

# 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  
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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  
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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 Thursday

6:30 - 7:15 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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# Fifth Sunday of Easter

## May 26, 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>	<b>Pastor/Administrator</b>
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412-784-8700	
<b>Fr. Paul Merkovsky</b>	<b>Parochial Vicar</b>
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### DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

. . . that we are still reaching out to all Eucharistic Ministers? 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 home, assisted living facility, or under hospice care. We also want to compile a current list of those women and men who only serve as a Eucharistic Minister during Mass in any of 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 ASAP at 412-828-4066 or email her at: sted-fran@verizon.net.

**May 18-19 Weekend Collection:** \$7,142.50  
**Collection for Catholic Relief Services:** \$1,871.00



### Sixth Sunday of Easter

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 25</b>
4:00 pm	†M/M John Halicky (John & Cindy Halicky)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 26</b>
9:00 am	†Joseph & Alice Mertz (Family)
11:00 am	†Todd Izzo (Drs. Peter & Mary Counihan)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 27 - Memorial Day</b>
10:00 am	†All those who served and died while in the military of the United States of America
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 28 - Easter Weekday</b>
8:00 am	†Don & Muriel Laible (Family)
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 29 - Easter Weekday</b>
8:00 am	†Mary Ellen Adams (Carol Freiland)
7:00 pm	†Fr. Jack Price (Parish Family)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 30 - Ascension Thursday</b>
8:00 am	The people of Saint Joseph Parish
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 31 - The Visitation of the BVM</b>
8:00 am	†M/M Don Laible (Anonymous)

### Seventh Sunday of Easter

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>June 1</b>
4:00 pm	†Eros & Mary Ann Yon (Mark Yon)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>June 2</b>
9:00 am	†Regis & Mary Kessler (M/M Gerald Aigner)
11:00 am	†Frank Szyper (G. Claus Family)

### Scripture Readings for the Week

<b>Sunday - May 26</b>		
Acts 15: 22-29	Revelation 21: 10-23	Jn 14: 23-29
<b>Monday - May 27</b>		
Acts 16: 11-15		Jn 15: 26-16: 4
<b>Tuesday - May 28</b>		
Acts 16: 22-34		Jn 16: 5-11
<b>Wednesday - May 29</b>		
Acts 17: 15-22		Jn 16: 12-15
<b>Thursday - May 30</b>		
Acts 1: 1-11	Ephesians 1: 17-23	Mk 16: 15-20
<b>Friday - May 31</b>		
Zephaniah 3: 14-18		Lk 1: 39-56
<b>Saturday - June 1</b>		
Acts 18: 23-28		Jn 16: 16-28
<b>Sunday - June 2</b>		
Acts 7: 55-60	Revelation 22: 12-20	Jn 17: 20-26

**Editor's Note:** This article was written by Mary Whiteacre for the liturgical magazine CELEBRATION.

## Jesus' Gift of Peace

In today's Gospel reading, Jesus promises, "**Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.**" Peace? What does Jesus mean by that?

Peace is a complicated word with many interpretations. Beauty pageant contestants offer generic desires for world peace. We deploy our well-equipped military around the world as peacekeepers. Some people passionately fight for uncontrolled gun ownership, which they believe will ensure peace yet often can be a relentless competition for security and safety. Yet despite all of the energy and resources we put into protecting ourselves, we still are not at peace.

Perhaps we are looking for peace in the wrong place. Jesus urges, "**Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.**" His words refocus us to the question, "What needs to happen in our hearts so that we can find peace?" In contrast to today's uneasy balance of power, Jesus modeled an authentic peace, which is far beyond what the world can offer. It is a peace that begins and ends in love.

Tensions in families are often unavoidable. However, which is more likely to bring reassuring healing to this friction - anger and revenge, or compassion and forgiveness? Turbulence in the markets can leave us greedily scrambling for an economic advantage, or we can humbly trust God to provide for our needs. Fear can alert us that something is dangerously wrong, but it can also paralyze us in the face of the threat. Solid solutions come from unruffled confidence and strong faith.

Stress can keep us up at night, damage our health and suck the joy out of life. If we relax our bodies and quiet our monkey brains, we can approach life with a more productive force. We can become hardened to the strangers waiting at our borders, sleeping under our bridges, or languishing in our jails. Or the strangers can become our brothers and sisters, as we can extend a warm embrace, a helping hand and a patient concern. In the end, we can allow the world's anxieties to empty our hearts, or we can open them to the fullness of love.

What can we do as Christians to make peace when we find ourselves trapped in division and turmoil? In his priceless wisdom, Jesus gives his love freely and encourages us to invite his Spirit of love to dwell in our hearts. If we live in that love, we will be transformed into the peace Christ promises.

What might that look like for you. It could simply mean looking directly at a cashier and smiling; accepting that there is often more than one right answer; or even conceding your preferred answer. It could mean patiently listening to Grandma repeating the same stories in an endless loop, refraining from political bullying and looking for realistic compromise; anonymously mowing your overwhelmed neighbor's yard rather than complaining; or sacrificing what is best for you in the interest of the greatest common good. Whenever we share love, it is multiplied in our hearts, our lives and the world. We create the atmosphere for enduring peace to thrive.

