

# 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  
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412-963-8885  
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## Saint Juan Diego Parish

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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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## 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<br>( <i>Korean Mass</i> ) |
| 11:30 am   | Saint Mary Church                                   |
| 12:00 Noon | Saint Scholastica Church                            |

### Weekday Masses

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

|                |                          |
|----------------|--------------------------|
| 6:30 - 7:15 pm | Saint Scholastica Church |
|----------------|--------------------------|

# Third Sunday of Easter May 12, 2019

**Saint Joseph Parish**  
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9:30 am - 4:30 pm  
Live Streamed Mass  
www.stjosephohara.com/index.php/mass-videos

## Parish Personnel

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

. . . that with well-chosen words a message can be conveyed that is helpful, caring and supportive. Put them in a text message, an email, or the old-fashioned method of letter writing and they go a long way. For instance, a handwritten letter was recently sent to Father Dale DeNinno. Part of it is shared here for everyone's edification: *"We attended the 11:00 am Easter Mass at Saint Joe's and were glad to see so much joy and excitement among the members of the parish. It was truly a vibrant celebration, and we sincerely hope that those parishioners processing The Church Alive changes are able to witness that same spirit that we saw on Easter."*

**May 4-5 Weekend Collection:** \$8,106.00



## Fourth Sunday of Easter

|                  |   |
|------------------|---|
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>May 11</b>                                     |
| 4:00 pm          | †John Stafford (Judy Stafford & Family)           |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>May 12</b>                                     |
| 9:00 am          | †John Bullister (Family)                          |
| 11:00 am         | †Frank Czak (Pauline Iurlano)                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>May 13 - Our Lady of Fatima</b>                |
| 8:00 am          | The people of Saint Joseph Parish                 |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>May 14 - Saint Mathias the Apostle</b>         |
| 8:00 am          | †John Hubstenberger (John & Cindy Halicky)        |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>May 15 - Easter Weekday</b>                    |
| 8:00 am          | Muriel & Don Laible                               |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>May 16 - Easter Weekday</b>                    |
| 8:00 am          | †Jeanne Young (Family)                            |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>May 17 - Easter Weekday</b>                    |
| 8:00 am          | †Regis & Mary Kessler<br>(Phyllis Cross & Family) |

## Fifth Sunday of Easter

|                 |                               |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| <b>Saturday</b> | <b>May 18</b>                 |
| 4:00 pm         | †Gloria Rivera (Conte Family) |
| <b>Sunday</b>   | <b>May 19</b>                 |
| 9:00 am         | †Marie Vita (Janice & Family) |
| 11:00 am        | †Laureen Linderman (Family)   |

## Scripture Readings for the Week

|                           |                     |                    |              |
|---------------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------|
| <b>Sunday - May 12</b>    | Acts 13: 43-52      | Revelation 7: 9-17 | Jn 10: 27-30 |
| <b>Monday - May 13</b>    | Acts 11: 1-18       |                    | Jn 10: 1-10  |
| <b>Tuesday - May 14</b>   | Acts 1: 15-26       |                    | Jn 15: 9-17  |
| <b>Wednesday - May 15</b> | Acts 12: 24 - 13: 5 |                    | Jn 12: 44-50 |
| <b>Thursday - May 16</b>  | Acts 13: 13-25      |                    | Jn 13: 16-20 |
| <b>Friday - May 17</b>    | Acts 13: 26-33      |                    | Jn 14: 1-6   |
| <b>Saturday - May 18</b>  | Acts 13: 44-52      |                    | Jn 14: 7-14  |
| <b>Sunday - May 19</b>    | Acts 14: 21-27      | Revelation 21: 1-5 | Jn 13: 31-35 |

## A Message



from the

Pastor

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Parishioners,

Watching local, national or international news can result in a feeling of great distress. One reacts by wondering what is wrong with this world, our nation, and local communities. Stories of politics and so-called “fake news”, terrorism reports on a scale unimaginable, economic inequality and the oppression of the poor, the annihilation and destruction brought by war, violence in houses of worship, the abortion of the unborn, abuse committed against children and the frail elderly, sexual immorality that disregards the human person, the use of guns that destroys lives and families. It is all tragically reminiscent of words from a poem written by Robert Burns in 1784 entitled: “**Man Was Made to Mourn: A Dirge.**” I quote just one stanza:

Many and sharp the num’rous ills  
Inwoven with our frame!  
More pointed still we make ourselves  
Regret, remorse, and shame!  
And man, whose heav’n erected face  
The smiles of love adorn,  
Man’s inhumanity to man  
Makes countless thousands mourn!

This age and every age is a period of great distress. That is why it is so important that we be on the lookout for signs of resurrection, as I suggested in my Easter Sunday homily preached in Saint Joseph Church. The darkness of the world can feel overwhelming. The sadness can drag us down. But we must keep our eyes heavenward. We must seek those resurrection moments that tell us that light is more powerful than darkness, that life overcomes death.

A part of today’s second scripture reading from the Book of Revelation is important to hear: *“I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.’”*

Despite the evidence of man’s inhumanity to man, regardless of the great distress we suffer, we are a people of Easter faith who believe that Christ has died...Christ is risen...Christ will come again. We hold to that faith despite all else. Past, present and future - we believe that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life who leads us home to glory.

*Father Dale DeNinno*

## LAV PARISH NEWS

**The annual Saint Joseph Parish Picnic** will be held this year on Sunday, August 11<sup>TH</sup>. The success of the picnic relies on good planning and the dedicated work of many volunteers. An initial planning meeting will be held this coming Thursday, May 16<sup>TH</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Saint John Paul II Hall. Seasoned volunteers and new ones are encouraged to be in attendance. Come with your energy, enthusiasm and ideas!

