

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
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Saint Juan Diego Parish

Sharpsburg
Saint John Cantius Church
Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Saint Mary Church
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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Blawnox/Harmar
Saint Edward Church
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
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Saint Scholastica Parish

Aspinwall/Fox Chapel/O'Hara
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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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Second Sunday of Easter

April 28, 2019



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 Live Streamed Mass
 www.stjosephohara.com/index.php/mass-videos

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DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

. . . of the generosity of the people who belong to Saint Scholastica Parish, Saint Padre Pio Parish, Saint Joseph Parish and Saint Juan Diego Parish? Through the efforts of our young people and their parents in the Faith Formation Program, single decade rosaries in black and gold were made, donations were given for their purchase, and an amazing total of \$1,337.75 was collected. That money was given to the Chimbote Foundation through the Diocese of Pittsburgh which helps to support the mission work in Chimbote, Peru. Our families also collected cans of soup for the Fox Chapel Backpack for Hunger which serves our local community.

Many thanks to everyone who helped, participated, and made such generous donations. God bless you all.

Second Sunday of Easter

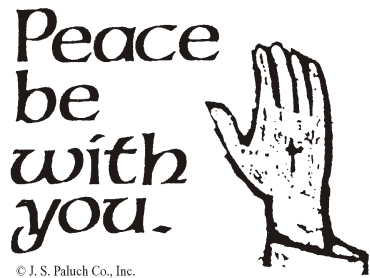
Saturday 4:00 pm	April 27 †James Kealey (Joy Kealey)
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am 3:00 pm	April 28 †Cindy Lisowski & Family (Golla Family) The people of Saint Joseph Parish <i>First Holy Communion Mass</i>
Monday 8:00 am	April 29 - Saint Catherine of Siena 25 TH Wedding Anniversary: Rick & Karen Sokolowski (Marie Vita)
Tuesday 8:00 am	April 30 - Pope Saint Pius V †David Baxter (Concha Baxter & Children)
Wednesday 8:00 am	May 1 - Saint Joseph the Worker No Intention Listed
Thursday 8:00 am	May 2 - Saint Athanasius †James & Eileen Crowley (Yates Family)
Friday 8:00 am	May 3 - Saints Philip and James No Intention Listed

Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 4:00 pm	May 4 †Tom & Connie Dalton (Pat Kastelic)
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	May 5 †Charles Seibert (Family) †Giacomo Ionadi (Joseph & Maria Riga)

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - April 28 Acts 5: 12-16 Revelation 1: 9-19 Jn 20: 19-31
Monday - April 29 Acts 4: 23-31 Jn 3: 1-8
Tuesday - April 30 Acts 4:32-37 Jn 3: 7-15
Wednesday - May 1 Acts 5: 17-26 Jn 3: 16-21
Thursday - May 2 Acts 5: 27-33 Jn 3: 31-36
Friday - May 3 1 Corinthians 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14
Saturday - May 4 Acts 6: 1-7 Jn 6: 16-21
Sunday - May 5 Acts 5: 27-41 Revelation 5: 11-14 Jn 21: 1-19



Dear Parishioners,

Seeing is believing . . . so the saying goes. Thomas the apostle was not content with the word of his peers who told him that the Lord was alive. He wanted to see for himself. And even more, he wanted to examine the nail prints in the hands and feet of Jesus.

How much easier it was for Thomas than it is for us. Seeing Jesus in the flesh prompted him to utter those famous words of faith: **“My Lord and my God.”** Would that we were so privileged to be in the real presence of the Lord and be able to examine the living person of Jesus Christ. There would be no hesitation on our part in speaking the same words which came from the mouth of Thomas.

Our sight is everything and it moves us forward. Our eyes are open to all that can be seen and words that can be read. How frightening it is, therefore, when our sight fails and eyeglasses no longer serve their purpose. The world becomes a dark and fearful place.

In the death and burial of Jesus, life for Thomas and the other apostles became a dark and fearful place. Without Jesus it was as though they could no longer see. But then, it was learned that the tomb was empty and witnesses spoke of Jesus as risen. Suddenly, the darkness vanished and there He stood in the midst of them, extending the assurance of peace.

Sisters and Brothers, with our eyes wide open we are asked to move forward in faith and speak the words **“My Lord and my God,”** as though we can see the Living Christ in the flesh. In the darkness of our lives, in the fearfulness of a world stumbling along, we must believe that Jesus is in our midst and speaks the assurance of peace. The peace that only He can give.

May your faith grow ever strong and may you live always in the assurance of the Lord’s peace.

Father Dale DeNinno

Special Easter Thanks

So many parishioners had-a-hand in adding to the beauty and splendor of our Easter celebration in each of the six churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. Thank you to everyone who helped to decorate the altars and sanctuaries in **Saint Francis of Assisi Church (Harmar)**, **Saint Edward Church (Blawnox)**, **Saint Scholastica Church (Aspinwall)**, **Madonna Church (Sharpsburg)** **Saint Mary Church (Sharpsburg)** and **Saint Joseph Church (O’Hara)**. Your hard work does not go unnoticed and it is very much appreciated.

To the musicians, cantors and choir members: Holy Week and Easter would not have been the glorious celebration that it was without the glad sound of your voices and skill at the piano, organ and other musical instruments.

To those who assisted at the many Masses and other liturgical services during Holy Week and Easter Sunday as Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters and Ushers: thank you so much for your faithful service.

To the behind-the-scenes money counters who spend many hours in counting the generous donations made by parishioners, family members and friends. Your commitment of time is most important and appreciated.

To everyone who made special donations to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of loved ones: Your generosity makes possible the beauty of flowers that adorn each of the altars and sanctuaries of our churches.

And finally: the priests of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes want you to know how grateful they are for your prayers, support, Easter cards and gifts, and the sincerity of your care for them.

May God continue to bless us. . . one and all.

LAV PARISH NEWS

Youth Ministry “House” Fundraiser: This is the last weekend. Kindly take an envelope of your choosing, place the suggested \$ amount inside, seal the envelope, and return it in the collection basket at Mass. 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 5TH grade (*Fall of 2019*). Counselors-in-Training (CIT): 6TH grade (*Fall of 2019*). Counselors: 7TH grade thru high school (*service hour opportunity*). Watch and listen for more announcements and registration information.

The Run for the Roses Race Night on Saturday, May 4TH has been **cancelled** due to low ticket sales. Those who pre-purchased tickets may receive their refund this weekend after Mass in Saint Joseph Church or by contacting Rick Jankowski at 412-963-0685.

The Kentucky Derby Basket Raffle Winners will be drawn on Sunday, May 5TH after the 11:00 o'clock Mass in Saint Joseph Church. Tickets are still available for purchase: \$1 each, 3 for \$2, and 8 for \$5.

Tuesday Evening Confessions in Saint Scholastica Church will switch permanently to Thursday evenings from 6:30 - 7:15 on April 25TH. 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 remain the same: Saint Joseph Church on Saturdays from 11:30 am to 12:00 Noon; Madonna 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 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:

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

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 CDTC for pre-school thru the 8TH 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 29

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

Weekend Masses: May 4-5

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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