

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
saintjuandiegopgh@comcast.net
www.saintjuandiegopgh.org

Saint Pio of Pietrelcina Parish

Blawnox/Harmar
Saint Edward Church
Saint Francis of Assisi Church
450 Walnut Street
Pittsburgh, PA 15238
412-828-4066
sted-fran@verizon.net

Saint Scholastica Parish

Aspinwall/Fox Chapel/O'Hara
309 Brilliant Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15215
412-781-0186
parish@saintscholastica.com
www.saintscholastica.com

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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2ND Sunday of Lent

March 17, 2019



Second Sunday of Lent

Saint Joseph Parish

Administrative Center
for Parish, Faith Formation and Preschool

342 Dorseyville Road
Pittsburgh, PA 15215

412-963-8885

412-963-1945 (Fax)

www.stjosephohara.com

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

412-963-8885 x304

Fr. Michael Decewicz Parochial Vicar

412-784-8700

Fr. Paul Merkovsky Parochial Vicar

412-781-0186

Lori McKinniss Business Manager

412-963-8885 x303

Kathi Sterling Parish Secretary

412-963-8885 x306

Delia Barr Director of Faith Formation

412-963-8885 x301

Thomas Octave Director of Music Ministry

412-867-5032

Meredith Troyan Youth Ministry Leader

412-781-0186

Nancy Whistler Preschool Director

412-963-8885

Terri Weir Administrative Assistant

412-963-8885 x302

Weekly Offertory Collection

Weekend of March 9-10: \$8,753.00

Friday Stations of the Cross in Lent

- walk the Way of the Lord in His suffering and death -

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

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

Monday **March 18 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Ursula Sanchez (Daughters)

Tuesday **March 19 - Solemnity of Saint Joseph**
8:00 am †Bob Kastelic (Pat Kastelic)

Wednesday **March 20 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Joseph Malfara (Pauline Iurlano)

Thursday **March 21 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am †Richard Miller (Dorothy Kotsenas)

Friday **March 22 - Lenten Weekday**
8:00 am The people of Saint Joseph Parish
7:00 pm **Stations of the Cross**

Third Sunday of Lent

Saturday **March 23**
4:00 pm †Kathleen Trakofler (Carl Trakofler)
Sunday **March 24**
9:00 am †Frank Czak (Eric & Mary Anne Bokor)
11:00 am †Agnes Antkowski (Gert Maranowski)

Scripture Readings for the Week

Sunday - March 17
Genesis 15: 5-18 Phil 3: 15-21 Lk 9: 28-36
Monday - March 18
Daniel 9: 4-10 Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday - March 19
2 Samuel 7: 4-16 Romans 4: 13-18 Lk 2: 41-51
Wednesday - March 20
Jeremiah 18: 18-20 Mt 20: 17-28
Thursday - March 21
Jeremiah 17: 5-10 Lk 16: 19-31
Friday - March 22
Genesis 37: 3-4, 12-28 Mt 21: 33-46
Saturday - March 23
Micah 7: 14-20 Lk 15: 11-32
Sunday - March 24
Exodus 3: 1-8, 13-15 1 Cor 10: 1-12 Lk 13: 1-9

Editor's Note: This same letter appeared in the bulletin two weeks ago.

LAV PARISH NEWS

(Lower Allegheny Valley)

Dear Member of Saint Joseph Parish,

The **Parish Share Program** in the Diocese of Pittsburgh has been around for many, many years. When first established its purpose was to provide financial support to the charitable and educational programs available throughout the diocese as well as to fund the formation of young men in studies for the priesthood and the care of elderly retired priests. The importance of that outreach has never ceased. It continues today.

By its very name, the **Parish Share Program** relies on the assistance of each parish in the diocese and the willing sacrifice of every parishioner to share their financial treasure with others. Since no single parish can fund the extensive good works that are overseen by the Diocese of Pittsburgh, it is necessary that all of the faith communities in each of the parish groupings might together provide financial support.

The 2019 **Parish Share Program** assessment for Saint Joseph Parish is \$107,233.00 A large number, indeed, but certainly attainable. Last year's goal of \$101,375.00 was actually exceeded by \$34,367.00. That speaks to the generosity of the parishioners of Saint Joseph and is good news for our community. Remember, all excess dollars collected remain in the parish and may be used for our local needs.

