

# 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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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  
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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

#### 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 Tuesday

6:30 - 7:15 pm Saint Scholastica Church

# First Sunday of Advent December 2, 2018

## Saint Joseph Parish

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Live Streamed Mass  
www.stjosephohara.com/index.php/mass-videos

## Parish Personnel

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## Regular Offertory Collection

Weekend of November 17-18: \$7,499.80  
Religious Retirement Fund: \$3,632.00  
Weekend of November 24-25: \$9,704.00

## Daily Mass: Week of December 3

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

## Weekend Masses: December 8-9

### Saturday Vigil

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

### Sunday

8:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz and Deacon Bob Wertz	Saint Francis
9:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Joseph
9:30 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Scholastica
10:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz and Deacon Bob Wertz	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

## Scripture Readings for the Week

### Sunday - December 2

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 1 Thess 3: 12 - 4: 2 Lk 21: 25-36

### Monday - December 3

Isaiah 2: 1-5 Mt 8: 5-11

### Tuesday - December 4

Isaiah 11: 1-10 Lk 10: 21-24

### Wednesday - December 5

Isaiah 25: 6-10 Mt 15: 29-37

### Thursday - December 6

Isaiah 26: 1-6 Mt 7: 24-27

### Friday - December 7

Isaiah 29: 17-24 Mt 9: 27-31

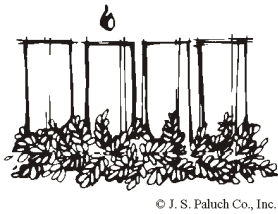
### Saturday - December 8

Genesis 3: 9-20 Ephesians 1: 3-12 Lk 1: 26-38

### Sunday - December 9

Baruch 5: 1-9 Philippians 1: 4-11 Lk 3: 1-6

**Christmas Flower Donations** in memory of loved ones must be returned no later than Monday, December 10<sup>TH</sup> in order for names to be included on the insert in the December 22-23 parish bulletin. Each memorial donation is \$10 per line (*name, couple, or single family name*).



Dear Parishioners,

Someone recently sent me a wonderful article about three different ways to celebrate Christmas. As we begin the liturgical season of Advent and measure with burning candles the four weeks leading to the celebration of the Lord's Incarnation, I want to share with you over the next three weeks the contents of the article entitled "**Three Christmases.**" The first two are easy; the third is a fearsome challenge to us all. The article is great food-for-thought.

*American Christians have three holiday celebration options. The most obvious is the secular option: **the Christmas of Santa and Society.** There's no escaping it unless you become a hermit or hide your head in the ground. Like fish in the water we are immersed in its delightful sights, sounds and fragrant scents emanating from evergreen and kitchen.*

*This is the Christmas of mistletoe and holly, chestnuts roasting on an open fire and stockings hung by the chimney with care. It's the season for eggnog and fruitcakes, office parties and feasting. It's Deck the Halls and dreaming of a White Christmas. It's the time for jingle bells and Silver Bells, for jolly old Saint Nick and Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer.*

*Its bottom line is measured mostly by commercial sales and profits. Join the shopping frenzy and you can understand why it sometimes leads to physical and emotional exhaustion. Its upside is that it can be so much fun, especially for little children. Its downside is that it can distract us from something far better. Like a narcotic, it can numb us to our deeper needs and blind us to the season's larger meaning. Sadly, it is the only Christmas some people ever know.*

Next week: **The Christmas of Faith and Family**

*Father Dale DeNinno*

## PARISH NEWS

### Feast of the Immaculate Conception

The Catholic faithful honors the Blessed Virgin Mary in her Immaculate Conception. We believe that she was conceived without sin and lived the whole of her life free from sin. This feast of the Church is on December 8<sup>TH</sup> and is celebrated as a holy day of obligation. All Catholics are to be in attendance at Mass. The schedule of Masses for the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley is as follows:

#### Friday vigil Masses, December 7<sup>TH</sup>:

4:30 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church/Sharpsburg  
7:00 pm Saint Joseph Church/O'Hara

#### Saturday morning Masses, December 8<sup>TH</sup>:

9:00 am Saint Edward Church/Blawnox  
10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church/Aspinwall

**Saint Joseph Parish Eucharistic Ministers:** An Evening of Reflection and Learning will be held on Thursday, December 13<sup>TH</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church. All Eucharistic Ministers are asked to be in attendance.

