

# Saint Joseph O'Hara/Fox Chapel

- part of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes -

## Saint Joseph Parish

O'Hara/Fox Chapel  
342 Dorseyville Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215  
412-963-8885  
parishoffice@stjosephohara.com  
www.stjosephohara.com

## Saint Juan Diego Parish

Sharpsburg  
Saint John Cantius Church  
Madonna of Jerusalem Church  
Saint Mary Church  
201 9<sup>TH</sup> Street  
Pittsburgh, PA 15215  
412-784-8700  
saintjuandiegopgh@comcast.net  
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## Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Blawnox/Harmar  
Saint Edward Church  
Saint Francis of Assisi Church  
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Pittsburgh, PA 15238  
412-828-4066  
sted-fran@verizon.net

## Saint Scholastica Parish

Aspinwall/Fox Chapel/O'Hara  
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www.saintscholastica.com

## Lower Allegheny Valley Mass Schedule

### Saturday Vigil Masses

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
5:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church

### Sunday Masses

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church
9:00 am	Saint Joseph Church
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church
11:00 am	Saint Joseph Church
11:00 am	Saint John Cantius Church (Korean Mass)
11:30 am	Saint Mary Church
12:00 Noon	Saint Scholastica Church

### Weekday Masses

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church <i>Monday thru Friday</i>
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church <i>Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday</i> Saint Edward Church <i>Thursday, Friday, Saturday</i>
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Monday thru Friday</i>

## Sacrament of Reconciliation - Confessions -

### Every Saturday

9:30 - 10:15 am	Saint Edward Church
11:30 am - Noon	Saint Joseph Church
3:30 - 4:00 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church

### Every Tuesday

6:30 - 7:15 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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# Easter Sunday April 21, 2019

**Saint Joseph Parish**  
 Administrative Center  
 for Parish, Faith Formation and Preschool  
 342 Dorseyville Road  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15215  
 412-963-8885  
 412-963-1945 (Fax)  
 www.stjosephohara.com  
 Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday,  
 9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
 Live Streamed Mass  
 www.stjosephohara.com/index.php/mass-videos

## Parish Personnel

<b>Fr. Dale DeNinno</b> 412-963-8885 x304	<b>Pastor/Administrator</b>
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<b>Fr. Paul Merkovsky</b> 412-781-0186	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
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## DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

Sunday, April 21<sup>ST</sup> not only celebrates the Great Feast of our salvation in the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead, but it also marks the date 68 years ago (*April 21, 1951*) when Michael Decewicz was born into the world. Oh what glorious events!

Happy Resurrection to us all and Happy Birthday to Father Mike. May he know good health and many more years of serving the people of God in the priesthood, and may we always rejoice in the NEW LIFE of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!



## Easter Sunday

<b>Saturday</b> 7:30 pm	<b>April 20 - Holy Saturday Easter Vigil Mass</b> The living and deceased members of Saint Joseph Parish
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am	<b>April 21</b> †Thelma Greenthal (Bullister Family) †The deceased priests who served Saint Joseph Parish
<b>Monday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 22 - Monday of Easter</b> The people of Saint Joseph Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 23 - Tuesday of Easter</b> †Frank Czak (Tom & Pat Bielewicz)
<b>Wednesday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 24 - Wednesday of Easter</b> †Richard Miller (Dorothy Kotsenas)
<b>Thursday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 25 - Thursday of Easter</b> †Regis & Mary Kessler (Shaginaw Family)
<b>Friday</b> 8:00 am	<b>April 26 - Friday of Easter</b> No Intention Listed
	<b>Divine Mercy Sunday</b>
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00 pm	<b>April 27</b> †James Kealey (Joy Kealey)
<b>Sunday</b> 9:00 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	<b>April 28</b> †Cindy Lisowski & Family (Golla Family) The people of Saint Joseph Parish <i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>

## Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>Sunday - April 21</b> Acts 10: 34-43    Colossian 3: 1-4    Jn 20: 1-9
<b>Monday -April 22</b> Acts 2: 22-33    Mt 28: 8-15
<b>Tuesday - April 23</b> Acts 2: 36-41    Jn 20: 11-18
<b>Wednesday - April 24</b> Acts 3: 1-10    Lk 24: 13-35
<b>Thursday - April 25</b> Acts 3: 11-26    Lk 24: 35-48
<b>Friday - April 26</b> Acts 4: 1-12    Jn 21: 1-14
<b>Saturday - April 27</b> Acts 4: 13-21    Mk 16: 9-15
<b>Sunday - April 28</b> Acts 5: 12-16    Revelation 1: 9-19    Jn 20: 19-31



Dear Parishioners,

The majestic beauty of a sunrise, the sweet scent of Spring flowers, the reverberating sound of Alleluia. All speaking to the glory of Easter. Each reminding us of the continuance of God's power, the resplendence found in creation, the everlasting promise of new life.

