

# Saint Januarius Parish

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December 6, 2015  
Second Sunday of Advent

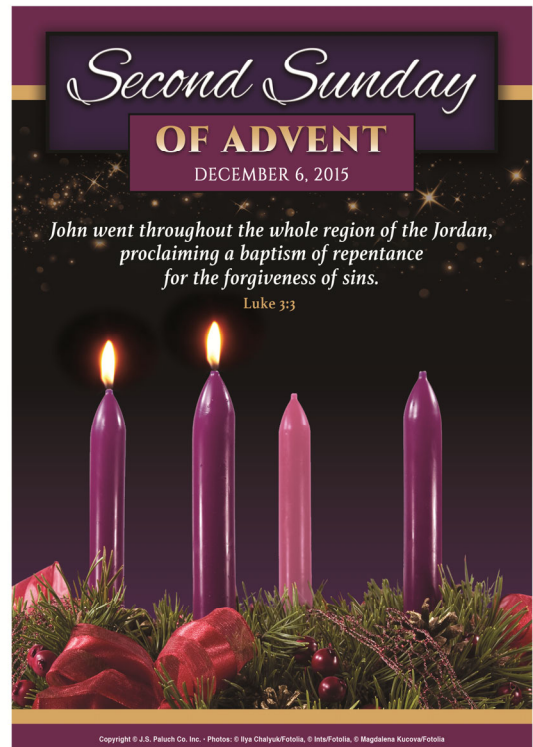
## PUT ON JOY

Today, Baruch speaks of the splendor that lies ahead for the city of Jerusalem and for all of us, regardless of where home is for us. Throw off strife, he tells us, and put on joy. Like a favorite old sweatshirt, joy fits, and how warm it keeps us, even when the winds blow cold.

Paul knows of this joy as he pens his letter to the Philippians, praying that they may grow in their ability to discern what is righteous and good. And Luke speaks to us of John, who was foretold by Isaiah and who sings a similar song--"Prepare the way of the Lord," for salvation is at hand.

A man ahead of his time, Baruch spent his days joyfully awaiting a distant glory. On this Second Sunday of Advent, Paul and John know that this glory is upon 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:** Josephine Rock  
**Women's Guild President:** Arlene Miller  
**C.C.D. Coordinators:** Diana Bullick  
Helen Feledik  
**Prayer Chain Contact:** Tracy Zanolio  
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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

The annual Giving Tree is up. Please make sure to have all gifts returned by December 20. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

This Advent season, each Catholic parish in the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on **Wednesday, December 9**. If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday afternoon confession time, this is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. "*The Light is On for You!*," especially if you haven't been to confession in a while. Our parish is open from 7-9 pm.

Pope Francis has given to the Church an Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It begins on Tuesday, 8 December 2015, with the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and concludes on Sunday, 20 November 2016, the Solemnity of Christ the King. Bishop Zubik will open the "Door of Mercy" at Saint Paul Cathedral on Sunday, December 13, 2015 at a special mass at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is welcomed to be led through the Holy Door with Bishop Zubik.

The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on December 8, and this solemnity is a Holy Day of Obligation. We will celebrate Mass as follows:

**December 7 (Vigil) will be at 7:00 pm**  
**December 8 will be at 9:00 am and 4:00 pm**

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

## Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following:

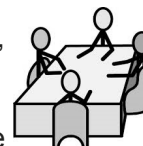


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| Kevin D.             | Chuck McKinley   | Jack Tolan     |
| Audrey D'Incau       | Kathy Miller     | George Walcutt |
| Helen Feledik        | Patsy Montanaro  | Tom Woods      |
| William Griffith III | Msgr. Ogradowski | Angie Zucco    |
| Fredrick Heinz       | Sandy Novak      | Elmer Zucco    |
| Mary K. Heinz        | Phyllis Pierce   |                |
| Sandy Keller         | Mary Pivik       |                |
| Jacob Knighton       | Rege             |                |
| Ursula Koontz        | Reinersmann      |                |
| Helen Kosnac         | Kay Silvio       |                |
| Farah Marshal        | Ida Sobr         |                |
| Donnalee McCloy      | Phil Stango      |                |

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, Dec. 8 Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897



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



To Alani DiLonardo who made the 1st Quarter Ruby Honor Roll at Sierra Catholic High School!!!

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**Happy Birthday!**

We wish a very happy birthday to:

**Giovanna Tavella**

You are a gift from God!