**The Ladies of Charity of Saint Joseph Parish** will meet on Thursday, December 6<sup>TH</sup> at 7:00 pm in the Saint Lucy Conference Room. All women of the parish are welcome to be part of this Gospel ministry that puts flesh on the words of Jesus Christ in reaching out to those who are in need.

**An Advent Evening for Women** of the parishes of the Lower Allegheny Valley will be held on Monday, December 3<sup>RD</sup>, beginning at 7:00 pm in Saint Scholastica Church. The evening will include prayer, reflections, and inspiring music. All women from Saint Joseph Parish, Saint Juan Diego Parish, Saint Scholastica Parish, and Saint Padre Pio Parish are welcome and encouraged to be in attendance. A dessert reception will conclude the evening.

**Warm Clothes for the Homeless** are being collected (*sponsored by the Knights of Columbus*). Donations of coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks and blankets are being accepted. You may drop everything off at the clothes bins in the lower lobby of Saint Joseph Church until January 6<sup>TH</sup>.

**The Sacrament of Baptism:** Parents wishing to have their child baptized may choose to have the sacrament celebrated following Mass or during Mass on Saturday evening or Sunday morning in any of the churches of our parish grouping: Saint Joseph Parish, Saint Juan Diego Parish (*Saint Mary Church or Madonna of Jerusalem Church*), Saint Scholastica Parish and Saint Padre Pio Parish (*Saint Edward Church or Saint Francis of Assisi Church*). Parents are asked to call the parish office in order to schedule a date and time for your child's baptism.

## **Other Community News**

**The Holiday Train and Village Display** will be featured every weekend thru January 6<sup>TH</sup> from Noon to 3:00 pm in the Saint Joseph Church cafeteria. The Knights of Columbus need the assistance of Train Engineers to operate the trains and Greeters to welcome visitors with cookies & hot chocolate.

**The Trade Fair** recently held at Saint Joseph Church was a big success. Over \$6,000 was raised to help support crafts people in developing countries and educate Haitian children in Catholic schools. Raffle winners were Stacey Nicholas, Abby Terrick and Deacon Bob Wertz. Thanks to everyone who participated and offered their assistance. You may learn more by going to: [ethicaltrade.crs.org](http://ethicaltrade.crs.org) and [highhopesforhaiti.org](http://highhopesforhaiti.org).

**Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy (CDTCA) Lottery Calendars** are now available for purchase. Students will be selling them the weekend of December 15-16. The calendars are \$25 each and pay daily based on the 3-digit PA Lottery.

**A Festive Christmas Concert** will be held on Sunday, December 9<sup>TH</sup>, beginning at 2:00 pm in Saint Mary Church in Sharpsburg, featuring the Pine Creek Community Band. All are invited and welcome to this free concert.

**Serving the Hungry at Bethlehem Haven:** On the first Wednesday of each month volunteers from Saint Joseph Parish leave from the upper church parking lot (*near the electronic signboard*) at 5:15 pm in order to deliver the donated hot meals from our parishioners. For more information about the women's shelter, call Ann Jeffrey at 412-967-0902 or Melissa Kosak at 412-784-1449; for the men's shelter, call Trudi Annett at 412-849-0216 or Terri Weir at 412-781-7463.

# MASSSES for the WEEK

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## First Sunday of Advent

### Saturday December 1

4:00 pm †John (Jack) Claus (Family)

### Sunday December 2

9:00 am †Kirk J. Curilla (Family)

11:00 am †Mary Agnes Sweeney (Bernadette Thompson)

### Monday December 3 - Saint Francis Xavier

8:00 am †Marie Gazica (Carl Trakofler)

### Tuesday December 4 - Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Loretta Montemurro (Husband & Children)

### Wednesday December 5 - Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Richard Miller (Joseph Bullick)

### Thursday December 6 - Saint Nicholas

8:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

### Friday December 7 - Saint Ambrose

8:00 am No Intention Listed

### *Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception*

4:30 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church

7:00 pm Saint Joseph Church  
†Arlene Enriquez (Tess Enriquez)

### Saturday December 8 - Immaculate Conception

9:00 am Saint Edward Church/Blawnox

10:00 am Saint Scholastica Church

## Second Sunday of Advent

### Saturday December 8

4:00 pm †John McGonigle (Mary Ita McGonigle)

### Sunday December 9

9:00 am †Ralph & Eleanor Walters  
(Ron, Debbie & Ronnie Seman)

11:00 am †Salvatore Distilo (Family)