

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
412-781-0186
parish@saintscholastica.com
www.saintscholastica.com

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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Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 29, 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 . . . ?

Missionary Cooperative Plan: Father Clement Kanu and Father Nduka Uzor, members of the Missionary Society of Saint Paul, will visit the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley and speak at all the Masses this weekend, September 28-29. A second collection will be taken in order to help support their congregation which was founded in 1977 in Nigeria. Their mission effort is to help over 360 orphans in Malawi who lost their parents due to AIDS. Find out more about them at: www.mspfathers.org. The generosity of your support will be greatly appreciated.

Collection for the Weekend of September 21-22: \$7,984.00

Sanctuary Vigil Candle in Saint Joseph Church
Week of September 29, 2019
In Memory of the Montemurro and Cresta Families

MASS INTENTIONS

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday		September 28	†Rita Schultz (Ginny Konrad)
	4:00 pm		
Sunday		September 29	†Montemurro & Cresta Families (Family)
	9:00 am		†Samuel Rago (Family)
	11:00 am		
Monday		September 30 - Saint Jerome	†Rocco Volpe, Sr. (Patricia Hughes & Family)
	8:00 am		
Tuesday		October 1 - Saint Therese' of the Child Jesus	Intention of Mr. and Mrs. Don Laible
	8:00 am		
Wednesday		October 2 - Guardian Angels	†Rita Schultz (Irene Schultz)
	8:00 am		
Thursday		October 3 - Weekday in Ordinary Time	The people of Saint Joseph Parish
	8:00 am		
Friday		October 4 - Saint Francis of Assisi	†Doug Hartman, Jr. (Mom, Dad & Vanessa)
	8:00 am		

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday		October 5	†Maria Suppa (Connie Riga)
	4:00 pm		
Sunday		October 6	†Pat Maida (German Family)
	9:00 am		†Rita Schultz (Son, Robert Schultz)
	11:00 am		

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - September 29		
Amos 6: 1-7	1 Timothy 6: 11-16	Lk 16: 19-31
Monday - September 30		
Zechariah 8: 1-8		Lk 9: 46-50
Tuesday - October 1		
Zechariah 8: 20-23		Lk 9: 51-56
Wednesday - October 2		
Nehemiah 2: 1-8		Mt 18: 1-5, 10
Thursday - October 3		
Nehemiah 8: 1-12		Lk 10: 1-12
Friday - October 4		
Baruch 1: 15-22		Lk 10: 13-16
Saturday - October 5		
Baruch 4: 5-12, 27-29		Lk 10: 17-24
Sunday - October 6		
Habakkuk 1: 2-3; 2: 2-4	2 Tim 1: 6-14	Lk 17: 5-10

Editor's Note: The following printed message was spoken by Fr. Dale DeNinno at Mass in the churches of Saint Padre Pio Parish the weekend of September 21-22, 2019.

Dear Parishioners,

My father and mother were both born during the 1920's. My father grew up in East Liberty and my mother in Garfield. Their earliest years were impacted by the Great Depression and World War II that followed. As our nation faced a shattered economy and the devastation of war, the reality of unemployment, rationing of resources, and never enough money to pay the bills, were felt by the people of our country during the 1930's and 40's.

But the citizens of the United States, throughout the years, have shown an amazing and resilient spirit. Faced with economic challenges and moral crises, we have always responded appropriately with a renewed determination to build again that which has been broken.

And so in every generation we must admit to the brokenness that prevents us from being strong and whole. How else can we go forward? In our nation and in our Church as well. The Roman Catholic Church, the Catholic Church in the United States, the local Church in the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and in each of the churches in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes.

This past year has been a harrowing time for all of us. The people who sit in the pews and the priests who stand at the altar. Our brokenness has been on full display for all to see and has impacted everyone, with the result that each of us experience strong feelings and given expression to even stronger opinions.

In voicing what we think and feel, individuals, couples and entire families have looked for ways to respond so that they may be heard. Some have made a silent exit from attendance at Mass and their message is heard loud and clear; others have chosen to write letters of discontent or have joined support groups to raise a collective voice; and still others have decided to eliminate or cut-back dramatically on their financial support of the local parish community.

As a pastor, my first responsibility is for the welfare of souls. As a shepherd I am to be a guide in helping others to find their way to God and a place in the kingdom of heaven. It is an awesome task, but it is not the only thing that occupies my time. I am also an administrator who oversees the workings of a parish community that includes personnel, buildings, programs and finances.

In my recent meetings with the members of the Saint Padre Pio Parish Finance Council, they urged me to be open, honest and transparent in communicating a financial report. The truth is that we live from week-to-week in paying our bills. Not unlike many families. Therefore, of immediate concern is the drop in the weekly collections. Again, that surely reflects a lower Mass attendance, the change in the Mass schedule, or parishioners putting a smaller donation into the collection basket. Secondly, there is only \$1,100 in the Saint Pio Parish savings account. Where once there was more, in recent years the savings has been depleted in order to pay regular expenses.

There is money in The Church Alive Campaign, but that has been kept off-limits for paying our regular bills.

One misconception that has been brought to my attention is the mistaken notion that all money collected in our church from the regular Mass offering goes directly to the diocese. Nothing could be further from the truth. The reality is that all money collected each week is deposited into the Saint Padre Pio Parish account at the Standard Bank in Blawnox. That money, in turn, is used to pay our regular bills: salaries for priests and staff, health insurance and benefits for employees; the utilities of gas, water and electric; regular office expenses, and the ongoing maintenance of our buildings and property. It is all a very costly undertaking.