In the cycle of life and with sacred ritual, the Church celebrates what we believe in faith. **JESUS CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD.** The power of these words must be made clear and spoken boldly, because they are the promise for our future.

Swiss theologian Karl Barth (1886-1968) penned these words: *"The Easter message tells us that our enemies: sin, the curse and death, are beaten. Ultimately they can no longer start mischief. They still behave as though the game were not decided, the battle not fought; we must still reckon with them, but fundamentally we must cease to fear them any more."*

As a people of Easter faith we move beyond the apparent gloom of Good Friday. The cross is laid aside. The tomb is empty. **"Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here, but he has been raised"** (Luke 24: 5-6). Now all is new.

More than Easter bonnets, more than chocolate bunnies, more than the joyful taste of jelly beans, our Easter faith moves us ever onward in the journey that will conclude when our cross is laid aside and our life is completed in the glory of God.

Sisters and Brothers, hold to that faith, live in that hope, celebrate in that love which is **in** God and **through** God and **of** God.

My brother priests, Father Mike Decewicz and Father Paul Merkovsky, along with Deacon Bob Wertz, join me in assuring you of our prayers for a truly blessed Easter season.

*Father Dale DeNinno*

### Easter Vigil Masses - April 20<sup>TH</sup>

- 7:30 pm      **Saint Joseph Church**  
*Fr. Dale DeNinno*
- 7:30 pm      **Saint Scholastica Church**  
*Fr. Paul Merkovsky*

### Easter Sunday Masses - April 21<sup>ST</sup>

- 8:00 am      **Saint Francis of Assisi Church**  
*Fr. Paul Merkovsky*
- 9:00 am      **Saint Joseph Church**  
*Fr. Dale DeNinno*
- 9:00 am      **Madonna of Jerusalem Church**  
*Fr. John Mark Ogu*
- 9:30 am      **Saint Scholastica Church**  
*Fr. Mike Decewicz*
- 10:00 am     **Saint Edward Church**  
*Fr. Paul Merkovsky*
- 11:00 am     **Saint Joseph Church**  
*Fr. Dale DeNinno*
- 11:30 am     **Saint Mary Church**  
*Fr. Mike Decewicz*
- 12:00 Noon   **Saint Scholastica Church**  
*Fr. Bob Duch*

### LAV PARISH NEWS

**Youth Ministry "House" Fundraiser:** A "house" is located in the vestibule of each of our six churches in the parish grouping. Attached to the roof of the "house" are envelopes with a dollar amount request, ranging from \$1 to \$144. Kindly take an envelope of your choosing, place the suggested amount inside, seal the envelope, and return it in the collection basket at Mass the following weekend. If all of the envelopes are taken and returned, this fundraising effort will amount to \$10,000. Make checks payable to: Saint Scholastica Parish.

**A Vacation Bible School** will be held at Saint Joseph Parish, June 24-28 from 9:00 am to Noon. **"VBS 2019 Roar: Life Is Wild, God Is Good!"** is our theme. Campers ages: 4 years old (*by June 1*) to 5<sup>TH</sup> grade (*Fall of 2019*). Counselors-in-Training (CIT): 6<sup>TH</sup> grade (*Fall of 2019*). Counselors: 7<sup>TH</sup> grade thru high school (*service hour opportunity*). Watch and listen for more announcements and registration information.

**Run for the Roses Race Night:** Saturday, May 4<sup>TH</sup> in the John Paul Hall of Saint Joseph Church. Tickets are \$20 and include a buffet and beverages. Proceeds will benefit Birthright of Pittsburgh, Addiction Recovery Ministry (A.R.M.) and the Lower Allegheny Valley Faith Formation Programs. Tickets are available on site each Sunday in Saint Joseph Church after all Masses and in Saint Edward Church on Sunday, April 28<sup>TH</sup>.

**Tuesday Evening Confessions** in Saint Scholastica Church will switch permanently to Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 7:15 on April 25<sup>TH</sup>. Tuesday evening became problematic with the priests schedules because of Faith Formation classes (CCD) with our young people and the 13 week Saint Anthony novena on Tuesday evenings in Madonna of Jerusalem Church.

