

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
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Saint Juan Diego Parish

Sharpsburg
Saint John Cantius Church
Madonna of Jerusalem Church
Saint Mary Church
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Pittsburgh, PA 15215
412-784-8700
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Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Blawnox/Harmar
Saint Edward Church
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
450 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-828-4066
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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 Church

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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1ST Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019



Saint Joseph Parish

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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

Fr. Dale DeNinno Pastor/Administrator

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412-784-8700

Fr. Paul Merkovsky Parochial Vicar

412-781-0186

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412-963-8885 x303

Kathi Sterling Parish Secretary

412-963-8885 x306

Delia Barr Director of Faith Formation

412-963-8885 x301

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Meredith Troyan Youth Ministry Leader

412-781-0186

Nancy Whistler Preschool Director

412-963-8885

Terri Weir Administrative Assistant

412-963-8885 x302

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: 412-963-8885 x303.

Sanctuary Candle:

Week of March 10TH - In Memory of Anne Yates

First Sunday of Lent

Saturday **March 9**
4:00 pm †Doug Hartman, Jr. (Mom, Dad & Vanessa)

Sunday **March 10**
9:00 am †Dolores Kizior (Joseph Kizior)
11:00 am †Joseph Mertz (Gert Maranowski)

Monday **March 11 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Richard Miller (Mark Jones)

Tuesday **March 12 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Frank Czak (Gary & Janet Sasuta)

Wednesday **March 13 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Lolly Mize (Alice Meinert)

Thursday **March 14 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Joseph Mertz (John Meinert)

Friday **March 15 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish
7:00 pm Stations of the Cross

Second Sunday of Lent

Saturday **March 16**
4:00 pm †Jim Kealey (Ron & Maureen Frank)

Sunday **March 17**
9:00 am †Joseph Mertz (Hank & Karen Voss)
11:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - March 10

Deuteronomy 26: 4-10 Romans 10: 8-13 Lk 4: 1-13

Monday - March 11

Leviticus 19: 1-2, 11-18 Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday - March 12

Isaiah 55: 10-11 Mt 6: 7-15

Wednesday - March 13

Jonah 3: 1-10 Lk 11: 29-32

Thursday - March 14

Esther C 12-16, 23-25 Mt 7: 7-12

Friday - March 15

Ezekiel 18: 21-28 Mt 5: 20-26

Saturday - March 16

Deuteronomy 26: 16-19 Mt 5: 43-48

Sunday - March 17

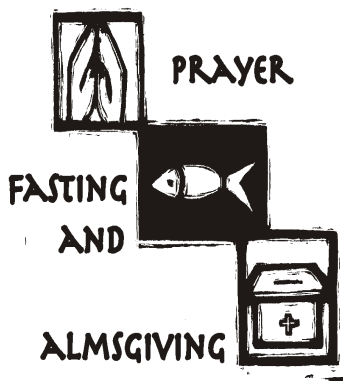
Genesis 15: 5-18 Phil 3: 15-21 Lk 9: 28-36

Weekly Offertory Collection

Weekend of March 2-3: \$6,695.40

Dear Parishioner,

The look of the sanctuary is different, the predominant color is purple, the sung Gloria is absent from the Mass, the word Alleluia is not spoken, the Word of the Lord has a more somber tone, the overall theme lends itself to repentance, and even Fridays are meatless. Clearly, we are in the 40 days of Lent. But the days will pass quickly, as they always do, and we'll be back to normal. However, maybe a new normal.



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You see, Lent calls us to conversion, a time to turn away from sin, a period of self-sacrifice, a giving-up of that which is comfortable, pleasurable, satisfying. A turning ever more attentively to the Lord in our speech, our actions and our attitudes.

No doubt you have already begun your Lenten practices. Some familiar and some new. In addition to what you have decided to “give-up,” may I suggest what you might “add-on?”

- **Join** in the prayer of the Stations of the Cross, available in the churches of our parish grouping 5 different times on the Fridays of Lent. Walk prayerfully with the Lord in meditation on His suffering and death.
- **Pray** the rosary each day and reflect on the Sorrowful Mysteries in the life of Christ and His Blessed Mother.
- **Read** throughout Lent some part of the Passion Narrative in the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John.
- **Attend** daily Mass at either 8:00 am in Saint Joseph Church (*Monday thru Friday*); 9:00 am in Madonna of Jerusalem Church (*M-T-W*) or in Saint Edward Church (*TH-F-S*); 10:00 am in Saint Scholastica Church (*Monday thru Friday*).
- **Encounter** the Lord in the sacrament of Reconciliation and the confession of your sins (*the times and churches are listed on the front of the bulletin*).
- **Focus** on ways in which you might reach out to the poor and hungry in acts of service and/or donations of food and clothing.

Dear sisters and brothers in the Lord, please note that each of the bullet points in this letter begin with an action word. **Lent calls us to act on our faith in prayer, fasting and almsgiving.** I pray that these holy days will truly be beneficial as we seek to grow in the depth of our love for God and one another.

Father Dale DeNinno

Friday Stations of the Cross in Lent

12:00 Noon	Saint Scholastica Church
2:15 pm	Saint Scholastica Church - school children -
4:30 pm	Madonna of Jerusalem Church
4:30 pm	Saint Edward Church
7:00 pm	Saint Joseph Church

LAV PARISH NEWS

(Lower Allegheny Valley)

ENDOW is a program for Catholic women to grow in knowledge of their faith and understanding of who we are in God's eyes. We will begin the study of **Discover Your Dignity: A Woman's Journey Through Life, Part 1.**

We will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 pm, from March 13TH thru May 1ST in the classroom off the John Paul II Hall on the lower level of Saint Joseph Church. To register and purchase the book (\$34.95 + shipping), go to: endowgroups.org. If you have any questions, contact Barbara Drennen at 412-478-1446 or bardren@gmail.com.

