

# Saint Januarius Parish

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December 20, 2015  
Fourth Sunday of Advent

## A NEW ORDER

"O, Little Town of Bethlehem." A Philadelphia clergyman named Phillips Brooks penned these popular words back in the mid-1800s, but the prophet Micah could have used them first. Micah knew that from small packages great treasures come. In today's first reading, he knew that from tiny Bethlehem would come the Lord. The writer in Hebrews explains that Christ came to us to do the will of God by establishing a new order and by becoming our perfect sacrifice. And Luke tells us that Elizabeth and John, the infant in her womb, understand that great and wondrous things are at hand with the coming of the Lord. This is the Fourth Sunday of Advent. Soon we celebrate anew the fruit of Mary's womb. As we are told in Hebrews, Jesus' new order is being established even today. And as Micah proclaims, his greatness is reaching even now to the ends of the earth.

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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  
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

Thank you to everyone who took angels from our annual Giving Tree. Through your concern and generosity, this parish will help those less unfortunate, the homeless and those in transition in the area of Plum Boro.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for the beautiful Christmas sign which is located at the front of our church. Not only has it been a blessing for our church, but for everyone who travels on Renton Road, they see the beautiful sign and the true message of Christmas.

Penance Service will be Monday, December 21 at North American Martyrs from 7-9 pm. Reconciliation will be here on Tuesday, December 22 from 1-3 pm and Wednesday, December 23 from 7-9 pm.

Christmas Mass schedules are as follows: Christmas Eve, 4:00 pm and Christmas Day will be at 10:00 am

Blessings to you and your families and friends during this season of celebration of the Birth of Jesus Christ. Wishing each and everyone of you a Blessed and Merry Christmas.

We are in the early weeks of the Jubilee Year of Mercy called by the Holy Father. The Jubilee Year will last until November 28th next year. Pope Francis has described this year as a "favorable time to heal wounds." At the same time, we have begun "On Mission for The Church Alive!" The goal of "On Mission" is to help our parishes become even more vibrant communities of service. What social outreach to the community can our parish do that it is not doing now? To read more, check out "On Mission for The Church Alive!" on page 5 of this week's Pittsburgh Catholic and visit [www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org)

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

## Sick and Homebound

Please pray for the following:



Kevin D.	Chuck McKinley	Jack Tolan
Audrey D'Incau	Kathy Miller	George Walcutt
Helen Feledik	Patsy Montanaro	Tom Woods
William Griffith III	Msr. 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. 22 Contact Sherry @ 412-795-4897



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

*Wishing each and everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas!*

*The office will be closed Dec 24 & 25*



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**CCD 2015-16 INFORMATION**

- † Dec. 20: Penance (grades 5 and 6) and Christmas treat
- † Dec. 27 and Jan. 3: NO CCD
- † Jan. 10: CCD Resumes

**JESSE TREE**

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



**CONFIRMATION DATE**

We have received notification from the Bishop's office that this year's Confirmation will be on Tuesday, March 15th.



**Happy Birthday!**

We wish a very happy birthday to:

**Fisher Bradley**  
You are a gift from God!



*Wishing everyone a Blessed and Merry Christmas from the CCD Staff.*



**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 19	Maria Czura Marley Lewis	Frank Czura	Connie Meli & Family	Kathleen Specht Tony Traficante Loretta White	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 20	Denis Farabaugh Erik Farabaugh Danielle Farabaugh	David McKinley	Ryan Family	Marlene Jones Donna Flaherty Connie Fiorina	Jim End Gloria Mulholland Mike Waruszewski Donna Miller
THURSDAY DECEMBER 24	Abby DiLonardo Alani DiLonardo Savino DiLonardo	Patricia Demharter		Mary Ann Kaiser Bernard Murphy Karen Murphy	
FRIDAY DECEMBER 25	Erin Hanes Kyle Hanes	Rachel Valotta		Charles McKinley Jessica McKinley Karen Griffith	
SATURDAY DECEMBER 26	Megan Christman Maria Czura	Kathleen Specht	Connie Meli and Family	Jim Price Susan Price Mary Kay Sneider	
SUNDAY DECEMBER 27	Angela Campbell BJ Campbell	Pat Staudt	Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Barbieri	Nancy Golubski Jeannie Rabick Arlene Miller	Connie Fiorina Jeannie Rabick Mary Ellen Zik Carol Kelly



