

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
201 9TH Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
412-784-8700
saintjuandiegopgh@comcast.net
www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Blawnox/Harmar
Saint Edward Church
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
450 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-828-4066
sted-fran@verizon.net

Saint Scholastica Parish

Aspinwall/Fox Chapel/O'Hara
309 Brilliant Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
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parish@saintscholastica.com
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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

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time September 1, 2019

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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm

Friday: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Live Streamed Mass

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

Parish Personnel

<p>Fr. Dale DeNinno 412-963-8885 x304</p> <p>Fr. Michael Decewicz 412-784-8700</p> <p>Fr. William Siple 412-781-0186</p> <p>Lori McKinniss 412-963-8885 x303</p> <p>Kathi Sterling 412-963-8885 x306</p> <p>Delia Barr 412-963-8885 x301</p> <p>Marilyn Welsh</p> <p>Thomas Octave 412-867-5032</p> <p>Meredith Troyan 412-781-0186</p> <p>Nancy Whistler 412-963-8885</p> <p>Terri Weir 412-963-8885 x302</p>	<p>Pastor/Administrator</p> <p>Parochial Vicar</p> <p>Parochial Vicar</p> <p>Business Manager bmgr@stjosephohara.com</p> <p>Parish Secretary parishoffice@stjosephohara.com</p> <p>Director of Faith Formation ccd@stjosephohara.com</p> <p>Faith Formation Office Assistant</p> <p>Director of Music Ministry tomoctave@gmail.com</p> <p>Youth Ministry Leader mtroyan412@gmail.com</p> <p>Preschool Director</p> <p>Administrative Assistant terri@stjosephohara.com</p>
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Did You Know . . . ?

. . . that Labor Day was first created in 1894 by the labor movement in order to recognize the social and economic vitality in the United States produced and promoted by the American worker. Celebrated each year on the First Monday of September, Labor Day retains its importance of honoring men and women who use the skill of their brains, the sweat of their backs, and the determination of their will to build up and keep strong the community of peoples throughout our nation.

Mass will be offered on Labor Day - Monday, September 2ND at 10:00 am in Saint Edward Church in Blawnox (450 Walnut Street). All parishioners from the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes are invited to be in attendance.

Collection for the Weekend of August 24-25: \$8,050.50
Catholic Communications Campaign: \$1,047.50

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	August 31 †Nicholas Gamer (Marlene Paulick)
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	September 1 †Eugene Maloney (Mary Ita McGonigle) †Robert Ninehouser (Sons: Steve, Phil & Kevin)
Monday 10:00 am	September 2 - Labor Day Mass in Saint Edward Church in Blawnox
Tuesday 8:00 am	September 3 - Pope Saint Gregory The people of Saint Joseph Parish
Wednesday 8:00 am	September 4 - Weekday in Ordinary Time †Tangie Lee Gatto (PapPap & Gramm)
Thursday 8:00 am	September 5 - Saint Teresa of Calcutta †Josh Black (Tom & Delia Barr)
Friday 8:00 am	September 6 - Weekday in Ordinary Time 50 TH Wedding Anniversary: Leonard & Marjorie Weidner (Patty Kennedy)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	September 7 45 TH Wedding Anniversary: Gary & Janet Sasuta (Children/Grandchildren)
Sunday 9:00 am 11:00 am	September 8 †Jeanne Young (Nancy & Kathi) Intention of the Clump Family (Delia Barr)

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - September 1		
Sirach 3: 17-29	Hebrews 12: 18-24	Lk 14: 7-14
Monday - September 2		
1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18		Lk 4: 16-30
Tuesday - September 3		
1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11		Lk 4: 31-37
Wednesday - September 4		
Colossians 1: 1-8		Lk 4: 38-44
Thursday - September 5		
Colossians 1: 9-14		Lk 5: 1-11
Friday - September 6		
Colossians 1: 15-20		Lk 5: 33-39
Saturday - September 7		
Colossians 1: 21-23		Lk 6: 1-5
Sunday - September 8		
Wisdom 9: 13-18	Philemon 9-17	Lk 14: 25-33

Editor's Note: This article was written by Sister Mary McClone, a Sister of Saint Joseph.

True Humility

One summer Sunday as our family gathered on the patio with drinks and snacks before dinner, our camaraderie was interrupted by shouts. My 4-year old nephew was calling the universe to attention: "Look at me! Come look at me!"

He had found a rope tied to the rafters in the garage and was swinging wildly over tools and other objects not designed for safe landings. In addition to demonstrating his inherited daredevil nature, he wanted to focus his parents', grandparents', aunts' and uncles' attention on himself. Our storytelling, teasing and singing bored him; he was certain that he was far more interesting than we were. It would be at least 18 years before he could begin to appreciate Sirach's advice, "Conduct your affairs with humility."

