

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
201 9TH Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
412-784-8700
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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
Monday thru Friday
9:00 am Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday
Saint Edward Church
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church
Monday thru Friday

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

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 30, 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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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	June 29 †Iurlano, DeLuca & Panza Families (Anita Iurlano)
Sunday 9:00 am	June 30 †Laureen Lee Linderman (Stephen & Lauren Harford)
11:00 am	†Dec'd of Smerdell Family (Jimmy & Sue Smerdell)
Monday 8:00 am	July 1 - Saint Junipero Serra The people of Saint Joseph Parish
Tuesday 8:00 am	July 2 - Weekday in Ordinary Time †Raymond Thimons, Sr. (David & Corrine DiBenedetto)
Wednesday 8:00 am	July 3 - Saint Thomas the Apostle †Anna Bosshart-Scharpf (Joan Jackson)
Thursday 10:00 am	July 4 - Independence Day Mass in Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Friday 8:00 am	July 5 - Weekday in Ordinary Time †Mary & Kurian Chacko (Family)

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	July 6 †Joseph Mertz (Ken & Pat Latzy)
Sunday 9:00 am	July 7 †Mary Ellen Adams (Carol Freiland)
11:00 am	†Mary M. Kessler & Regis N. Kessler (M/M Gerard Aigner)

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - June 30	1 Kings 19: 16-21	Galatians 5: 13-18	Lk 9: 51-62
Monday - July 1	Genesis 18: 16-33		Mt 8: 18-22
Tuesday - July 2	Genesis 19: 15-29		Mt 8: 23-27
Wednesday - July 3	Ephesians 2: 19-22		Jn 20: 24-29
Thursday - July 4	Genesis 22: 1-19		Mt 9: 1-8
Friday - July 5	Genesis 23: 1-4, 19; 24: 1-8, 62-67		Mt 9: 9-13
Saturday - July 6	Genesis 27: 1-5, 15-29		Mt 9: 14-17
Sunday - June 30	Isaiah 66: 10-14	Galatians 6: 14-18	Lk 10: 1-9

Mass on Independence Day Thursday - July 4TH



... will be offered 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. All parishioners are encouraged to
join us as our nation celebrates its great gift of freedom.

Sanctuary Candle for the Week of June 30TH:
Dec'd Members of the Smerdell Family

Collection for the weekend of June 22-23: \$7,128.00

Multiple people in today's scripture readings are faced with a choice - do they want to follow God's will in a more radical way, turning away from old attachments and possessions, or do they want to serve "the flesh" (Galatians 5: 13), remaining stuck in their past lives?

No one pretends this choice doesn't have serious consequences, but the readings make it clear that it is offered as a true choice. Elijah throws his cloak over Elisha in an apparent response to God's command that he select Elisha as a prophet to succeed him. But he reacts almost defensively when Elisha expresses his willingness to accept that call if only he be allowed to say farewell to his parents first. Elijah's brusque reply makes it clear that Elisha is free to do what he wants - he is inviting him, not commanding him, to take over the often-dangerous mission of serving as God's prophet.

In the Gospel reading from Luke, a village of Samaritans who disputed Jerusalem's status as the center of worship, refuse to welcome Jesus on his journey to that city. Jesus accepts that choice, rebuking his disciples for offering to call down fire from heaven in retribution. He isn't interested in forcing the Samaritans or anyone to receive him, and he even warns a would-be follower about the difficulties that joining his unsettled life will entail.

Paul states the case most directly in the second reading to the Galatians. Christ calls us to freedom, a freedom that we should refuse to relinquish but that also requires us to make important decisions about how to use it. Choosing to live by the spirit, Paul explains, means loving and serving one another, while living by what he calls "the flesh" means the opposite - consuming one another in an effort to gratify selfish desires.

Yet living by the spirit can require intense sacrifices. In choosing to follow God, people in today's readings give us property, stability and even family ties. In the reading from Kings, Elisha sacrifices 12 yoke of oxen and bids farewell to his parents. Paul tells the Galatians that choosing to pursue the desires of the spirit excludes the possibility of fulfilling the desires of the flesh at the same time. Proclaiming the kingdom of God - and being fit to be a part of it - might require a sudden and total abandonment of family commitments as we hear in Luke's Gospel. The life of a prophet or follower of Jesus can be dangerous and unsettled.

Today's readings remind us that we are never yoked to a specific pathway - we always have the freedom to follow God's will. We can make the decision to promote the kingdom of God even when it entails a dramatic departure from our past lives.

The choice isn't easy, and not even God can make it for us. But remembering, as Psalm 16 proclaims, that God is "the path to life," offering "fullness to joys," can help us to choose wisely.

Editor's Note: This reflection was written by Maria Benevento for the liturgical magazine CELEBRATION.

Staffing Changes

- **Father Paul Merkovsky** has been transferred from the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. Effective July 1ST, he has been assigned to serve as the Chaplain to the religious congregation of the Sisters of Mercy at their Motherhouse, located in Oakland on the campus of Carlow University. We extend our gratitude for his priestly service to the parishes of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Scholastica during the past 8½ months. May the Lord bless his new ministry to the Sisters of Mercy.
- **Father Bill Siple** will become our new Parochial Vicar, effective July 15TH. For the past 7 years he has served the grouping of parishes in New Castle. Ordained in 1992, Father Bill received his education for the priesthood at the Gregorian University in Rome, Italy. One of his previous assignments was to the parishes of Immaculate Conception and Saint Joseph in Bloomfield where he lived and worked with Father Dale DeNinno from July of 1996 to January of 2000. We welcome him to his new assignment. His residence will be the rectory of Saint Scholastica Parish.
- **David Volcheck** has been hired to serve as Music Minister for Saint Padre Pio Parish where he will be responsible for leading the congregation in music and song for the Sunday morning Mass in Saint Francis of Assisi Church and Saint Edward Church. He will also be responsible for providing music for funeral and wedding liturgies. David previously served as Music Minister at Incarnation of the Lord Parish on the North Side and was briefly part of the grouping of parishes of Saint Sebastian, Saint Teresa of Avila and Saint Athanasius.
- **Marilyn Welsh** who currently serves Saint Padre Pio Parish as the Administrative Secretary will take on additional responsibilities as the Office Assistant in the Faith Formation Program for our grouping of parishes. Marilyn's full-time staff employment of 40 hours per week will be evenly split. She will give 20 hours per week to the administrative duties of Saint Padre Pio Parish and 20 hours per week in the Faith Formation Office, working closely with Delia Barr, the Director of Faith Formation for the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley.

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.

Youth Ministry Seeks CORE Team Members: Meredith Troyan, the Youth Ministry Team Leader for our grouping of parishes, is recruiting 5-8 adults 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.

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. 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).

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 the six churches of our LAV grouping: Please contact Marilyn Welsh ASAP at 412-828-4066 or email her at: sted-fran@verizon.net.

Daily Mass: Week of July 1

8:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	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: July 6-7

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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