

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
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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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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 <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 Tuesday

6:30 - 7:15 pm	Saint Scholastica Church
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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 27, 2019

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412-963-1945 (Fax)
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Office Hours: Monday thru Thursday,
9:30 am - 4:30 pm
Live Streamed Mass

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

Parish Personnel

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Regular Offertory Collection

Weekend of January 19-20:	\$4,699.00
Saint Anthony School Program and DePaul School for Hearing and Speech:	\$1,457.50

Holy Water: Its use reminds us of the cleansing, life-giving water of our baptism. Blessing ourselves in church and our homes is a simple gesture that points to our life "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." The Holy Water container in Saint Joseph Church is now located in the gathering space for easy access. Bring a container with you to church and take some of the Holy Water home with you.

Daily Mass: Week of January 28

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

Weekend Masses: February 3-4

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - January 27

Nehemiah 8: 2-10 1 Corinthians 12: 12-30 Lk 1: 1-21

Monday - January 28

Hebrews 9: 24-28 Mk 3: 22-30

Tuesday - January 29

Hebrews 10: 1-10 Mk 3: 31-35

Wednesday - January 30

Hebrews 10: 11-18 Mk 4: 1-20

Thursday - January 31

Hebrews 10: 19-25 Mk 4: 21-25

Friday - February 1

Hebrews 10: 32-39 Mk 4: 26-34

Saturday - February 2

Malachi 3: 1-4 Hebrews 2: 14-18 Lk 2: 22-40

Sunday - February 3

Jeremiah 1: 4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12: 31-13: 13 Lk 4: 21-30

Car Raffle Tickets for the McGuire Memorial Home in New Brighton are available for sale this weekend in the Gathering Space of Saint Joseph Church. Tickets are \$25 and the winner may choose from a car, a pick-up truck or a Jeep Wrangler (*just one drawing*). All proceeds benefit McGuire Memorial which serves children and adults who are physically and/or mentally disabled. Those who live there receive superior loving care under the direction of the Felician Sisters who treat them as treasured children of God.

For more information, contact Fred or Ellen O'Brien at 412-967-0613. Who knows, we may have a winner from Saint Joseph Parish as we did last year.

PASTOR'S LETTER

Dear Parishioners,

Winter weather wreaked havoc with attendance at Mass this past weekend. It didn't help that meteorologists were predicting "snow-mageddon" resulting in a run on bread, milk and toilet tissue at local grocery stores. Fear of snow and ice has an amazing power; so too, the fear of falling. Wisdom dictates the better path.

Inclement weather is not the only reason that explains the drop in attendance at Mass in the churches of our parish grouping. There is also disillusionment and disappointment, disagreement and discontent. And then there is anger and even a measure of indifference. An understandable human response to all that has occurred throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh in recent months. Starting with the release of a Grand Jury Report, the transfer of beloved priests, the arrival of unfamiliar priests, the grouping of parishes, the adjustment to a new Mass schedule, and on-going media scrutiny, it's no wonder that our peace of mind has been disturbed and our spiritual balance challenged.

If wisdom dictates the better path in response to snow and ice, shouldn't it all the more dictate our response to the disturbing drama of change and scandal that has so impacted our Catholic Church? What is the wiser thing to do when confronted with things beyond our reasoning? My personal "go-to-place" is always the cross. Let me share with you a passage from the First Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

"The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the learning of the learned I will set aside.'

Where is the wise one? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made the wisdom of the world foolish? For since in the wisdom of God the world did not come to know God through wisdom, it was the will of God through the foolishness of the proclamation to save those who have faith. For Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are called, Jews and Greeks alike, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength."

Dear sisters and brothers, we must live and proclaim the power of the cross. In the midst of so much nonsense and foolishness and scandal, it is the only thing that makes sense. But it takes faith to say that. A faith that is willing to embrace the uncertainty, a faith that is willing to walk forward, a faith that is willing to open ones heart to God's plan, a faith that is willing to say YES.

Jesus lived and breathed a whole-hearted YES to God's plan and it led him to the Cross. Can we do any less in the lived expression of our Catholic faith, even and especially in the current challenges that are ours? I urge upon everyone the kind of interior YES that will enable us to find spiritual equilibrium in so much that has thrown us off-balance.

Please know of my prayers for you and your ever intention. Kindly remember me and my brother priests, Father Mike Decewicz and Father Paul Merkovsky, in your prayers as well.

Father Dale DeNinno

P.S.

When I wear the hat of a businessman and look at the financial bottom line for each of the four parishes in our grouping, I am acutely aware that the decreased Mass attendance also accounts for a diminished offertory collection. That concerns me greatly when I have to sign checks in payment of our many bills. It is a reality that must be faced.

PARISH NEWS

A Lector Workshop for all those who proclaim The Word of the Lord during weekend and weekday Masses in the 6 churches of our 4 parishes in the Lower Allegheny Valley will be offered by Father Paul Merkovsky on the following dates and times:

Tuesday, February 19TH at 1:00 pm
in Madonna of Jerusalem Church in Sharpsburg

Wednesday, February 20TH at 7:00 pm
in Saint Joseph Church in O'Hara

Thursday, February 21ST at 7:00 pm
in Saint Scholastica Church in Aspinwall

Regardless of the church in which you worship and serve as a Lector, attendance at just ONE of these workshops is required for everyone who serves in this most important liturgical ministry. You choose the date and time that best suits your schedule. Each session is scheduled to last for 90 minutes.