**CCD 2015-16 INFORMATION**

- † Dec. 6: Children's Mass and St. Nicholas celebration
- † Dec. 6: Penance (grades 3 and 8)
- † Dec. 13: Penance (grades 4 and 7)
- † Dec. 20: Penance (grades 5 and 6) and Christmas treat
- † Dec. 27 and Jan. 3: NO CCD

**As we await the blessed birth of our Savior, don't forget to practice your prayers to thank Him for our many gifts and blessings**



**FAMILY THANKSGIVING MASS**

We would like to extend a **BIG** thank you to all who were able to attend this mass! It was delightful to see so many children and much food was donated for the Plum Food Pantry. Thank you for your very kind generosity.

**Children's Mass and St. Nicholas Celebration**

Please join us for a special Children's mass, served by children in grades 1, 4, and 8, at 10:00 on Sunday, December 6. The children are invited to participate in the St. Nicholas celebration in the Church Hall immediately following mass. If your child is attending, please sign up in the vestibule. We are also asking for a cookie donation. Thanks!

**JESSE TREE**

**Please enjoy our Jesse Tree in the church hall. This tree is decorated by our eighth graders to celebrate Advent!**



***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 5	Maria Czura Marley Lewis	Loretta White	The Reseta Family	Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy Marie Pietropaolo	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 6	Abby DiLonardo Alani DiLonardo Savino DiLonardo	Mark Heinz	Helen K., Jim and Stephanie Hayes	Mike Waruszewski Judy Rogers Nancy Golubski	Arlene Miller Karen Murphy Bernard Murphy
MONDAY DECEMBER 7 7:00 PM	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Tracy Zanaglio	Pietro & Agata Curigliano	Connie Meli Arlene Miller Phyllis Pierce	
TUESDAY DECEMBER 8 4:00 PM	Megan Christman Maria Czura	Anita Valotta	Gloria Mulholland	George Carabin Carol Carabin Shirley DeLuca	
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12	Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Laura Zullo	Marie, Vincie and Sonnie	Loretta White Vincie Barbieri Patricia Demharter	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 13	Angela Valotta Marisa Valotta Rachel Valotta	Bob Oldenski	Martin Zanaglio	Carol Kelly Mark Heinz Kathy Heinz	Pat Staudt Janet DiLonardo Carol Carabin Tom O'Connell



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 5 -  
Sunday December 13**

### SATURDAY – Advent Weekday 12/05

4 PM Lou Reseta - Family

### SUNDAY - Second Sunday Of Advent 12/06

10 AM Rudy Kosnac - Helen K., Jim & Stephanie Hayes

### MONDAY - St. Ambrose 12/07

8 AM Christine Beilstein - Konop Family

7 PM Mary Castello - Pietro & Agata Curigliano

### TUESDAY - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary 12/08

9 AM Fiorenza Cirollo - Elizabeth & Frank Greco

4 PM Lester Mulholland - Wife Gloria

### WEDNESDAY - St. Juan Diego 12/09

8 AM Libby Jacaszek - Tom, Lisa & Tommy Schwer

### THURSDAY - Advent Weekday 12/10

8 AM Deceased Members of Redzinak Family - Helen K., Jim & Stephanie Hayes

### FRIDAY - St. Damasus I 12/11

8 AM Joseph Mancarella - Patty, Jim & Jamie Flaherty

### SATURDAY – Our Lady of Guadalupe 12/12

4 PM Mary and Vince Tresco - Marie, Vincie & Sonnie

### SUNDAY - Third Sunday Of Advent 12/13

10 AM Patricia Phillips - Martin Zanaglio

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

## Readings for the Week of Dec. 6

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18  
bcde,19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,

Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

## Saints and Special Observances

**Monday: St. Ambrose** - Was a bishop of Milan who became one of the most influential ecclesiastical figures of the 4th century. He was consular prefect of Liguria and Emilia, headquartered in Milan, before being made bishop of Milan by popular acclamation in 374. Traditionally, Ambrose is credited with promoting "antiphonal chant", a style of chanting in which one side of the choir responds alternately to the other, as well as with composing *Veni redemptor gentium*, a Advent hymn. Ambrose was one of the four original doctors of the Church, and is the patron saint of Milan. He is notable for his influence on St. Augustine

**Tuesday: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary** - The Immaculate Conception refers to the condition that the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, Saint Anne.