**Celebration of U.S.A. Civil Holidays:** Our nation pauses each year to remember the dead, celebrate freedom, honor the worker, and give thanks for our blessings. As citizens of **one nation**, all parishioners from the four parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley will be invited to pray together at **one Mass** on each of those four holidays, beginning at 10:00 am.

### **Memorial Day**

Monday, May 27<sup>TH</sup>

Saint Joseph Church

### **Independence Day**

Thursday, July 4<sup>TH</sup>

Madonna of Jerusalem Church

### **Labor Day**

Monday, September 2<sup>ND</sup>

Saint Edward Church

### **Thanksgiving Day**

Thursday, November 28<sup>TH</sup>

Saint Scholastica Church

**First Holy Communion:** May the Lord bless our children who received the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time last Sunday, May 5<sup>TH</sup> in Saint Scholastica Church. With their parents we pray that they will come to Mass and the Table of the Lord every single Sunday. The children are: **Madelyn Acquaro, Meredith Adams, Eli Altenbaugh, Aidan Brunner, Rhett Brush, Winnie Bryan, Chloe Dahler, Claire Davison, Jeffrey Divers, Francesca Drizos, Kendyl Elliott, Graham Erdner, Andrew Hernaez, Cadence Hogan, Riley Kessing, Luke Lovett, Luca Matello, Avery McKoy, Stella Miller, Alexa Orié, Parker Parsons, Rhodora Redd, Nadia Rossey, Carly Sasson and Tristan Snyder.**

**It Is Now Time to Register for Vacation Bible School** which 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*).

Registration Forms are online at [www.stjosephohara.com](http://www.stjosephohara.com) under downloads. Paper copies are on the church bulletin board in the vestibule of Saint Joseph Church. For more information, contact Delia Barr, Director of Faith Formation, at 412-963-8885 x301 or at [ccd@stjosephohara.com](mailto:ccd@stjosephohara.com).

**Shari Whitico**, the Director of Music Ministry for Saint Padre Pio Parish in Blawnox/Harmar, recently submitted a letter of retirement. Shari has been a good and faithful servant for many years throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Using the skill of her voice and ability at the keyboard, she has offered praise and glory to God in worship and has helped us to do the same. She is owed a debt of gratitude from everyone who has benefitted from her dedication, zeal and commitment, especially the parishioners who gather for Sunday worship in Saint Edward Church in Blawnox and Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Harmar. May the Lord bless her journey forward with good health and happiness always.

**The Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping of Parishes** is gathering information from those who serve as Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC). Regardless of which parish you belong to, we need to hear from you. It is 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](mailto: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.

**Looking Ahead to Ascension Thursday** which is on May 30<sup>TH</sup>, the Church celebrates the return of Jesus to His Father in glory. Forty days after Easter, it is a holy day of obligation and all Catholics are to be in attendance at Mass. The schedule of Masses is as follows:

**Wednesday, May 29<sup>TH</sup> - Vigil Masses**

4:30 pm            Madonna of Jerusalem Church  
7:00 pm            Saint Joseph Church

**Thursday, May 30<sup>TH</sup> - Ascension Thursday**

8:00 am            Saint Joseph Church  
9:00 am            Saint Edward Church  
10:00 am          Saint Scholastica Church  
12:00 Noon        Saint Mary Church  
7:00 pm            Saint Scholastica Church

## Other News

**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.

**Good Samaritan School in Haiti:** All parishioners of the Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping of Parishes are invited to A Benefit Dessert and Rosary on Wednesday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, beginning with the prayer of the rosary at 6:30 pm in Saint Scholastica Church. Dessert and a presentation about the Good Samaritan School in Haiti will follow in the Pastoral Center. Monetary donations will be accepted for the Mortel High Hopes for Haiti Foundation. Please RSVP by Friday, May 17<sup>TH</sup> to Mary Ellen Maher at 412-767-5863 or maryemaher@msn.com.

**Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast:** All ladies are invited to a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 18<sup>TH</sup> from 9:00 am to Noon at the Crown Plaza in Green Tree. Ann Vucic will speak of her spiritual journey, including her many trips to Medjugorje as a pilgrimage guide and interpreter. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906.

**Mass, Moe's and the Major League:** A young adult night at the Pirates game on Friday, May 31<sup>ST</sup>. We will meet for Mass at 5:30 pm in Saint Mary of Mercy Church in downtown Pittsburgh, followed by Moe's Southwest Grill for dinner. Afterwards, we will walk to PNC Park for the Pirates vs. San Diego Padres game and a free T-shirt. Tickets are limited and cost \$25. Visit PGHPriest.com.

### Daily Mass: Week of May 13

|          |                        |                   |
|----------|------------------------|-------------------|
| 8:00 am  | Fr. Dale DeNinno       | 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. Mike Decewicz      | Saint Scholastica |

### Weekend Masses: May 18-19

#### Saturday Vigil

|         |                   |                   |
|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 4:00 pm | Fr. Dale DeNinno  | Saint Joseph      |
| 4:30 pm | Fr. Phil Farrell  | 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. Phil Farrell  | Saint Scholastica |
| 10:00 am   | Fr. Mike Decewicz | Saint Edward      |
| 11:00 am   | Fr. Dale DeNinno  | Saint Joseph      |
| 11:30 am   | Fr. Phil Farrell  | Saint Mary        |
| 12:00 Noon | Fr. Mike Decewicz | Saint Scholastica |