Farewell to Sister Theresa Stegman, CDP who has served as a parish visitor to the homebound of Saint Joseph Parish for the past four years. The leadership team of the Sisters of Divine Providence, of which Sister Theresa has been a member for over 60 years, has requested that she return to the Motherhouse in Allison Park where she will provide needed assistance with local tasks. May the Lord continue to bless her and now guide her in this next part of her faith journey as she serves the needs of her religious congregation.

Live Streaming of the Masses in Saint Joseph Church needs volunteers to operate the equipment during the weekend Masses. Adults, as well as college and high school students are welcome. Please contact Joe Zgurzynski at 412-225-0930 or online at: Joe@CountryBarnFarm.com.

Ash Wednesday Fish Fry and Annual Parish Picnic: An organizational meeting will be held on Thursday, January 31ST, beginning at 7:00 pm in the lower level of church in the Saint John Paul II Hall. Everyone who has worked these events in the past or wish to be a new volunteer are urged to be in attendance. Ash Wednesday is March 6TH and the Parish Picnic is scheduled for Sunday, August 11TH. Your ideas, your energy and willingness to serve are vitally important and needed. If you have any questions, please call Lori McKinniss, the Saint Joseph Parish Business Manager at: 412-963-8885 x303 or email her at: bmgr@stjosephohara.com.

2018 Charitable Donation Statements are available this year upon request. There will **not** be a parish-wide mailing. To request a statement of your contributions to Saint Joseph Parish, contact Lori McKinniss at: bmgr@stjosephohara.com or call her at 412-963-8885 x303.

A Winter Bible Study will be held at the Saint Scholastica Ministry Center Library (*located at the corner of Fourth Street and Maple Avenue in Aspinwall*) on three Thursday evenings: January 24TH, January 31ST and February 7TH from 7:30-9:00.

We will use a booklet from the Little Rock Scripture Study and focus on the person of John the Baptist. Who was he? How was his ministry related to Jesus? A fee of \$15 is requested and is payable at the first session.

For more information and to register, contact Andrew Bechman at andybechman@saintscholastica.com or by calling him at 412-781-0186 x18.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Catholics have long practiced the tradition of requesting that a Mass be offered for a person when they die or to remember them on the anniversary of their death or on the occasion of what would have been their birthday. Likewise, we also ask that a Mass be celebrated in thanksgiving for the intention of persons still living, e.g., the occasion of a significant wedding anniversary (25TH, 50TH, 60TH), a birthday, or a graduation, etc.

Currently, in all of the churches of our Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes, it has been noted that there are many dates that do not have a particular intention listed. That is unfortunate. How blessed to remember in the sacred prayer of the Mass our deceased loved ones and/or those still living.

If you would like to request a particular Mass intention for a date of your choice or any date available, please contact the parish offices. A stipend of \$10 is requested for each Mass.

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Other News

A.R.M. (Addiction Recovery Ministry) begun by Father Mike Decewicz and operating out of Pope John Paul I Center in Sharpsburg (*across 9th Street from Madonna Church*) will officially begin its ministry in the Diocese of Pittsburgh on Sunday, February 10TH at 2:30 pm with a Mass in Saint Paul Cathedral celebrated by Bishop David Zubik. All are invited to attend this Mass of Anointing and Healing.

“Death and Taxes or The Peasants Are Revolting”: A Murder Mystery Party, sponsored by A.R.M., will be held on Friday, February 22ND at 6:00 pm in the Pope John Paul I Center. Tickets are \$50. Call the Saint Juan Diego Parish Office at 412-784-8700.

A Fashion Show and Luncheon will be held on Sunday, February 10TH at the Long Vue Club, beginning at 12:30 pm. This will be the first-of-its-kind event for the CDTCA family, featuring styles from the local Aspinwall businesses - One Brilliant and Sooth the Sole! Tickets are \$50. Call the school office at 412-781-7927.

Magnificat Pittsburgh invites all ladies to a Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, February 9TH, from 9:00 am to Noon at the Double Tree by Hilton in Cranberry. Sister Mary Gianna Thornby will speak of her conversion story after surviving the shootings at Columbine High School in Colorado. As a member of a religious congregation of Sisters, she now serves at The Ark and the Dove in Gibsonia. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. For reservations and information, call Kay at 724-772-6749 or Pam at 412-461-8906. Deadline is February 1ST.

MASSSES for the WEEK

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Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	January 26
4:00 pm	The people of Saint Joseph Parish
Sunday	January 27
9:00 am	†Ken Blazer (Family)
11:00 am	No Intention Listed
Monday	January 28 - Saint Thomas Aquinas
8:00 am	†Mimi Damico (Eileen Fasola)
Tuesday	January 29 - Weekday
8:00 am	Chad Schmidtetter (Family)
Wednesday	January 30 - Weekday
8:00 am	†Richard Miller (Dorothy Kotsenas)
Thursday	January 31 - Saint John Bosco
8:00 am	No Intention Listed
Friday	February 1 - Weekday
8:00 am	Bert Bacsal (Enriquez Family)

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 2
4:00 pm	†Stanley D. Ference, Jr. (Family)
Sunday	February 3
9:00 am	†Zalavary Family (Sacco Family)
11:00 am	The people of Saint Joseph Parish