Week of December 15

READINGS FOR THE WEEK:



Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25

Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
DEC. 14	David Demharter	Pat Demharter	M/M Richard Porter	Mary Graf, Kathleen Hood and Mary Kay Sneider	
DEC. 15	Maria, Angela & BJ Campbell	Alexandra Greenberg	M/M R. Oldenski	Karen Rogers, Shirley DeLuca & Connie Fiorina	Jim End, Gloria Mulholland, Mike Waruszewski & Donna Miller
DEC. 21	David Demharter	Debbie Brinker	M/M R. Porter	Rick & Patricia Demharter and 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 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 6:30 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



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.

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

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.

UPCOMING PASTORAL VISIT BY FR. FRED CAIN, REGIONAL VICAR will be on **Monday, January 6, 2014**.

The purpose of the visit is to encourage and assist the priest, parish staff, and pastoral and finance councils of the parish as well as to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of the parish pastoral plan, pastoral programs and services of the parish. If you wish to contact the Regional Vicar in advance of the parish visitation or at any time, feel free to contact him at 412-456-5645 or by email at vicariate2@diopitt.org.

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory Collection	December 1, 2013	2,527.00
Monthly Collection	December 1, 2013	20.00

Parish share collected to date	21,843.00
PARISH SHARE 2013 ASSESSMENT	30,084.00

SCHULE FOR CHRISTMAS MASSES:***ALTAR SERVERS—CHRISTMAS EVE***

4 PM—Megan Christman & Kyle Hanes

6:30 PM—David Demharter

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM—Alani & Abby Dilonardo

EUCARISTIC MINISTERS—CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM—Tony Traficante, Loretta & Mary Ann Kaiser

6:30 PM—Jim & Susan Price & Adele Terrier

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM—Arlene Miller, Jessica & Chuck McKinley

LECTORS—CHRISTMAS EVE

4 PM—Mary Ann Birsas

6:30 PM—Tracy Zanaglio

CHRISTMAS DAY

10 AM—Dave Lavrich

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 **January 13 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.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Once again, I urge everyone to seek the sacrament of Reconciliation before the celebration of Christmas.

Here are some schedules where I'll be present:

Our Lady of Joy—Tuesday, December 17, 7 pm.

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

The C.C.D. students confessions are being heard on Sundays during their class period/

Please take note of this schedule

Come and be reconciled to God! If you forgot what to do and what to pray, I'll lead you through it. I will not scream at you for any reason. Unload your spiritual burdens and feel a new soul emerge from within you! I'll be at the Good Shepherds, Good Leadership class for pastors on Dec. 17th during the morning and afternoon. Sorry for the inconvenience.

Please pick up your children's pictures from the St. Nicholas Day celebration. They are in the hall on the long table.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Smile more often. The more you smile, the happier you will be. Plus, when you smile, you attract other positive people to you. Smile at others and they will smile back, which will make you feel good and want to smile more!

Let us wait for Jesus with joyful hope and peace.—Fr. Ken

PLEASE FORGIVE THE OVERSIGHT—In the “Thank You” to the children that helped with St. Nicholas celebration 3 names were inadvertently omitted. Abby, Alani and Savino DiLonardo. Thanks for a job well done.

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

KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE at St. John’s School on Thursday, January 16, 2014 from 6:30 PM to 7:30 PM. Your Children are welcome to attend with you. Please RSVP to the school office by Jan. 13 412-793-0555.

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, 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. The First Marriage Encounter is February 14-16 at Toftrees Resort in State College. April 4-6 at Four Points Sheraton, Pittsburgh Airport. 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.

CRISTMAS CARDS—Sketched by Sr. Martha ,isp. 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.

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.

GOLF BASH 2014-at St. Ferdinand’s Oldenski Hall on January 25, 2014 from 11:30 AM to 5 PM. A donation of \$35 per person includes raffles for great prizes and plenty of free food & beverages. To order tickets call 724-816-7299.

DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY is holding an Accounting Honors Institute for High school students who have an interest in business. The three topics are Enterprise Resource Planning - Jan. 11 & Feb. 1, Understanding Financial Statements and Related Reports-Feb. 8 & 12 and Fraud and Forensics –Mar. 15 & 29. The program cost is \$25 per topic or \$65 for all 3 topics. To register please Call Debbie Kennedy at 412-396-5832 or register online www.duq.edu?business/AHI

“To speak of catechesis which flows from the Eucharist and evangelization cannot stop at a point of education I the faith. The faith is meant to be lived. Faith formation is about helping each of us find ways in which we can better live our faith as servants in the example of Jesus Himself.

- Bishop David Zubik

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