

Saint Januarius Church

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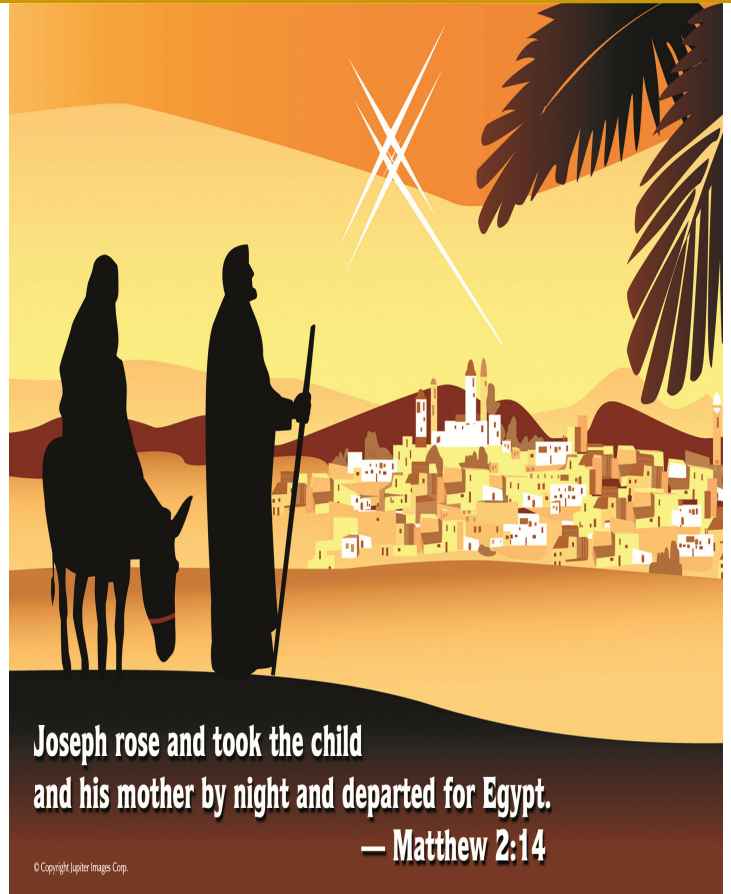
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December 29, 2013
Second Sunday in Advent

LOVE

For generations, various cultures regarded family life merely as a utilitarian necessity. Sirach introduces honor and respect. For Jews and Christians alike, the value of family goes even further. The family is seen as the indispensable school where love is learned. Paul addresses the Colossians and offers a list of virtues that make for a solid and happy church. These values also make for a happy family at ease with itself and its members: mercy, kindness, humility, meekness, patience, forgiveness. As a capstone, Paul urges love, which brings all of these domestic virtues to perfection.

Paul seems to be on a roll as he lauds the virtues of the church at Colossae. With such heartfelt virtues, it is no wonder Paul bursts into song. Who wouldn't? It's clear that the center of the church is love. It is clear that no matter how far from home the members travel, the heart remains and all the members are connected by the gravitational pull of mutual love, a love first learned in family life. Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.



Joseph rose and took the child
and his mother by night and departed for Egypt.
— Matthew 2:14

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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



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

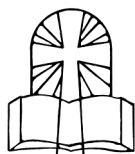
SAT (DEC 28) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + CATHERINE & LAWRENCE GRECO (M/M L. Greco)
 SUN (DEC 29) **10:00 AM** + IRENE & JOHNNY CHIAVAROLI (Marie Franco Family)
 MON (DEC 30) **7:30 AM** + DENNIS ANDRASCIK (Bernard & Lorraine Kriger)
 Within the Octave of the Nativity
 TUE (DEC 31) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + JOSEPH CONTI (Dad, Anthony Conti)
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 WED (JAN 1) **10:00 AM** + PAPCIAK,BLODGETT,ANZLOVAR & BENTON FAMILIES LIVING & DECEASED (Papciak Family)
 Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
 THU (JAN 2) **7:30 AM** + EDWARD KNORR (Pam Rybarczik,Jinny Clark & Barbara Hartman)
 Sts.Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
 FRI (JAN 3) **7:30 AM** + CHRISTINE BIELSTEIN (Konop Family)

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

SAT (JAN 4) **VIGIL 4:00 PM** + ANTHONY MICHAEL & Joan (GRACE) FARINA (Anthony & Jean Marie Farina)
 SUN (JAN 5) **10:00 AM** + PAUL SHAMROCK)Wife, Theresa)

Readings for the Week of December 22

READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Monday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
Tuesday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-11 13; Jn 1:1-18
Wednesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

Thursday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
Friday: 1 Jn 2:29 - 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
Saturday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-3; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Ministry Schedule

<u>DATE</u>	<u>ALTAR SERVERS</u>	<u>LECTORS</u>	<u>OFFERTORY</u>	<u>COMMUNION</u>	<u>MONEY COUNTERS</u>
DEC. 28	Kyle Hanes Erin Hanes	Tracy Zanaglio	M/M L. Greco	Jim & Susan Price & Connie Meli	
DEC. 29	Zachary End, Peter Zullo & Alexandra Greenberg	Bob Oldenski	Maria Franco & Family	Mark & Kathy Heinz & Jim End	Keith & Anna Trischan & Marie Pietropaolo
JAN 4	Kyle & Erin Hanes	Kathleen Hood	M/M J. Mastandrea	Vincie Barbieri, Patricia & Richard Demharter	
JAN 5	Christopher Izydore,Alani & Abby Di-Lonardo	Pat Staudt	Shamrock Family	George & Carol Carabin & Shirley DeLuca	Arlene Miller, Bernard & Karen Murphy



DECEMBER AT SAINT JANUARIUS

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 9: Sunday, 10:00 A.M, Mass "World Marriage Day"
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	Elmer Zucco
Kelli Biondich	Art Proviano
Audrey D'Incau	Angie Zucco
Theresa Shamrock	Dave Lavrich
Jacob Knighton	Ursula Koontz
William Griffith III	Caroline Keaton
Tom Woods	Betty Davis
Heather DeLuca	Barbara Ayala
Frank Papciak	Sandy Novak
Donnalee McCloy	Farah Marshal
Patsy Montanaro	Haley Uzman
Kay Silvio	Albert Silvio
Emily Snow	Stacie Zarroli
Chuck McKinley	Bill Griffith
Helen Kosnac	Gladys Greene
Jack Tolan	Patricia Phillips
Bill Stezoski	Sandy Keller



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.

