

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
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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

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

Second Sunday of Advent

December 9, 2018

Saint Joseph Parish

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Live Streamed Mass

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

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A Note from Father Mike Decewicz:

"I want to thank you all so much for your prayers and kind thoughts during my recent bout with pneumonia and hospitalization. Your kindness, support and prayers are deeply appreciated. I also want to thank Father Dale DeNinno for his support and understanding.

I am truly blessed to be a part of the parish families of Saint Joseph, Saint Juan Diego, Saint Scholastica and Saint Padre Pio."

Daily Mass: Week of December 10

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

Weekend Masses: December 15-16

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - December 9

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

Monday - December 10

Isaiah 35: 1-10 Lk 5: 17-26

Tuesday - December 11

Isaiah 40: 1-11 Mt 18: 12-14

Wednesday - December 12

Zechariah 2: 14-17 Lk 1: 26-38

Thursday - December 13

Isaiah 41: 13-20 Mt 11: 11-15

Friday - December 14

Isaiah 48: 17-19 Mt 17: 16-19

Saturday - December 15

Sirach 48: 1-4, 9-11 Mt 17: 9-13

Sunday - December 16

Zephaniah 3: 14-18 Philippians 4: 4-7 Lk 3: 10-18

Christmas Flower Donations in memory of loved ones must be returned no later than Monday, December 10TH 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*).

A Festive Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, December 9TH, 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.



PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

Did you read last week's bulletin letter? It offered the first of three ways in which we may focus our attention in celebrating Christmas. It was called **"the secular option."** The way of the world. The second focus is different.

*A second holiday option we can call **"The Christmas of Faith and Family."** This is the Christmas of candlelight, Silent Night and O Holy Night. It's the Christmas of caroling, cantatas and children's charming pageants where everything that can possibly go wrong usually does. It's the Christmas of family gatherings and traditions.*

This option is rooted in that story of stories, the one about the angel Gabriel visiting the young peasant girl. It's about Caesar's tax decree and a virgin great with child journeying with her fiancé, Joseph, to Bethlehem. It's the story of a manger where Mary's child was born; about shepherds keeping watch over flocks by night; about a heavenly choir singing "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to all"; about wise men from the East bringing their gifts. Its theme is love and its gift is hope.

This is the Christmas that often means the most to us, the one we long for, that stirs sentimental memories from former times, and the one we want to pass on to our children. Yet, as good as it is, even it is incomplete unless it leads us to the still larger truth towards which it points.

Next week's bulletin message will conclude this three part article. The third option: **"The Christmas of Mary and Messiah."**

I hope that it will be a blessed week for everyone.

Father Dale DeNinno

Celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation: As part of our Christmas preparation we are encouraged to confess our sins before our merciful God. The priests of our parish grouping are available to hear Confessions:

Every Saturday

9:30-10:15 am Saint Edward Church
11:30-Noon Saint Joseph Church
3:30-4:00 pm Madonna of Jerusalem Church

Every Tuesday

6:30-7:15 pm Saint Scholastica Church

"The Light Is On for You"

Confessions will also be heard on:

Tuesday, December 11TH
6:00 - 8:00 pm

Saint Joseph Church
Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Saint Scholastica Church

Lighting Vigil Candles in Saint Joseph Church: A donation of \$3 is requested for each candle you light. The money is to be placed in the new collection boxes that are now attached to the candle stands in front of the Blessed Mother and Saint Joseph. Remember: you are on the honor system in the House of God.

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

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 6TH.

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.

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Mass Schedule

Monday, December 24TH:

4:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church <i>Fr. Mike Decewicz</i>
4:00 pm	Saint Mary Church <i>Fr. Dale DeNinno</i>
4:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Fr. Paul Merkovsky</i>
7:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church <i>Fr. Mike Decewicz</i>
7:00 pm	Saint Edward Church <i>Fr. Dale DeNinno</i>
10:00 pm	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Fr. Paul Merkovsky</i>
12:00 Midnight	Saint Mary Church <i>Fr. Dale DeNinno</i>

Tuesday, December 25TH:

8:00 am	Saint Francis of Assisi Church <i>Fr. Dale DeNinno</i>
9:30 am	Saint Scholastica Church <i>Fr. Bob Duch</i>
10:00 am	Saint Joseph Church <i>Fr. Dale DeNinno</i>
10:00 am	Saint Edward Church <i>Fr. Paul Merkovsky</i>
10:30 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church <i>Fr. Mike Decewicz</i>
12:00 Noon	Saint Francis of Assisi Church <i>Fr. Bob Duch</i>

Other Community News

The Holiday Train and Village Display will be featured every weekend thru January 6TH 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.

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.

Saint Scholastica Parish Respect Life Committee is selling Christmas cards depicting Mary and Joseph gazing at the newborn Christ Child. All proceeds benefit People Concerned for the Unborn Child. A set of 10 cards costs \$6. To order, please call 412-781-6550.

MASSes for the WEEK

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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)

Monday December 10 - Advent Weekday

8:00 am †Richard Miller (Betty Jonnet)

Tuesday December 11 - Saint Juan Diego

8:00 am †Regis & Mary Kessler (Shaginaw Family)

Wednesday December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

Thursday December 13 - Saint Lucy

8:00 am No Intention Listed

Friday December 14 - Saint John of the Cross

8:00 am †Ann Weidner (Family)

Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 15

4:00 pm †Patrick Lalonde, Sr. (Family & Friends)

Sunday December 16

9:00 am †Edward Cavlovich, Sr. (Margaret Cavlovich)

11:00 am †Rose Vancheri (John & Cynthia Halicky)

Regular Offertory Collection

Weekend of December 1-2: \$8,180.50

The generosity of your weekly donation to Saint Joseph Parish is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the sacrifice you make. The weekly donation given to the church helps to meet the operational expenses of our parish community, which include the cost of utilities, maintenance, salaries & benefits, snow removal in the winter, and the new category of grass cutting in the summer.