

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
www.stjosephohara.com

Saint Juan Diego Parish

Sharpsburg
Saint John Cantius Church
Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Saint Mary Church
201 9TH Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
412-784-8700
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www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

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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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 10, 2019

Saint Joseph Parish

Administrative Center
for Parish, Faith Formation and Preschool
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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

Fr. Dale DeNinno **Pastor/Administrator**

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Daily Mass: Week of February 11

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 16-17

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday

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

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - February 10

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

Monday - February 11

Genesis 1: 1-19 Mk 6: 53-56

Tuesday - February 12

Genesis 1: 20 - 2: 4 Mk 7: 1-13

Wednesday - February 13

Genesis 2: 4-9, 15-17 Mk 7: 14-23

Thursday - February 14

Genesis 2:18-25 Mk 7: 24-30

Friday - February 15

Genesis 3: 1-8 Mk 7: 31-37

Saturday - February 16

Genesis 3: 9-24 Mk 8: 1-10

Sunday - February 17

Jeremiah 17: 5-8 1 Corinthians 15: 16-20 Lk 6: 20-26

Regular Offertory Collection

Weekend of February 2-3: \$10,282.00

"Souper Bowl" Donations: \$ 2,832.00

*(from Saint Joseph and Saint Scholastica Parishes -
will be given to the Jubilee Soup Kitchen
on Forbes Avenue in the lower Hill District)*

Food for Thought

“The church is never a place, but always a people; never a fold but always a flock, never a sacred building but always a believing assembly. The church is you who pray, not where you pray. A structure of brick or marble can no more be a church than your clothes of serge or satin can be you. There is in this world nothing sacred but man, no sanctuary of God but the soul.”

Dear Parishioners,

PARISH NEWS

POTUS (*the President of the United States*) is constitutionally bound to make an annual report to the American people on the state of the nation. Invariably, and year-after-year, we hear the President (*whomever it may be*) speak of our strengths and admit to our challenges. It usually has the sound of a familiar refrain.

As this letter is being prepared the current occupant of the Oval Office is just hours away from delivering the 2019 State of the Union address. Following that delivery commentators and news journalists will offer their reactions. In them we may well hear someone say that the current state of our union is disunity. The truth speaks for itself. There are political, cultural, economic, educational and racist divides that tear at our American fabric.

It all gets me to thinking. What if the Pope were to deliver a State of the Catholic Church or the Bishop a State of the Diocese or a Pastor the State of the Parish address? What would it all sound like in 2019? Yes, each would focus on the strengths that comprise the universal Church, the local diocese, and the individual parish(es). Likewise, the pope, the bishop and the pastor would also have to admit to the truth of daunting challenges, e.g., emptying pews, sacramental indifference, anger at clergy and the hierarchy, diminished giving, and disenchantment with all things Catholic. It is a dark and frightening list.

However, we must not allow the darkness to get in the way of the light, precisely because we are followers of the LIGHT. In the darkness of His day and the darkness of our own, Jesus speaks a message of faith, hope and love. Faith that sustains us, hope that keeps us going, and love that binds us together.

What would I suggest is the state of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes? First off, like the other 56 groupings around the Diocese of Pittsburgh, we are still very much in the initial phase of “getting-to-know-one-another” - priest and people alike. We’re sizing each other up, learning of strengths and abilities, testing the waters, and wanting to find out more about four parishes with six churches. Some are even venturing out and worshiping in churches that are unfamiliar. How many who will read this letter have NEVER been inside the Cathedral of Sharpsburg - Saint Mary’s Church which is prominently visible from Route 28. Come and pray at the 11:30 Mass on Sunday morning. Or the quaint beauty of Saint Francis of Assisi Church in Harmar (*near the Hulton Bridge and not far from the new Oakmont Bakery*). Come and pray at the 8:00 o’clock Mass on Sunday morning.

The state of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes is in its infancy, we are novices, everything is new, and there is potential yet to be realized. I invite everyone to be a part of it as we walk in the LIGHT of Jesus Christ, sharing fully in the embrace of faith, hope and love.

Father Dale DeNinno

Catholics for Change in Our Church: Please note the letter insert in this week’s bulletin. It is addressed to Bishop David Zubik and composed by a newly-formed organization of lay people from across the Diocese of Pittsburgh. You are asked to read the letter and prayerfully consider whether or not you would like to sign it. Your signature can be added electronically by sending an email to CCOCLetterSigner@gmail.com. In your email list your name as you wish it be to be included, your zip code, and the name of your parish. CCOC will not share your email address with anyone. It is requested that you “sign” the letter no later than Wednesday, February 13TH.

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 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.

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.

The Men’s Shelter is in need of food items and servers for their evening meal on Saturday, February 23RD. Please help the homeless and sign-up on the sheets in the vestibule.

The Saint Joseph Preschool is now accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year. We offer classes for two, three and four year olds. Classes fill fast, so don't delay. For more information go to: www.stjosephohara.com or contact the preschool at 412-963-8885 x302 or terri@stjosephohara.com.

Scheduling Mass Intentions: Currently, in all of the churches of our Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes, 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.

“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.

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. Who knows, we may have a winner from Saint Joseph Parish as we did last year.

Life Line Screening, will offer a preventive health event at Saint Juan Diego Parish on Friday, March 15TH. Five screenings will be offered: 1) Blocked Arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; 2) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; 3) Hardening of the Arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; 4) Atrial Fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; 5) Bone Density Screening, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.

Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All 5 screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete. To register, call toll free at: 1-888-653-6441. You may also visit: <http://lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle> or text the word circle to 797979.

Pennsylvania Junior Academy of Science (PJAS): Ten students from Christ the Divine Teacher Catholic Academy won 1ST Place in the February 2ND local competition at Duquesne University and will now compete in the Spring at Penn State University for the State Finals. Congratulations to: Alexis Abbett, Jake Anthidad, Will Collins, Jordan Howe, Nicole Jerich, Henry Koloc, Joselyn Parkinson, Madeline Schlichter, Alessandra Starke, and Aline Stiger.

CDTCA is currently accepting registrations for the 2019-2020 school year for preschool thru the 8TH grade. We have limited space in some of the grades. If interested in finding out more and to schedule a tour of the school, please call 412-781-7927.

What Does It Mean to Be Holy? How can you become a saint where you are in your life? Father Jacques Philippe, author of 10 books on prayer, interior freedom, and peace of heart, will address these spiritual realities in a talk on Monday, February 25TH at 7:00 pm in Saints John and Paul Parish (2586 Wexford Bayne Road). All ages are welcome to this most inspiring evening. Visit PGHPriest.com for a courtesy registration.



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	February 9 †John Finke (Family)
Sunday 9:00 am	February 10 †Edward Matthew Cavlovich, Sr. (Jeffrey Cavlovich)
11:00 am	†Mimi Damico (Eileen Fasola)
Monday 8:00 am	February 11 - Our Lady of Lourdes †Betty Azinger (Betty Jonnet)
Tuesday 8:00 am	February 12 - Weekday †John Stafford (Judy Stafford & Family)
Wednesday 8:00 am	February 13 - Weekday †Richard Miller (Michael & Mary Ann Heneroty)
Thursday 8:00 am	February 14 - Sts. Cyril & Methodius The people of Saint Joseph Parish
Friday 8:00 am	February 15 - Weekday †John Staud (Wife, Janet)

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 4:00 pm	February 16 †Pearl Bubas (Joseph Bubas)
Sunday 9:00 am	February 17 †Ed Banachoski (Family)
11:00 am	†Vincent & Betty Louise Sodini (Family)