In their pastoral letter, *The Challenge of Peace: God's Promise and Our Response*, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops clarify, "Peacemaking is not an optional commitment. It is a requirement of our faith. We are called to be peacemakers, not by some movement of the moment, but by our Lord Jesus." There is both blessing and responsibility in Christ's love. Jesus unconditionally gives us his love, so we can know and grow in love. The gift we have been given is meant to be shared so that others can know and grow in peace. Where and how are you as a Christian being called to share your love and promote the peace of Christ in our world today?

## LAV PARISH NEWS

**The Memorial Day Mass on Monday, May 27<sup>TH</sup>** will be celebrated at 10:00 am in Saint Joseph Church (342 Dorseyville Road in O'Hara). This is the only Mass that will be offered that day in all of the churches of our parish grouping. All parishioners from Saint Juan Diego, Saint Scholastica, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Joseph are urged to come together in the sacred prayer of the Mass as we remember the men and women who served our country in the military and gave their lives as the ultimate sacrifice.

**Ascension Thursday 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

**Mass Intention Availability:** Saint Padre Pio Parish (Saint Edward Church/Blawnox and Saint Francis of Assisi Church/Harmar) does **not** have any remaining dates available for Masses for the remainder of 2019. However, Saint Joseph Church has many open dates for the 8:00 o'clock daily Mass (Monday thru Friday). If anyone in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes would like to request that a Mass be offered for a particular intention, please call Saint Joseph Parish at 412-963-8885.

## Youth Ministry Seeks CORE Team Members

Meredith Troyan, the Youth Ministry Team Leader for the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes, is hoping to recruit 5-8 adults who would be willing to be part of a new team to help with youth ministry on a weekly basis. The time commitment would be 2 hours per week in providing leadership for the lesson plan and activity for the night. Training will be required and offered. For more information please contact Meredith at: mtroyan412@gmail.com or call her at 412-352-7862.

**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. As the date gets closer we will be looking for an army of volunteers willing to help during some part of the day. All parishioners from the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes - Saint Scholastica, Saint Padre Pio, Saint Joseph and Saint Juan Diego - are invited to this year's picnic.

**The Donut Social** that is held on the First Sunday of each month after the 9:00 and 11:00 o'clock Masses in Saint Joseph Church (*September thru June*) is in need of new volunteer leaders. The primary duties include set-up and clean-up. For more information, contact Lori McKinniss at [bmgr@stjosephohara.com](mailto:bmgr@stjosephohara.com) or call her at 412-963-8885 x303.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** which is held on the First Sunday of the month in Saint Joseph Church during the 9:00 o'clock Mass has always been well received. It provides the younger members of the congregation the opportunity to understand the message of God's Word at their age level. Currently we are looking for members of Saint Joseph Parish willing to assist in this ministry. You may contact Lori McKinniss at 412-963-8885 x303 or email her at: [bmgr@stjosephohara.com](mailto:bmgr@stjosephohara.com).

**Summer Bible Study of Saint Mary Magdalene** will be offered in the Saint Scholastic Ministry Center (corner of 4<sup>TH</sup> Street & Maple Avenue in Aspinwall) on Thursday evenings - June 6<sup>TH</sup>, 13<sup>TH</sup> and 20<sup>TH</sup>, from 7:30-9:00 pm. We will be using a booklet from the Little Rock Scripture Study. There is a \$15 fee, payable at the first session. For more information or to register, contact Andy Bechman at 412-781-0186 x18 or email him at: [andybechman@saintscholastica.com](mailto:andybechman@saintscholastica.com). Register by May 28<sup>TH</sup> in order to receive your materials at the first session.

**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).

**Supplies for Vacation Bible School at Saint Joseph:** Donations are needed for our decorations: empty wrapping paper tubes, paper towel tubes, and large shipping boxes (the bigger the better!). You may leave everything in the vestibule of the church. A big roarin' thank you to everyone.

**Other News**

**Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy** will graduate its 8<sup>TH</sup> grade students on Thursday, June 6<sup>TH</sup> and send them on to the high school of their choosing.

**Congratulations to Miss Lindsey Marci**, CDTCA Middle School Science Teacher, on receiving the PA Junior Academy of Science Region 7 Teacher Award from the Society for Analytical Chemistry of Pittsburgh. She was recognized for preparing students to meet future needs through new technologies, instrumentation and methods.

**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.

**Christian Home Health Care** offers help to anyone 18 or older who has a physical disability or needs assistance with personal hygiene or day-to-day activities. Learn how to receive home care at no cost, maintain independence, and qualify financially and medically. Where and When? Saint Juan Diego Parish in the Pope John Paul I Center (201 9<sup>TH</sup> Street in Sharpsburg) on Friday, June 14<sup>TH</sup> at 11:00 am. Call 412-323-0203 x6112.

<b>Daily Mass: Week of May 27</b>		
8:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
9:00 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	
	<i>Mon, Tues, Wed</i>	Madonna
	<i>Thurs, Fri, Sat</i>	Saint Edward
10:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Scholastica
<b>Weekend Masses: June 1-2</b>		
<b>Saturday Vigil</b>		
4:00 pm	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Joseph
4:30 pm	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Madonna
5:00 pm	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Scholastica
<b>Sunday</b>		
8:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Francis
9:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Joseph
9:30 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Scholastica
10:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Edward
11:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Joseph
11:30 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Mary
12:00 Noon	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Scholastica