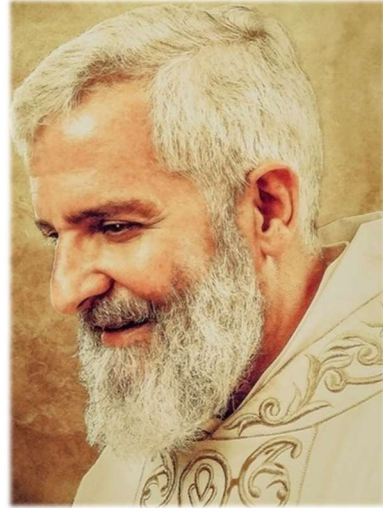


**PARISH MISSION**  
**Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap.**

*Curriculum Vitae*  
*(for parish bulletin and other promotional content)*

Fr. Joseph was born in Columbus, OH, in 1967 and was raised in Canton, OH. He earned his Bachelor's degree in 1989 from Borromeo College Seminary. In 1990, he professed his first vows as a Capuchin Franciscan friar. Making his Perpetual vows in 1993, he went on to earn his Master's degree in Theology in 1995 and was ordained to the priesthood in 1997.



His first assignment after ordination was in Papua New Guinea in the South Pacific where he served for four years. On January 3, 2025, Fr. Joseph was one of our friars who received the *Queen's Diamond Jubilee Medal* as a commendation for their service to the country of Papua New Guinea.

Returning to the US in 2001, he has ministered in various capacities as a parochial vicar and pastor, as well as a military and hospital chaplain; he also served in our Province's Custody of Puerto Rico.

Fr. Joseph currently serves as the Director General of the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers and in full-time preaching ministry for the Capuchin Province of St. Augustine, offering retreats and reflection days for parishes, Religious and Priests. He can be viewed on several *YouTube* channels and has appeared on Catholic Radio and TV outlets.

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## PARISH MISSION

Fr. Joseph will preach at all the weekend Masses and serve as the celebrant for one or more of the Sunday Masses at the discretion of the pastor. Adjustment can be made if there is a Sunday evening Mass. Please contact Fr. Joseph if you prefer to have the Mission conferences scheduled for Monday through Wednesday.

The parish mission themes are intended primarily for the spiritual formation of teens through adults, it is preferable if child care can be provided in a separate venue during the evening conferences for minors under high-school age.

The regular schedule of parish activities, meeting, groups etc.. should be suspended during the days of the mission and all should be invited to attend the evening conferences. The presence and participation of the pastor (*and associates, if they exist*) is expected for the events and sacramental assistance of the faithful during the parish mission.

Fr. Joseph will make himself available for vocation talks to youth or young adult groups as well as the school or religious education program if they are being conducted during the days of the mission. He is also available during the daytime hours for the Sacrament of Confession and spiritual direction. He is also available to visit the sick and shut-ins during the days of the mission.

A freewill offering envelope is placed in all of the pews for the Sunday Masses and throughout the Mission. There are other Mission materials inside the donation envelope, including a promotional flier for the Archconfraternity of Christian Mothers.

Fr. Joseph's ministry supports the education of our students in formation and our elderly friars. The envelope indicates that the faithful should make out any checks to the parish, and the pastor would make out a single check to my Capuchin Province that would be mailed after the Mission which would include the total of the freewill offering, the reimbursement for travel and any sacramental stipends.

Please make one check payable to: PROVINCE OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

*Please mail checks to:*

PROVINCE OF ST. AUGUSTINE  
c/o Mr. Joseph Kusnir, CFO  
220 – 37<sup>th</sup> Street  
Pittsburgh PA 15201

*If the pastor would prefer to make a direct deposit  
arrangements can be made.*

# MISSION SCHEDULE TEMPLATE

*(Adjustments can be made at the discretion of the pastor)*

## SATURDAY

### **Optional Saturday morning Mass before the Mission:**

Open to all Catholic women 18 and over whether or not they are married or have children.

**Presentation and Q & A:** Regarding the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

*NOTE: If you are inviting the women to bring children, it would be good to provide child care so that the moms can be free to participate fully; there could be a social time afterwards, perhaps with food.*

*If it seems better to have the gathering for the women of the parish to hear about the Confraternity of Christian Mothers on Monday or Tuesday, I am happy to schedule that at the discretion of the pastor.*

## SUNDAY

**Confessions begin** while rosary is prayed by the parish; relics of St. Padre Pio and Blessed Solanus Casey will be available for veneration. Perhaps the confessions could begin at 6:00 pm? Adjustment can be made by the pastor.

### **1st Mission Conference: 6:30 pm**

*The Greatest Threat to Holiness Today*

Confessions are available after the conference

Relics of St. Padre Pio and Blessed Solanus Casey would be available for veneration.

## MONDAY

Confessions begin at 6:00 pm while the rosary is prayed by the parish. Confessions are available, and the relics of St. Padre Pio and Blessed Solanus Casey would be available for veneration.

### **2nd Mission Conference: 6:30 pm**

*Pray, Hope and Don't Worry: How to raise faithful Catholics  
and encourage the return of those who have left their Catholic faith*

Confessions are available and relics of St. Padre Pio and Blessed Solanus Casey would be available for veneration.

## **TUESDAY**

Confessions begin at 6:00 pm while the rosary is prayed by the parish. Confessions are available, and the relics of St. Padre Pio and Blessed Solanus Casey would be available for veneration.

**Mass: 6:30 pm**  
*with Apostolic Blessing for the mission's conclusion*

The Mass concludes with the Apostolic Blessing [Joe, this may be redundant?]. No Confessions follow the Mass, but the relics of St. Padre Pio and Blessed Solanus Casey would once again be available for veneration.

**Final Mission conference: 7:00 pm**  
*The Solution*

This is a video presentation in the parish hall followed by a Q&A with Fr. Joseph. The evening concludes with a reception and refreshments.

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## **OTHER OPTIONS**

### ***Format of Conferences***

At the discretion of the pastor, the Mission conferences may be given during Exposition and Incensation of the Blessed Sacrament and conclude with Benediction – this would be for Sunday and Monday only, since the Mass is celebrated on the final evening to close the Mission.

### ***Recording & Video***

You have permission to record or livestream the Mission talks for those unable to attend.

### ***Optional Mass on Saturday morning***

It is possible to have families at the optional Mass on Saturday morning. After the Mass, the fathers and children could go to the parish hall for the Social (during the time of the presentation and Q & A with the women)

### ***Relics***

The relics should be placed on a table or stand which is accessible to the faithful. They should be placed, with cleaning cloths, on a corporal near the front of the sanctuary.

*(If there is to be exposition of the Blessed Sacrament the relics should be removed while the Blessed Sacrament is exposed)*