May I count on your continued willingness to share your treasure? Any gift, great or small, will be gratefully received. And in deciding on your contribution may I offer a suggested amount: \$30 per month would be \$360 for the year; \$20 per month would amount to \$240; and \$10 per month would be \$120. If those amounts are too great, please give what you can. If your resources allow you to give more, I hope that you will.

My dear parishioner, on Ash Wednesday we will be signed with ashes on our forehead. That familiar ritual will begin for us 40 days of Lent, a period of greater attention to prayer, the decision to fast and abstain from particular foods and pleasures, and the commitment to give alms in our willingness to share with others what is ours. All done in the name of love.

I pray that this holy season of Lent will transform both your mind and heart, re-creating them into the very likeness of God.

Sincerely,

Father Dale DeNinno

Pastor

The Saint Joseph Parish Ash Wednesday Fish Fry was a great success. There was a wonderful number of volunteers who stepped forward in giving of their time to welcome our guests, prepare and serve the food, oversee the beverage and dessert service, clean tables, count money, and put everything away at the end of the evening. Thank you so much to each and every single person who worked so hard. A profit of \$1,832.00 was made from the 815 meals served. That money will be used to help support the social service outreach of Saint Joseph Parish.

Living Stations of the Cross, led by high school and elementary school students of the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes, will be presented in Saint Joseph Church on Friday, April 12TH at 7:00 pm. All parishioners are invited to witness this sacred drama. The young people in grades 6 thru 12 are welcome to participate. If interested, please contact the Director of Faith Formation, Delia Barr, at 412-963-8885 x301 or ccd@stjosephohara.com or the Youth Ministry Coordinator, Meredith Troyan at mtroyan412@gmail.com. Rehearsals will be on Thursday, April 11TH from 5:30-7:00 pm and Friday, April 12TH from 4:30-6:30 pm.

Family Faith Formation/CCD will be held on Sunday, April 7TH 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.

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 27TH from 9:00-11:00 am. Please consider joining us.

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.

A Mass for Those With Disabilities will be celebrated in Saint Scholastica Church on Saturday, March 30TH at 5:00 pm. Father Michael Stumpf, the pastor of the parish grouping of Saint Mary of the Mount on Mount Washington and Prince of Peace on the South Side will preside and preach. He will use "sign language" during the Mass and the Deaf Choir from the Diocese of Pittsburgh will also be in attendance.

Youth Ministry "House" Fundraiser

During the week of June 23-29, fifty high school students and twenty adult chaperones from the four parishes in the Lower Allegheny Valley will be in Elk County, West Virginia to participate in a mission trip of service. Their focus will be to help provide much needed home repairs for some of the residents.

In order to raise the needed \$30,000 for this trip to Appalachia, our young people are reaching out to all of the parishioners of Saint Scholastica, Saint Joseph, Saint Padre Pio and Saint Juan Diego.

During the weekend of March 30-31, a "house" will be located in the vestibule of each of our six churches in the parish grouping. Attached to the roof of the "house" will be envelopes with a dollar amount request, ranging from \$1 to \$144. Kindly take an envelope of your choosing, place the suggested amount inside, seal the envelope, and return it in the collection basket at Mass the following weekend. If all of the envelopes are taken and returned, this fundraising effort will amount to \$10,000.

Thank you for your generous financial support of this project and the good work of teenagers in their outreach to those who are in need.

Other News

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.

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.

Vagabond Missions in Sharpsburg has a solid group of teenagers who gather each week for worship and discussion nights, play silly games, and share delicious meals. This past week was a discussion about "attitudes" and the importance of having a positive, life-giving attitude, despite failure and difficult circumstances.

The leadership team of Shannon, Peter and Chelle are so grateful for the support of everyone in the Lower Allegheny Valley grouping of parishes. If you would like to be a part of this important outreach to young people you may contact Pam Susi at psusi15@aol.com or call 412-781-5696. Donations of gift cards, non-perishable snack items, or even a prepared hot meal for the Tuesday night meetings may be delivered to the Pope John Paul I Center on 9TH Avenue in Sharpsburg.

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**

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 18

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: March 23-24

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