## Mass Intentions

**Saturday, December 19 -  
Sunday December 27**

### **SATURDAY – Late Advent Weekday 12/19**

4 PM Sam Meli - Connie Meli & Family

### **SUNDAY - Fourth Sunday Of Advent 12/20**

10 AM Patricia Phillips - Ryan Family

### **MONDAY - Advent Weekday 12/21**

8 AM Mary Lou Scarano - Husband Vince

### **TUESDAY - Late Advent Weekday 12/22**

8 AM George Evan - Family

### **WEDNESDAY - Late Advent Weekday 12/23**

8 AM Living and Deceased Members of the Papciak,  
Blodgett, Anzlovar & Benton Families - Papciak  
Family

### **THURSDAY - The Vigil of Christmas 12/24**

4 PM For all the Living and Deceased Member of  
St. Januarius Parish

### **FRIDAY - The Nativity of the Lord 12/25**

10 AM Rudy Kosnack - Helen K., Jim and Stephanie

### **SATURDAY – Late Advent Weekday 12/26**

4 PM Terry Meli - Connie Meli and Family

### **SUNDAY - The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph 12/27**

10 AM Vince and Mary Tresco - M/M Joseph Barbieri

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

## Readings for the Week of Dec. 20

Monday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3,  
11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk  
1:46-56

Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10,  
14; Lk 1:57-66

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5,  
27, 29; Lk 1:67-79

Friday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14;  
Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;

Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20; Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-  
6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Saturday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6,  
8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28;  
Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21  
[12-17] or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## Saints and Special Observances

**Monday: St. Peter Canisius** - Was an renowned Dutch Jesuit Catholic priest. He became known for his strong support for the Catholic faith during the Protestant Reformation in Germany, Austria, Bohemia, Moravia, and Switzerland. The restoration of the Catholic Church in Germany after the Protestant Reformation is largely attributed to the work there of the Society of Jesus, which he led. He is venerated in the Catholic Church as a saint and as a Doctor of the Church.

**Wednesday: St. John of Kanty** - An extremely humble man, he did his best, but his best was not to the liking of his parishioners. Besides, he was afraid of the responsibilities of his position. But in the end he won his people's hearts. After some time he returned to Kraków and taught Scripture for the remainder of his life

**Friday: The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)** - The canonical gospels of Luke and Matthew both describe Jesus as born in Bethlehem in Judea, to a virgin mother. In the Gospel of Luke account, Joseph and Mary travel from Nazareth to Bethlehem and Jesus is born there and laid in a manger.<sup>[1]</sup> Angels proclaim him a savior for all people, and shepherds come to adore him. In the Matthew account, astronomers follow a star to Bethlehem to bring gifts to Jesus, born the *King of the Jews*.

**Saturday: St. Stephen** - Stephen's name means "crown," and he was the first disciple of Jesus to receive the martyr's crown. Stephen was a deacon in the early Christian Church. The apostles had found that they needed helpers to look after the care of the widows and the poor. So they ordained seven deacons, and Stephen is the most famous of these. God worked many miracles through St. Stephen and he spoke with such wisdom and grace that many of his hearers became followers of Jesus

## **Weekly Collection - Dec. 13**

Collection	Amount
Offertory	\$ 2,805
Monthly	\$ 252
Second Collection	\$ 344
PSP received 2015	\$ 18,515

Please remember St. Januarius in your will.

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

*Around Our District*

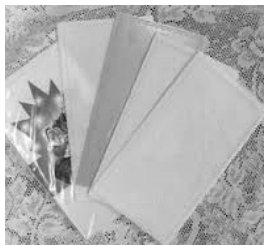
**INFANT JESUS RESPECT LIFE GROUP EASTERN AREA** - Will meet at St. Bernadette's on Tuesday, December 22 at 7 pm in Biedenbach Hall. Please join us for an informative evening with Ellen Mady as our guest. Ellen is the director of the Office of Marriage and Family Life for the Diocese of Pittsburgh. She will speak on end of life issues and helping the needy in our areas. Enjoy refreshments, fellowship and 50/50 raffle. For more information, call Madonna Roney, President, at 412-829-4193

**CHRISTMAS BRUNCH** - Our Lady of Joy Parish is having a community Christmas Brunch on Christmas Day from 11:15 am until 1:15 pm. The brunch is free of charge and is open to all. If you need a place to go for the holiday, please make your reservation now by calling 412-795-4389 or email altomars@aol.com



**LONG TERM CARE PLANNING** - Our Lady of Joy Serving Our Seniors Ministry welcomes Mr. Anthony Camill, CLTC on Wednesday, December 16 at 1:00 pm in Fr. Machukonis Hall. He will be discussing long term care, life altering situations, PA Partnership on LTCi and how you can guarantee asset preservation. What is Spousal Impoverishment? Find out if you can utilize the VA for nursing care. Planning is vital to help protect your financial independence.

**OPLATKI WAFERS** - Are available in the office for those who continue this time honored Eastern European tradition or for those who wish to begin. They wafers are in a sealed packaged. There are four wafers in each packet.



*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.

*St. Januarius Parish*  
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.**

