

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
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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 Thursday

6:30 - 7:15 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ June 23, 2019

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday - 9:30 am - 4:30 pm

Live Streamed Mass

www.stjosephohara.com/index.php/mass-videos

Parish Personnel

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DID YOU KNOW . . . ?

. . . that there are three daily Masses offered in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes? Monday thru Friday at 8:00 am in Saint Joseph Church; Monday thru Friday at 10:00 am in Saint Scholastica Church; Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:00 am in Madonna of Jerusalem Church; Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 9:00 am in Saint Edward Church. And did you know, too, that there are usually around 75-90 parishioners in attendance on a daily basis?

Are you an early riser? Are you retired? Are you on your way to work? Looking for a spiritual boost? Need the inspiration and consolation of God's Word and Sacrament? Consider joining us for daily Mass. What a wonderful way to spend just 30 minutes of your day.

Sanctuary Candle for the Week of June 23RD:
Alan & Marianne Reed - 38TH Wedding Anniversary



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Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ

Saturday 4:00 pm	June 22 †Edward & Jean McGrath (Nicholas Family)
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	June 23 †Patricia Stahura (Marlene Paulick) †Joseph Mertz (Bob & Judyn Rengers)
Monday 8:00 am	June 24 - Nativity of Saint John the Baptist †Regis & Mary Kessler (Kathleen Campbell)
Tuesday 8:00 am	June 25 - Weekday in Ordinary Time The people of Saint Joseph Parish
Wednesday 8:00 am	June 26 - Weekday in Ordinary Time No Intention Listed
Thursday 8:00 am	June 27 - Saint Cyril of Alexandria No Intention Listed
Friday 8:00 am	June 28 - Sacred Heart of Jesus †Jeanne Young (Family)

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	June 29 †Iurlano, DeLuca & Panza Families (Anita Iurlano)
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	June 30 †Laureen Lee Lenderman (Stephen & Lauren Harford) †Dec'd of Smerdell Family (Jimmy & Sue Smerdell)

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - June 23		
Genesis 14: 18-20	1 Corinthians 11: 23-26	Lk 9: 11-17
Monday - June 24		
Isaiah 49: 1-6	Acts 13: 22-26	Lk 1: 57-66
Tuesday - June 25		
Genesis 13: 2-18		Mt 7: 6-14
Wednesday - June 26		
Genesis 15: 1-18		Mt 7: 15-20
Thursday - June 27		
Genesis 16: 1-16		Mt 7: 21-29
Friday - June 28		
Ezekiel 34: 11-16	Romans 5: 5-11	Lk 15: 3-7
Saturday - June 29		
Acts 12: 1-11	2 Timothy 4: 6-8	Mt 16: 13-19
Sunday - June 30		
1 Kings 19: 16-21	Galatians 5: 13-18	Lk 9: 51-62

Collection for the weekend of June 8-9: \$6,885.00

Dear Parishioners,

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Jesus is always the teacher, the Divine Teacher. With words and stories we learn from him what we are to do and how we are to live, especially as it relates to caring for the needs of others. *"I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me"* (Mt 25: 35-36). And in today's Gospel narrative, after teaching the crowds who were with him and recognizing their hunger, Jesus tells the disciples to *"give them some food yourselves"* (Lk 9: 13). Perplexed as to how they could possibly feed such a large number of people, Jesus multiplied bread and fish, satisfying the people's hunger.

The teaching is still the same. The command has not changed. From our resources, however many or few, we are to feed one another. Recognizing that call, the parishioners of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes are not derelict in their Christian duty. Witness the good work of the food pantry that operates out of Saint Juan Diego Parish in Saint Mary's Church; the Meals on Wheels Program that prepares daily meals for delivery to the homebound out of the kitchen of Saint Padre Pio Parish located in the Saint Edward Church social hall; the food that is donated, the meals that are prepared, the volunteers from Saint Joseph Parish who serve at the Women and Men's Shelter; and the clothing that is collected, sorted and distributed to the homeless by an array of volunteers through Saint Scholastica Parish.

It is always amazing to note what can be done - to feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, and to clothe the naked - when generous hearts set themselves to the task.

Today's liturgical celebration draws our attention to the great mystery of the Body and Blood of Christ. As Jesus recognized physical hunger and thus multiplied some loaves of bread, still more, he knew of the people's spiritual longing and thirst. And so in the context of a meal, *"he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, and gave it them, and said, 'Take it; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, 'This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many'"* (Mk 14: 22-24).

Christ the Divine Teacher makes good on his promise to be with us always. How blessed we are in our Catholic faith to be given this sacred food and drink. Why would we not want to participate and share in such a feast every Sunday?

Brothers and sisters, Jesus feeds us with his Body and Blood, the Bread of Life and the Cup of Eternal Salvation. He also teaches us the important lesson of feeding others. What we receive we must in turn become. As Jesus is food for us, so we in turn must be food for others. Then, and only then, can we truly become a Holy Communion.

May God help it to be so.

