

Saint Joseph

O'Hara/Fox Chapel

- part of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes -

Saint Joseph Parish

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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 23, 2018

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Daily Mass: Week of December 24

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. Dale DeNinno	

Weekend Masses: December 29-30

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	Saint Francis
9:00 am	Fr. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Joseph
9:30 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	Saint Scholastica
10:00 am	Fr. Mike Decewicz	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 23

Micah 5: 1-4 Hebrews 10: 5-10 Lk 1: 39-45

Monday - December 24

2 Samuel 7: 1-16 Lk 1: 67-79

Tuesday - December 25

Isaiah 52: 7-10 Hebrews 1: 1-6 Jn 1: 1-18

Wednesday - December 26

Acts 6: 8-10; 7: 54-59 Mt 10: 17-22

Thursday - December 27

1 John 1: 1-4 Jn 20: 1-8

Friday - December 28

1 John 1: 5 - 2: 2 Mt 2: 13-18

Saturday - December 29

1 John 2: 3-11 Lk 2: 22-35

Sunday - December 30

1 Samuel 1: 20-28 1 John 3: 1-2, 21-24 Lk 2: 41-52

"The universal joy of Christmas is certainly wonderful. We ring the bells when princes are born, or toll a mournful dirge when great men pass away. Nations have their red-letter days, their carnivals and festivals, but once in the year and only once, the whole world stands still to celebrate the advent of a life. Only Jesus of Nazareth claims this world-wide, undying remembrance. You cannot cut Christmas out of the calendar, nor out of the heart of the world."

Anonymous



PARISH NEWS

My dear parishioners,

We know the familiar melody ... the words are in our memory - **“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”** Four weeks of Advent: preparing, longing, anticipating, hoping - all pointing to the Incarnation. The Son of God takes on flesh and is born into the human condition. Two thousand years since and more. And in that event, everything changed. Nothing has ever been the same. Jesus came and turned the world on its head. And we've been reckoning with the truth of that reality ever since.

The truth of a God who loves us. The truth of a God who walks with us. The truth of a God who feeds us, heals us, forgives us, and teaches us how to live.

For many the truth has been too much. People have scorned the message of Christ; ridiculed His way of life; criticized His manner of teaching. To which Jesus responds with patient waiting, gentle forgiveness, and love beyond measure.

For the first three weeks of Advent an article appeared in this space highlighting the options that people may be drawn to in their celebration of Christmas: “The Secular Option,” “The Christmas of Faith and Family,” and “The Christmas of Mary and Messiah.” Perhaps there is something of all three wrapped up together that gives expression to how we mark the birth of Christ into the world.

In a bulletin message from a Baptist Church in Syracuse, New York, these words were written: *“There was a gift for each of us left under the tree of life 2,000 years ago by Him whose birth we celebrate today. The gift was withheld from no one. Some have left the package unclaimed. Some have accepted the gift and carry it around, but have failed to remove the wrapping and look inside to discover the hidden splendor. The packages are all alike: in each is a scroll on which is written, ‘All that the Father has is yours. Take and live!’”*

Dear sisters and brothers, I pray that the GIFT given will be received with hearts open to Emmanuel - God is with us.

Father Dale DeNinno

The Annual Children and Youth Programs collection will be taken at all of the Christmas Masses in all of the churches throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Your generosity in this second collection helps to support the many opportunities available to our young people to help them grow in their Catholic faith. The proceeds of this collection also counts toward the 2018 Parish Share Program assessment for Saint Joseph Parish.

Please Note that on Monday morning, December 24TH, the regularly scheduled daily morning Mass will **not** be offered in any of the churches of our parish grouping - **not** in Saint Joseph, **not** in Madonna of Jerusalem and **not** in Saint Scholastica.

Feast of the Holy Family: a Children’s Nativity Play will be performed on Saturday, December 29TH, before the start of the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass and again on Sunday morning, December 30TH, before the start of the 11:00 o’clock Mass. Mrs. Delia Barr, the Director of Faith Formation, is working with the children and their CCD teachers in preparing them for this presentation.

Parish Staff Resignations: The current Music Minister of Saint Joseph Parish, Mary Ann Cooper, has resigned from her position (effective December 30, 2018) in order to accept a Music Ministry opportunity at another parish. Likewise, Jack Shaw, the Coordinator of Evangelization, delivered a letter of resignation indicating his intention to end his employment at Saint Joseph Parish on December 31, 2018. Their service to Saint Joseph Parish has been exemplary. Gratitude is extended to them both and the best wishes of the entire parish community. Godspeed.

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.

Regular Schedule for Confessions: The priests of our parish grouping are available to hear Confessions every Saturday from 9:30-10:15 am in Saint Edward Church, 11:30 am-Noon in Saint Joseph Church, and 3:30-4:00 pm in Madonna of Jerusalem Church; every Tuesday from 6:30-7:15 pm in Saint Scholastica Church.

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>

Schedule of Masses for December 31ST and January 1ST

Daily Mass on Monday, December 31ST:

8:00 am	Saint Joseph Church
9:00 am	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church

Holy Day Masses for the Feast of Mary, Mother of God

Monday	December 31ST
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
7:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church
Tuesday	January 1ST
9:00 am	Saint Edward Church
10:00 am	Saint Scholastica Church

MASSes for the WEEK

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday December 22

4:00 pm †Elizabeth Romea (Family)

Sunday December 23

9:00 am †Richard & Nina DeNinno (Family)

11:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

Monday December 24 - Christmas Eve

8:00 am No Morning Mass

4:00 pm †George Sinnott (Family)

7:00 pm †Donald Reis (Family)

Tuesday December 25 - Christmas Day

10:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

Wednesday December 26 - Saint Stephen

8:00 am †Richard Miller (Dorothy Kotsenas)

Thursday December 27 - Saint John

8:00 am †Regis & Mary Kessler (Rose Mary Gonda)

Friday December 28 - Holy Innocents

8:00 am †Babies who die from abortion

Feast of the Holy Family

Saturday December 29

4:00 pm †Dr. Kevin Sullivan (Dr. Richard Sullivan)

Sunday December 30

9:00 am †Regis & Mary Kessler (M/M Gerard Aigner)

11:00 am †Jack Claus (Family)

Regular Offertory Collection

Due to an early printing date for this bulletin the collection total for the weekend of December 15-16 will be printed in next week's bulletin.

The generosity of your weekly donation to Saint Joseph Parish is greatly appreciated. It 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.