With the continued loss of weekly revenue we must resort to taking money out of savings in order to pay the bills. That hurts us in the long run. We cannot allow that to happen, especially when we need the money in savings for those "rainy-day" emergencies when a roof is leaking or major repairs are needed on a furnace or air-conditioning unit. You all know and understand the demands and expense of maintaining a household.

Moving forward, we have to acknowledge that the priests and people in the Diocese of Pittsburgh are hurting, trust has been severely damaged, and uncertainty about the future is real. But like any community who has suffered trauma and tragedy, we must be prepared and willing to do the hard work of making better that which is showing glaring weakness. We cannot heal unless we enter into a respectful dialogue; we cannot heal unless we are willing to forgive; we cannot heal unless we profess and live what we believe.

Allow me to end this message with words from Saint Paul in his second letter to the church community in Corinth. He writes: *"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 have all you need, you may have an abundance for every good work."*

Perhaps the most important words we need to hear is that *"God is able to make every grace abundant for you...."* In the midst of everything we are feeling and experiencing, it must be our trust in the power of God that will bring healing and abundance into the parish grouping of the Lower Allegheny Valley.

May the Lord bless you.

Father Dale DeNinno

LAV Parish News

The Blessing of Animals is traditionally held on a day close to the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi (October 4TH). This year's blessing will be held at two locations on Sunday, October 6TH. At 2:00 pm in front of Saint Joseph Church and 2:00 pm in front of Saint Scholastica Church. Bring your pet who gives such joy to your life for a special blessing from God.

Save the Date! On Sunday, October 20TH, at 2:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church, Jeanne Colter, Catholic singer, pianist and composer will visit the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes for an afternoon of music, reflection and storytelling. This is an afternoon not to be missed! The concert is free and open to the public.

Jeanne Colter is a singer-songwriter and liturgical composer who has performed throughout the United States and Canada with original piano works, inspirational songs, and heartwarming and often humorous stories about growing up in an Irish-Catholic family in southern Minnesota. Called "*one of Catholic music's most gifted liturgical musicians*" by **Catholic Faith & Family Magazine** for more than two decades, Colter has inspired and taught audiences throughout the United States and abroad.

A Six Week Fall Video Series will be held at Saint Joseph Parish on Thursday evenings from 7:30-9:00, beginning on October 3RD and on Wednesday mornings at Saint Scholastica Parish, beginning on October 9TH from 10:30 am-12:00 Noon. The series is entitled ***Catholicism: Journey Around the World and Deep into the Faith***. The series was filmed in more than 50 locations in 15 countries and is hosted by Bishop Robert Barron, Auxiliary Bishop in Los Angeles. Contact Andy Bechman at: andybechman@saintscholastica.com.

40 Days for Life is held each year in the Fall to promote a prayerful and peaceful vigil outside of Planned Parenthood clinics in order to show support for the dignity of human life. This year's 40 days will be from September 25 - November 3. During those days individuals and parishes will take turns keeping pro-life vigils from 7:00 am to 7:00 pm at 933 Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh. Parishioners from the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley are scheduled on Thursday, October 10TH, from 7:00-9:00 am and 3:00-5:00 pm. Your participation would show a real sign of your commitment to the sacredness of all human life, from the moment of conception to the time of natural death.

Celebration of 50TH Wedding Anniversary: Each year the Diocese of Pittsburgh recognizes those married couples who have reached this golden event. All couples who have already or will yet mark their 50TH anniversary in 2019 are invited to a special Mass that will be offered on Sunday, November 17, 2019 at 2:30 pm in Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland. Those couples from the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley are asked to contact your parish office in order to provide your names, address and the date of your marriage. Saint Joseph (412-963-8885); Saint Juan Diego (412-784-8700); Saint Padre Pio (412-828-4066), or Saint Scholastica (412-781-0186).

Men's 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.***" If you would like more information, please call Jim Fanning at 412-680-7419.

Tabernacle Vigil Candle: As a way of remembering loved ones, you may request that the Tabernacle Vigil Candle in the churches of our parish grouping burn in their memory. A \$20 stipend is requested for each week that the candle burns. If interested, call the parish office of the church where you wish the candle to be lit: **Saint Joseph Church** (412-963-8885); **Madonna of Jerusalem and Saint Mary Churches** (412-784-8700); **Saint Edward and Saint Francis of Assisi Churches** (412-828-4066); **Saint Scholastica Church** (412-781-0186).

Faith Afloat: High School students are welcome to join a cruise of the Three Rivers on the Gateway Clipper *Empress* on Saturday, October 13TH from 3:00-6:00 pm. Dinner, dancing, and the chance to deepen your faith will be featured. The theme is: **“Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer.”** Sister Miriam O’Callaghan will share her story of God’s call, Noah Pepmeyer will lead praise and worship, and Fr. Mike Ackerman will emcee the event. Tickets are \$21 and available at PGHPriest.com until October 1ST.

On a Wing and a Prayer: Catholic young adults (ages 18-40) who are passionate about their faith and up for adventure are invited to a day-long bus trip to Buffalo on Saturday, October 26TH, with stops at Our Lady of Victory Basilica and National Shrine, Niagara Falls. The bus will depart from Saint Paul Seminary (2900 Noblestown Road in Crafton) at 7:30 am and return by 9:00 pm. Tickets cost \$25 and are available until October 12TH at PGHPriest.com.

Rachel’s Vineyard is a weekend retreat to help heal the emotional and spiritual wounds of abortion for both women and men. It will be held November 22-24, 2019 at The Ark and Dove Retreat Center in North Park. To register or for more information, contact Toni Jester at toniafj1@comcast.net or call 412-352-5348.

Daily Mass: Week of September 30

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

Weekend Masses: October 5-6

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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