Family Faith Formation/CCD will be held on Sunday, April 6TH from 10:30-11:45 am in the parish hall of Saint Scholastica Church and followed by Mass at 12:00 Noon. The faith lesson will include discussion about Lent and the service project will be “*Pittsburgh Prays for Chimbote*”, helping to raise money for the Chimbote Mission in Peru supported by the Diocese of Pittsburgh. Our families will be making **Black and Gold Decade Rosary Bead Keychains** which will be available for sale in the churches of the Lower Allegheny Valley the weekend of April 13-14. Parish-wide support will be greatly appreciated.

Tom Octave, the Director of Music Ministry at Saint Joseph Parish, invites all interested parishioners to be part of the Parish Choir. To begin preparations for the important liturgies of Holy Week and Easter - *Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter Sunday* - the choir will meet on Thursday evenings at 7:00 o'clock. If you would like more information, speak with Tom at the piano after Mass or email him at: tomoctave@gmail.com.

Men's Shelter Food Assistance offered through Saint Joseph Parish is always in need of your donations and willingness to serve. As part of your Lenten sacrifice would you consider being part of the next evening meal on Saturday, March 23RD? The sign-up sheet is on the counter in the vestibule of church.

40 Days for Life - March 6 - April 14: As part of your Lenten observance, please consider praying, fasting and witnessing to the sanctity of all human life. Parishioners from our four parishes will give public witness of their commitment to the protection of the unborn at the Planned Parenthood clinic, 933 Liberty Avenue in downtown Pittsburgh on Wednesday, March 13TH from 3:00-5:00 pm and Wednesday, March 27TH from 9:00-11:00 am. Please consider joining us.

Other News

A.R.M. (Addiction Recovery Ministry): Sunday, March 10TH at 2:00 pm in Saint Scholastica Church. Father Mike Decewicz will offer a reflection on *“The Grace of Desperation.”* The afternoon will also include a rosary for recovery and the Scripture passage from Mark 5: 1-20. All are welcome.

Lenten Soup Dinner and Prayer, sponsored by the Hope for Haiti Committee, will be held on Tuesday, March 26TH in the parish hall of Saint Scholastica Church. The event will begin with a potluck soup dinner at 6:30 pm, followed by prayer time at 7:30. All members of our parishes in the Lower Allegheny Valley are invited to attend.

T-BALL for Children (ages 4-7) are invited to join us for the annual Spring T-Ball program which is held on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30 pm - April 3 thru May 15. The \$25 fee includes a T-shirt and trophy. Registration forms are available on the Saint Joseph Parish website under Downloads. They are also in the CCD/Preschool Office. Registration deadline is March 18.

Life Line Screening: A health event at Saint Juan Diego Parish on Friday, March 15TH. Five screenings: 1) Blocked Arteries; 2) Abdominal Aortic Aneurysms; 3) Hardening of the Arteries; 4) Atrial Fibrillation; 5) Bone Density.

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.

13TH Gathering of Catholic Men Conference will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, April 6, 2019 at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Encounter the power of the mercy of Christ in and through dynamic speakers, uplifting worship music, the opportunity for Confession, and the celebration of Mass. The cost is \$20/man. Contact Santos Hernandez at: 1026hernandez@gmail.com or call at 412-427-2302. To register go to: cmfpitt.org.

Rejoice and Be Glad: During Lent and into the Easter season we will read and reflect on a document of Pope Francis, *“Gaudete Exultate”* on six Wednesdays, beginning on March 20TH and ending on May 1ST. The daytime sessions will be from 10:45 am - 12:15 pm and the evenings from 7:30-9:00 pm. All sessions will be held in the Saint Scholastica Ministry Center Library.

You may register by sending an email with your name and session preference (*morning or evening*) to Andrew Bechman at andybechman@saintscholastica.com or leave a voice message at 412-781-0186 x18. A \$10 donation is requested for materials and refreshments, payable at the first session.

Rachel’s Vineyard Retreat Weekend is offered to any woman or man who is struggling with emotional and spiritual pain in the aftermath of an abortion. The next weekend will be held May 17-19, 2019 at The Ark and the Dover Center, 10745 Babcock Boulevard, Gibsonia, PA. For more information, contact the retreat co-ordinator, Toni Jester at: toniafj1@comcast.net or call 412-352-5348. *“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you, I have summoned you by name; you are mine ... forget the former things; do not dwell on the past”* (Isaiah 43).

**The Sexual Abuse Crisis:
A Time of Reckoning for Our Church**

A reckoning may be a time when people are held accountable for their deeds and misdeeds. We are seeing this happen with priests accused of abusing children and bishops accused of putting the reputation of the Church before the safety of her members.

But to reckon can also mean to figure, to believe, or - perhaps better for our purposes - to discern. Members of the Lower Allegheny Valley Grouping of Parishes are invited to gather for a four-part series in which we will attempt to orient ourselves within this crisis for our Church community. How did we get here? What changes does this call for? What am I being called to do?

We will meet on four Thursday evenings, March 21ST & 28TH and April 4TH & 11TH, from 7:30-9:00 pm in the Saint Scholastica Church Parish Hall. If you would like to participate, please register by sending an email message to: andybechman@saintscholastica.com or by leaving a voice message at 412-781-0186 x18 by March 18TH.

Pope Francis has written: *“Without the active participation of all the Church’s members, everything being done to uproot the culture of abuse in our communities will not be successful in generating the necessary dynamics for sound and realistic change.”* We hope you can join us.

Daily Mass: Week of March 11

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

Weekend Masses: March 16-17

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