

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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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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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 3, 2019

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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

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Regular Offertory Collection

Weekend of January 26-27: \$6,335.80

Remember in your prayers all those who have died, especially **Joseph Mertz and Frank Czak** who were buried from Saint Joseph Church this past week; also, for **Jeanne Young**. She was the longtime secretary at Saint Joseph Parish who retired in 2015. May all the dead now rest in peace with God in heaven.

Daily Mass: Week of February 4

8:00 am	Fr. Dale DeNinno	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. Paul Merkovsky	Saint Scholastica

Weekend Masses: February 9-10

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - February 3

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

Monday - February 4

Hebrews 11: 32-40 Mk 5: 1-20

Tuesday - February 5

Hebrews 12: 1-4 Mk 5: 21-43

Wednesday - February 6

Hebrews 12: -7, 11-15 Mk 6: 1-6

Thursday - February 7

Hebrews 12: 18-24 Mk 6: 7-13

Friday - February 8

Hebrews 13: 1-8 Mk 6: 14-29

Saturday - February 9

13: 15-21 Mk 6: 30-34

Sunday - February 10

Isaiah 6: 1-8 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Lk 5: 1-11

Making a Memorial Donation to Honor Loved Ones: The liturgical books used at the altar in Saint Joseph Church during the celebration of Mass are in need of replacement. The old ones have seen better days. We need six new Lectionaries for weekend and weekday Masses (*which contain the Scripture readings*) and one Roman Missal (*the book of prayers used by the priest at the altar*). If you would be willing to purchase a Lectionary (\$125 each) or the Roman Missal (\$165), please contact Father Dale DeNinno or Lori McKinniss in the parish office at 412-963-8885.

PASTOR'S LETTER

PARISH NEWS

Dear Parishioners,

When Jesus spoke he elicited interesting reactions from his listeners. Last week's Gospel narrative from Saint Luke describes the people's response in this way: "... *news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all.*" And further on: "... *the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him.*" And again: "... *all spoke highly of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth.*"

However, the praise and the amazement often seemed to be based on his ability to speak a message that soothed and satisfied the people's hearts. As long as he was saying things they liked to hear or agreed with, they were lavish in their exclamations. But once his message turned to challenge or chastisement, there were many who turned on him, even those who knew him as a young boy growing up in Nazareth. Witness what they tried to do to him in today's Gospel narrative: "*When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury. They rose up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill ... to hurl him down headlong.*"

Jesus' message is not always easy to hear. While it is true that we seek out the Word of the Lord to sooth and satisfy, still, there will be times when we need to hear something that will make us think in new and different ways. In our time, we may not always like to hear what the preacher has to say, we may not even agree. But doesn't the message deserve a respectful listening?

I firmly believe that our reading of Sacred Scripture or listening to its public proclamation during Mass is intended to make us think. To think about the things of God, to think about the person of Jesus Christ, to think about our discipleship, and yes, to think about our commitment to the Catholic Church, even in times of scandal, change and uncertainty.

My dear brothers and sisters, I urge a careful and attentive listening to the words that come from the mouth of the Lord. And when we respond THANKS BE TO GOD, let it be with good reason and sincerity of heart.

Father Dale DeNinno

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 will last for 90 minutes.

For planning purposes, please RSVP to Debbie VanDemark at parish@saintscholastica.com.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred this year by Bishop David Zubik on the 8TH grade candidates who attend the Faith Formation Program in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes as well as the 8TH grade students from Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy. The sacrament will be celebrated on Monday, April 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm in Saint Joseph Church. We were informed of this date by the Diocese of Pittsburgh and it is according to Bishop Zubik's schedule.

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.

Your Special Prayer Intentions may be written in the book that is located near the statue of the Sacred Heart of Jesus that stands in the window at the back of Saint Joseph Church. We lift up all our prayers to God through the loving heart of His Son, confident that they will be heard and answered.

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.

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.

Family Ministry Program: Thank you to everyone who made such generous donations to the CCD project to decorate and fill bags with goodies for the homebound of our parishes. There were over 160 bags filled. The Sunday morning gathering, held last Sunday in the Pope John Paul I Center in Sharpsburg, brought together 90 individual families. Besides preparing the bags, there was an applied lesson in Faith Formation with the teaching of Jesus about the Two Great Commandments: *“love God with your whole heart, soul, mind and strength, and love your neighbor as yourself.”* The time spent together also included sacred song, playing Love Bingo, and concluded with participation in the 11:30 Mass in Saint Mary’s Church.

The Ladies of Charity will meet on Thursday, February 7TH, beginning at 7:00 pm in John Paul II Hall. All women of the parish are welcome.

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 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.

Car Raffle Tickets for the McGuire Memorial Home in New Brighton are available. 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.



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	†Andrew Kresl (Ruggeri Family)
Monday	February 4 - Weekday
8:00 am	The people of Saint Joseph Parish
Tuesday	February 5 - Saint Agatha
8:00 am	†Edward Matthew Cavlovich, Sr. (Jeffrey Cavlovich)
Wednesday	February 6 - Saint Paul Miki
8:00 am	†Iurlano, DeLuca & Panza Families (Anita Iurlano)
Thursday	February 7 - Weekday
8:00 am	†Richard Miller (David & Andrea Badway)
Friday	February 8 - Weekday
8:00 am	No Intention Listed

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday	February 9
4:00 pm	†John Finke (Family)
Sunday	February 10
9:00 am	†Edward Matthew Cavlovich, Sr. (Jeffrey Cavlovich)
11:00 am	†Mimi Damico (Eileen Fasola)

Some Thoughts on Preaching

“The world is dying for want, not of good preaching, but of good hearing.”

George Dana Boardman

“The test of a good preacher is that his congregation goes away saying, not what a lovely sermon, but, I will do something.”

Saint Francis de Sales

“Saint Paul’s preaching usually ended in a riot or a revival.”

Orin Philip Gifford