Father Dale DeNinno

Ordination to the Priesthood: On Saturday, June 29TH, Bishop Zubik will ordain four men to the priesthood for service in the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Those to be ordained are: **Brendan Dawson, Timothy Deely, David Egan and Mingwei Li**. After the celebration of their First Mass on the day after their ordination, these new priests will begin their assignment to a grouping of parishes somewhere in the diocese, effective July 15, 2019. Please keep them (*and all priests*) in your prayers.

Mission Trip of Youth to Appalachia: The generosity of people from all four parishes in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping has been extraordinary. Remember the "houses" that were placed in the vestibules of our six churches back in April? A grand total of \$27,490 was collected through your willingness to support the mission outreach of our youth. All money raised helps to cover the cost of transportation, food, and supplies. Meredith Troyan, the Youth Ministry Leader, is over-the-moon with her gratitude. God bless you - one and all.

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.

A Parish Picnic: Sunday, August 11TH on the grounds of Saint Joseph Church, 342 Dorseyville Road in O'Hara. In past years this event has proven to be a great success in building community and celebrating fellowship. This year will be no different, except that it will be open to parishioners from all four parishes of our Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping. Hopefully, you've already marked your calendar and plan to attend.

This week there are volunteer sign-up sheets on the tables in the vestibules of each of our churches. Your willingness to help will be of great benefit. ALSO: Start thinking of donated items for a "Theme Basket" that will be raffled. Last year's picnic had 40 such baskets. This year we want to match that number or even exceed it.

Plenty of food, games for the children, music to enliven things, and the pleasure of each other's company will make for a wonderful day. Start praying now for the good weather that makes all the difference.

All questions may be directed to Lori McKinniss or Kathi Sterling at the Saint Joseph Parish office: 412-963-8885.

Mass Intention Availability: Saint Joseph and Saint Scholastica have openings for Mass intentions at the 8:00 o'clock in Saint Joseph Church or the 10:00 o'clock in Saint Scholastica Church.

Remembering in prayer those who have died is part of our Catholic tradition. You are encouraged to have a Mass offered for deceased loved ones or for other special intentions. Call the parish office at Saint Joseph Parish (412-963-8885) or Saint Scholastica Parish (412-781-0186).

Second Collection for Peter's Pence: Every year on the Sunday closest to the Feast of Saints Peter and Paul (June 29TH), a collection is taken in every Catholic Church throughout the world. All money collected is used by our Holy Father, Pope Francis, for his various charitable works. Please be as generous as your means will allow when the basket is passed a second time during Mass next weekend (June 29-30).

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 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. The list is growing but is still incomplete.

Please contact Marilyn Welsh ASAP at 412-828-4066 or email her at: sted-fran@verizon.net.

A Free Ice Cream Social will be held at Saint Joseph Parish the weekend of July 6-7, following each of the Masses. Sponsored by the Saint Joseph Parish Women's Group, you can create your own sundae from a variety of ice cream flavors and toppings. The Parish Cookbook will also be available for sale.

Mass on Independence Day, July 4TH, will be celebrated at 10:00 am in Madonna of Jerusalem Church in Sharpsburg. It will be the only Mass offered that day in the churches of our Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. Join us as our nation celebrates its great gift of freedom.

Daily Mass: Week of June 24

8:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	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. Mike Decewicz	Saint Scholastica

Weekend Masses: June 29-30

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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

Weekly Offering



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Financial Reports and Parish Budgets

The Fiscal Year for each of the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley begins on July 1, 2019 and concludes on June 30, 2020. The budgets for Saint Joseph Parish, Saint Juan Diego Parish, Saint Padre Pio Parish and Saint Scholastica Parish have been prepared, reviewed by the pastor and members of the Finance Councils, and submitted to the Diocese of Pittsburgh for their approval.

In the preparation of the budgets, every effort has been made to lower expenses. However, many expenses are beyond our control, e.g., maintenance, utilities, insurance, health care benefits, etc.

It is also important to be aware of the fact that the revenue in each of our parishes has dropped dramatically. Weekly collections at the offertory during Mass are down. Reasons include: fewer Masses with the new schedule; residual anger with the Church as it relates to last summer's release of the PA Grand Jury Report; lingering disappointment with clergy transfers and assignments; parishioners who have simply stopped attending Mass, decreased their weekly offering or haven't increased it in a long, long time. The result of these cumulative factors are budgets stretched to their limit and showing red. Black is the color we need to see!

Over the course of three consecutive weekends in September, Father Dale DeNinno will speak at each of the 10 Masses in our parish grouping so as to communicate the budget reality of each parish. His message will be accompanied by a bulletin insert with all of the pertinent information.

In the meantime, you are asked to prayerfully and carefully consider your weekly donation to your parish. In doing so you are also encouraged to ponder the message of Saint Paul in his letter to the Corinthian community: *"Consider this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each must do as already determined, without sadness or compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. Moreover, God is able to make every grace abundant for you, so that in all things, always having all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work"* (2 Corinthians 9: 6-8).