A BIG "THANK YOU" TO THE GENEROUS PEOPLE OF ST. JANUARIUS

The Money collected for the coat drive was **\$583.30**
 The money spent on the purchase of **10 coats 354.80**
 The remainder of the money was given to the Plum Food Bank in the amount of **\$183.50**. Also, thanks to Carol Carabin who took charge of this project and made it the success it was.

COLLECTIONS:

Offertory Collection	December 15, 2013	2,200.00
Monthly Collection	December 15, 2013	240.00
Immaculate Conception	December 15, 2014	383.00
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 **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 psycho-therapist, 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.

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

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

WORLD MARRIAGE DAY is celebrated throughout the Catholic Church and reflects in a special way Christ's love for His bride, the church—a sacrificial life-giving love that is faithful, fruitful and forever. Today, more than ever, our families, parishes and communities need witnesses and support for the complementary union of man and woman that Christ raised to the dignity of a sacrament. It is celebrated the 2nd Sunday in February and is important for us not just to stand up for the sanctity of marriage, but understand the importance of this vocation. **St. Januarius will be celebrating WMD on Feb. 9, 2014 and we would like to know how many would be interested in participating in the special mass and a possible reception afterwards. If interested please contact the rectory at 412-793-4439.**

PASTOR'S NOTES
 HAVE A BLESSED AND PEACEFULL
 2014!

New Year's Resolution: **Volunteer.**

When you volunteer, whether on a regular basis or only for an occasional activity, you bring happiness to others, and in turn, you bring happiness to yourself. There are many different ways to volunteer. The urge to volunteer only strikes some people around the holidays. But volunteering can be appreciated throughout the year. Here are some of the organizations in our parish who like to see some new faces join them in their ministry.

Ushers, Choir, C.C.D., Money Counters, Lectors, Parish Council, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Pastoral Council, Parish Council Committees, and Eucharistic ministers.

Put that Christmas spirit into action and help us build up the Kingdom of God at Saint Januarius.

- Fr. Ken

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

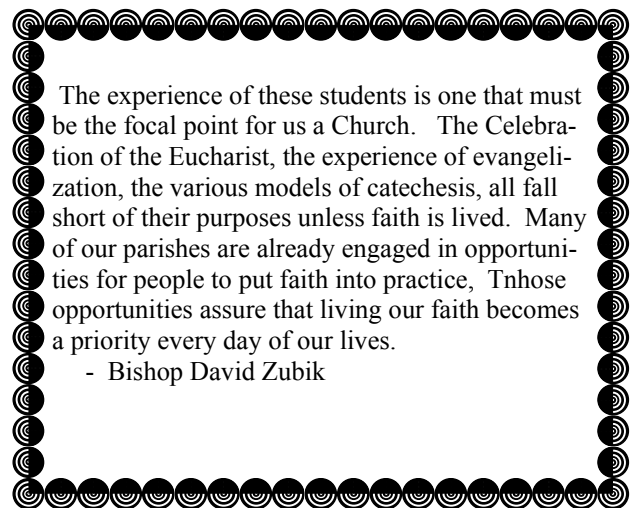
LUCKY MARCH RAFFLE—to benefit The Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill for a donation of \$10 a ticket, it provides 26 chances to win from \$125 to \$1000 during the month of March 2014. Based on the evening 3 digit Lottery. No prizes will be awarded on Sundays. To get you ticket call 412-243-4651, Ext. #647. All money and tickets are to be returned no later than Feb. 26, 2014

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

SEPARATED SUPPORT GROUP jointly sponsored by Sts. John & Paul, St. Richard & St. John Neumann parishes will begin its next 13 week cycle of meetings on **Monday, January 6, 2014.** This group provides caring support to anyone who is experiencing the pain of separation or divorce. Meetings are on Monday evenings from **7 PM to 8:45 PM at St. John Neumann Church in Room A** of the Religious Education Hall. If interested please contact Ralph Joy at 412-741-5456 or rjoy205@verizon.net

4 STAGES OF MARRIAGE— are (1) Romance, (2) Dissillusionment, (3) Misery, and (4) Awakening. Many marriages experience the first 3 stages. Marriages that end in divorce never make it to the 4th Stae of Awakening. Don't give up without learning about the 4th Stage. If your marriage suffers please contact Retrouvaille. For confidential information about or to register for the program beginning with a weekend on January 17-19, 2014 call 412-277-3434.

MARRIAGE MOMENTS— “Thus the total number of generations from Abraham to Davis is 14; from David to the Babylonian exile, 14 generations; from the Babylonian exile to the Christ, 14 generations.” (Mt 1:17) How well do you know your beloved's ancestry? Se how far back you can go.



The experience of these students is one that must be the focal point for us a Church. The Celebration of the Eucharist, the experience of evangelization, the various models of catechesis, all fall short of their purposes unless faith is lived. Many of our parishes are already engaged in opportunities for people to put faith into practice, Tn those opportunities assure that living our faith becomes a priority every day of our lives.

- Bishop David Zubik

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