The other regularly scheduled times for Confessions in our other churches will remain the same: Saint Joseph Church on Saturdays from 11:30 am to 12:00 Noon; Madonna of Jerusalem Church on Saturdays from 3:30-4:00 pm; and Saint Edward Church on Saturdays from 9:30-10:15 am.

**The Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping of Parishes** is currently in the process of gathering information from those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). Regardless of which parish you belong to or church that you attend, we want to hear from you. It is especially important to learn who is carrying the Holy Eucharist to the homebound in our parishes, to those in the hospital, or those who may be in a nursing facility, assisted living, or under hospice care.

We also want to compile a current list of those women and men who serve as an EMHC only during Mass in the six churches of our LAV grouping: Saint Joseph, Madonna of Jerusalem, Saint Mary, Saint Scholastica, Saint Edward and Saint Francis of Assisi.

Please contact Marilyn Welsh at 412-828-4066 or email her at: sted-fran@verizon.net. She will need your name, phone number and email, as well as the names and other pertinent information of those who are homebound or living in a nursing facility, assisted living, or under hospice care.

**One Parish Bulletin:** Several parish groupings throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh have forged ahead in the creation of one common bulletin for all of their parishes. There has been a careful review of many of them with the plan that the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes will have the same. With planning underway, interviews completed with publishing companies, and looking to create a unique logo for LAV, the decision was made to have our first united bulletin ready for October 13, 2019. Bulletin advertisers must be contacted and contracts with them worked out before we can easily move to one bulletin. Time is on our side. In the meantime, with the bulletin format we currently have, more and more of the same information is appearing in all 4 parish bulletins, including the pastor's letter!

**The Parish Finance Councils** will soon meet with Father Dale DeNinno in order to review current finances as they relate to parish checking accounts, savings, Capital Campaign, regular and extraordinary expenditures, etc. The members of the individual Finance Councils will meet on:

Saint Scholastica Parish	Monday, April 29 <sup>TH</sup>
Saint Padre Pio	Tuesday, April 30 <sup>TH</sup>
Saint Joseph Parish	Wednesday, May 1 <sup>ST</sup>
Saint Juan Diego Parish	Thursday, May 2 <sup>ND</sup>

In time the results of each meeting and a full financial report will be made to the four parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley. FYI: all money from each parish currently remains separate.

## Other News

**Mission Trip to Patzun in Guatemala:** Sydney Heintzinger (*a member of Saint Joseph Parish*) and 12 other students from Oakland Catholic High School will travel to Patzun this summer for a mission outreach to a local orphanage and the children, who thrive not on material things but the love and care shown to them. These young “missionaries” are looking for any financial support that can be given. A gift of \$125 would enable one student in Patzun to attend the San Bernadino School for an entire year. If you are interested and able to donate, please send a check to: Oakland Catholic High School, 144 North Craig Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. Please write on the memo line: *Guatemala Mission*. And thank you very much for the generosity of any gift that you can give.

**Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Weekend** is offered to any woman or man who is struggling with emotional and spiritual pain in the aftermath of an abortion. The next weekend will be held May 17-19, 2019 at The Ark and the Dove Center, 10745 Babcock Boulevard, Gibsonia, PA. For more information, contact the retreat co-ordinator, Toni Jester at: toniafj1@comcast.net or call 412-352-5348.

**School Registration** continues for CDTCA for pre-school thru the 8<sup>TH</sup> grade. Call the school office at 412-781-7927 for additional information and to arrange for a tour of the school.

**The Vagabond Mission Team** in Sharpsburg is deeply appreciative of everyone who has helped support our ministry among the youth. In particular, we would like to extend sincere gratitude to a family for donating a 12-passenger Nissan van and to Worrell Funeral Home for donating a much needed couch for our Underground gathering space. For more ways to help, call Pam Susi at 412-781-5696.

### Daily Mass: Week of April 22

8:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
9:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	
	<i>Mon, Tues, Wed</i>	Madonna
	<i>Thurs, Fri, Sat</i>	Saint Edward
10:00 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Scholastica

### Weekend Masses: April 27-28

#### Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
4:30 pm	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Madonna
5:00 pm	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Scholastica

#### Sunday

8:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Francis
9:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
9:30 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Scholastica
10:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Edward
11:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
11:30 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Mary
12:00 Noon	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Scholastica