In today's Gospel, Jesus' suggestions to his fellow dinner guests apply Sirach's advice to the rather ticklish situation of guests jockeying for position at a banquet. Watching the scene with some amusement, Jesus took it as a teaching moment.

Jesus launched into a comic parable centered on a guy we can call Gershom. Gershom swooshed into a dinner party, sporting first-century designer robes and his beard nicely oiled. Just after ostentatiously plopping himself down in the No. 1 spot at the table, Gershom was dethroned by the host who has reserved the place for a special honoree.

Interpreting his parable, Jesus advised his fellow diners that they should always start at the end of the line. Since the only place to go from there is up, they would never be embarrassed by overstating their public stature. He went on to advise them to avoid grandstanders at their banquets by inviting people who want to be there for the dinner rather than for the show.

A celestial alternative to the banquets Jesus and his friends frequented is depicted in the Letter to the Hebrews. Today's selection suggests that when the day comes for us to approach the judgment seat of God, it's not going to be a dreadful courtroom drama but an assembly of people so festive that they teach the angels how to party. The guests at this gathering are the ones who have been made perfect - not by their own efforts, but by the love of God.

Sirach counseled his listeners that humility is the key to winning friends. Dale Carnegie expounded on that by telling those who wanted friends and influence that they should be nice, positive and attentive to the other person. Neither of them contradicts what Jesus said. But Jesus goes further.

Neither Sirach nor Carnegie urged his listeners to diversify their lists of potential friends and house-guests. Jesus tells his well-to-do host that he'd have a better party if he invited folks with whom he'd never associated. That guest list would change the entire dynamic of the gathering. When we gather with "our kind of people," we follow unspoken rules of engagement that reinforce our way of seeing and doing things. We converse with one another in a cultural monotone. Such gatherings help us feel comfortable and satisfied.

In Scripture, a banquet usually symbolizes the reign of God, a gathering like the one described in Isaiah 55 in which all are nourished sumptuously, where everyone has a place and nobody has to pick up the bill. At God's banquet table, money, status, gender, nationality and culture have nothing to do with distinguishing rank or importance.

The guest list that Jesus proposes dismantles the walls of protection provided by "dining with our own kind." When the guests represent the population Jesus suggests, the music of the feast is transformed from chant to polyphony. When we abandon our "look at me" behavior and discover the delights of our differences, humility will become a natural attitude, and we'll find ourselves not only comfortable with diversity, but also delighting in it. Nobody will feel a need to say, "Look at me," because everyone will be watching one another with admiration and wonder. That is true humility.

Faith Formation Registration: Parents are reminded of the responsibility to their children in matters of the Catholic faith. Thus far, there are over 300 children registered for Religious Education classes (*formerly called CCD*). That number should grow to at least 400.

To register online go to: www.stjosephohara.com or www.saintscholastica.com. Times and places for Faith Formation classes are as follows:

SUNDAY CLASSES

K thru 8TH grade from 10:30 to 11:45 am @ Saint Scholastica

MONDAY CLASSES

K thru 4TH grade from 4:30 to 6:00 pm @ Saint Joseph

5TH thru 8TH grade from 6:15 to 7:45 pm @ Saint Joseph

TUESDAY CLASSES

K thru 8TH grade from 6:00 to 7:30 pm @ Saint Joseph

Registration cost is \$60 per child, \$200 maximum.

For additional information, contact Delia Barr, the Director of Faith Formation at ccd@stjosephohara.com or call 412-963-8885 x301.

LAV Parish News

Parish Finances: Fr. Dale DeNinno will provide a verbal report to each of the four parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley over the course of three weekends:

- **September 7-8:** Saint Scholastica Church at 5:00 pm and 12:00 o'clock Noon; 8:00 am at Saint Francis of Assisi Church and 10:00 am at Saint Edward Church.
- **September 14-15:** Madonna Church at 4:30 pm; Saint Scholastica Church at 9:30 am; Saint Mary Church at 11:30 am.
- **September 21-22:** Saint Joseph Church at 4:00 pm, 9:00 am and 11:00 am

Labor Day Mass on Monday, September 2ND will be offered at 10:00 am in Saint Edward Church in Blawnox (*450 Walnut Street*). It will be the only Mass offered that day in the churches of our parish grouping. All parishioners are encouraged to be in attendance.