**Wednesday: St. Juan Diego** - His name is forever linked with Our Lady of Guadalupe because it was to him that she first appeared at Tepeyac hill on December 9, 1531. The most famous part of his story is told in connection the roses gathered in his tilma were transformed into the miraculous image of Our Lady

**Friday: St. Damasus I** - He makes us aware of two qualities of good leadership: alertness to the promptings of the Spirit and service. His struggles are a reminder that Jesus never promised his Rock protection from hurricane winds nor his follower's immunity from difficulties. His only guarantee is final victory.

**Saturday: Our Lady of Guadalupe** - is a title of the Virgin Mary associated with a celebrated pictorial image housed in the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City, Mexican national identity is entwined with that of Guadalupe

### Weekly Collection - Nov. 22

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$ 2,154
Monthly	\$ 70
Second Collection	\$ 1,202
PSP received 2015	\$ 16,445

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.

### Weekly Collection - Nov. 29

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$ 2,071
Monthly	\$ 460
Second Collection	\$ 79
PSP received 2015	\$ 16,445

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.



*Around Our District*

**WALK THROUGH THE HOLY DOOR WITH BISHOP ZUBIK**

-- In response to Pope Francis' call for a Jubilee Year of Mercy, our Bishop David Zubik will open a Holy Door on Sunday, Dec. 13, 2015 at 2:30 PM during a special Mass in Saint Paul Cathedral. Everyone is welcome to be led through the Holy Door with Bishop Zubik. For more information go to [www.diopitt.org/jubilee-yearmercy](http://www.diopitt.org/jubilee-yearmercy).



**HEALING MASS:** The Fraternity of Priests will be celebrating a Mass for healing on Wednesday, December 2 at Madonna del Castello Parish, Swissvale at 7:00 pm at North American Martyrs Parish in Monroeville. You are invited to come and celebrate the Eucharist with them, expecting the healing presence of the Lord Jesus, as at every Mass, to touch you in all of your needs.

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

- All are invited to celebrate Mass in Spanish with Bishop Zubik and the Hispanic/Latino Catholic Apostolate at 7:00 pm on Friday, December 11 at St. Paul Cathedral. St. John's will be having a bus going if there are enough interested. They will be staying a little after the Mass to enjoy the Fiesta afterwards. Please contact Joanne at 412-793-1617 ext. 261 or at [joannyouth3@aol.com](mailto:joannyouth3@aol.com)



**St. Januarius, Pray for us.**

*Diocesan News*

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE:** Celebrate May, the month of Our Lady, by being in the Grace filled village of Medjugorje with Mother's Pilgrims pilgrimage to Medjugorje. In the words of Our Lady, "Thank you for responding to my call. If you knew how much I love you, you'd cry for joy." April 26-May 5,

2016. Spiritual Directors will be Rev. Tony Gargotta and Rev. Joseph Mele. Hostess for the Pilgrimage will be Cathy Howe and Medjugorje Visionary Mirjana Soldo. For more information, please call Cathy at 412-878-4673 or Chuck Wysor at Ambassador Travel Service at 412-336-7200 or Mary Ann Sarver at 412-486-8874. Please visit for more information [www.motherspilgrims.com](http://www.motherspilgrims.com). Space is limited.



**NEW YEAR'S EVE OLDIES DINNER DANCE** - Most Holy Name of Jesus Parish will host their Annual New Year's event on Thursday, December 31st. Doors will open at 7:30 pm; dancing from 8 pm - 1 am. Tickets are now available for \$40 per person and includes a full, 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, BYOB. (A snow date of Saturday, January 2nd had been set.) The MHN New Year's Eve Dinner Dance has become very popular as a great night and a safe way to welcome in the New Year! So mark your calendars and plan to come eat, drink and party with us this New Year's Eve. The school hall is located at 1515 Tinsbury Street, Pittsburgh 15212. Phone 412-231-2994, ext. 0 / [mostholyname@gmail.com](mailto:mostholyname@gmail.com) Visit [www.mostholynameofjesusparish15212.org](http://www.mostholynameofjesusparish15212.org)

**DIAL 2-1-1** - 24-hour professionally staffed hotline for help with human services. Feeding your family, avoiding eviction; caring for elders, keeping your heat/air on, protecting a friend, joining workforce, and more.

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Membership Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ONE:

New Registration  Change of Address  Moving out of Parish  Want Envelopes

**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.**