Weekend Retreat: All men who belong to any of the four parishes in the Lower Allegheny Valley are invited to participate in a retreat at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center on the South Side, beginning at 5:00 pm on Friday, November 15TH and concluding at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, November 17TH. The theme for the retreat is: *“Blessed by God - who surrounds you with loving compassion.”* A retreat experience provides one with the opportunity to recharge their spiritual batteries, to step away from the noise and the demands of this world. Who couldn't benefit from that? If you would like more information, please call Jim Fanning at 412-680-7419.

Voting Registrations and Absentee Applications are available the Sundays of September 1ST and 8TH. If you have moved or changed your name, not registered but a citizen who has lived in the U.S. for at least one month before November 5TH, a resident of your election district for at least 30 days before November 5TH, and 18 years of age before November 5TH. You may also register online at: www.VotesPa.com.

Other News

Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy opened its doors for the 2019-2020 academic year on Monday, August 26TH. Thirty-three new students were welcomed, bringing the student population to over 200. We are looking forward to an exciting year for everyone.

Cornhole Tournament, sponsored by CDTCA, will be held on Saturday, September 28TH, from 6:00-11:00 pm in the Saint Scholastica Parish gymnasium. Cost is \$50 per team with 1ST, 2ND and 3RD place prizes of \$200, \$100 and \$50 awarded. You must be 21 years or older to attend. Contact the school office at 412-781-7927 for more information and to register.

Beginning Experience: The loss of a spouse through death, divorce or separation is a traumatic experience. Working through grief and moving forward takes time, patience and compassion. A weekend retreat will be held at the Martina Spiritual Renewal Center in West View (5244 Clarwin Avenue) on September 27-29. Widowed, divorced and separated individuals are welcome. For more information or to register go to: BeginningExperiencePittsburgh.com or make a confidential call to Mary at 412-523-2405 or Rob at 412-584-5575.

National Catholic Youth Conference, to be held November 21-23, 2019 is an exciting biennial 3-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers. Meredith Troyan, the Youth Ministry Leader, will provide additional information upon request. Contact her at: 412-781-0186 or mtroyan412@gmail.com.

Protecting God's Children Workshop: All Saints Parish in Etna on Saturday, October 5TH, from 9:00 am to Noon. There is no cost to attend. To register, call Anna at 412-781-0530.

Glass Recycling "POP-UP" Collection Event: It will be held on Saturday, September 14TH at the O'Hara Township Building Parking Lot, 325 Fox Chapel Road from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. **Types of glass accepted:** all colors of glass bottles, jars and jugs only. **Not accepted:** window glass, drinking glasses, dishware, ceramics, mirrors, light bulbs, or TVs.

Pittsburgh 40 Days for Life: A Fall kick-off event will be held on Tuesday, September 10TH at 6:30 pm in Clairvaux Hall of Saint Bernard Church in Mount Lebanon, 311 Washington Road. Melissa Coles, a national pro-life speaker is the birth mother of a short documentary, "*I Lived on Parker Avenue.*" It is her story and the mother's agony in choosing what is best, the joy of a couple starting a family, and a young man's search for where his life began. Go to: www.ilivedonparkerave.com.

Our Lady of the Alleghenies Amtrak Adventure: Presented by the Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping of Parishes on Wednesday, October 9TH. The cost of the one-day trip is just \$99. Depart from Saint Francis of Assisi Church on Freeport Road in Harmar at 6:15 am by motorcoach to Greensburg where you will board Amtrak's "Pennsylvanian" for an exciting and scenic train ride to Altoona. Travel into the heart of the Alleghenies and around Horseshoe Curve. Upon arrival in Altoona, re-board the motorcoach and travel to the peaceful town of Loretto. There you will visit the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel where Mass will be celebrated. Enjoy lunch at Saint Francis University, the oldest Franciscan college in the United States. Arrive home at approximately 6:00 pm.

Payment of the \$99 is due to secure your reservation - space is limited. Make checks payable to Wendt Touring and send to: Saint Padre Pio Parish, 450 Walnut Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15238. For more information, call Ruthie Gee at 412-828-4718.

Daily Mass: Week of September 2

8:00 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Joseph
9:00 am	Fr. Bill Siple	
	<i>Mon, Tues, Wed</i>	Madonna
	<i>Thurs, Fri, Sat</i>	Saint Edward
10:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Scholastica

Weekend Masses: September 7-8

Saturday Vigil

4:00 pm	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
4:30 pm	Fr. Bill Siple	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	Fr. Bill Siple	Saint Scholastica
10:00 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Edward
11:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	Saint Joseph
11:30 am	Fr. Bill Siple	Saint Mary
12:00 Noon	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Scholastica