

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**Second Sunday after Epiphany
January 15, A.D. 2023**

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8am, 11am
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm
Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon
1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday: 9am

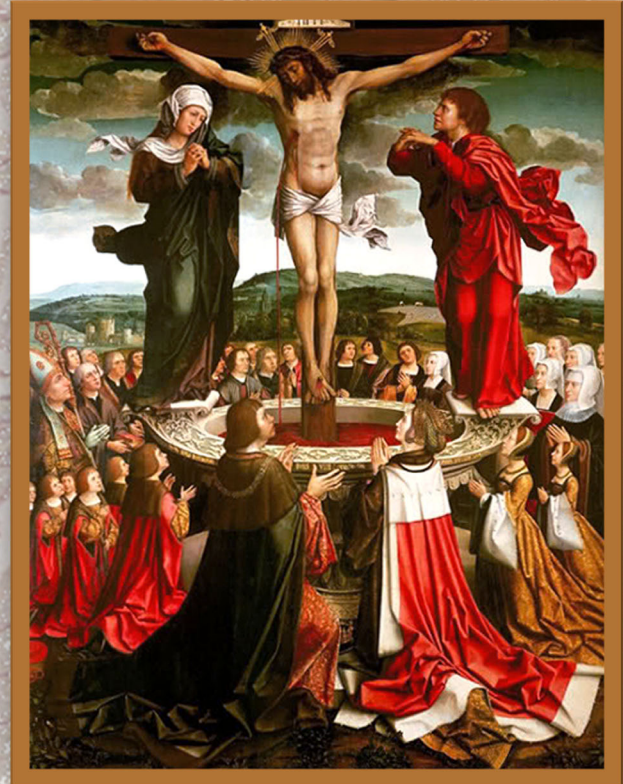
Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday: 8-8:45am

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule.
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
1-800-932-0313
Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 15, 2023

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—White
 8AM + Edith Cokley (Mary Eileen Cokley)
 11AM *Pro populo*

Monday, January 16, 2023

St. Marcellus, 3rd Class—Red
 12PM Fr. Michael John Lynam (Michael & Julie Roytas)

Tuesday, January 17, 2023

St. Anthony the Abbot, 3rd Class—White
 12PM Deceased Members of D'Souza & Mullins Families
 (D'Souza Family)
 7PM + Jack & Anna Marie Killian
 (David & Rebecca Killian)

Wednesday, January 18, 2023

Chair of St. Peter at Rome, 4th Class—White
Commemoration of St. Prisca
 12PM + Ron Neff (David Witter)

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Votive Mass for the Removal of Schism, 4th Class—Violet
Commemoration of St. Marius & Companions & St. Canute
 12PM Capone Children & Grandchildren (Dr. & Mrs.
 Ralph A. Capone)

Friday, January 20, 2023 *SFDs Novena begins*

Ss. Fabian & Sebastian, 3rd Class—Red
 12PM Spiritual & Temporal welfare of the Kedzierski Family

Saturday, January 21, 2023

St. Agnes, 3rd Class—Red
 9AM Spiritual & Temporal welfare of Erin Shirkey (Family)

Sunday, January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green

8AM *Pro populo*
 11AM Spiritual & Temporal welfare of Jude O'Connor
 (Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 8, 2023

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| Offertory (Sunday, December 11th) | \$11,018.00 |
| Parish Share | \$1,775.00 |
| Parish Improvement | \$55.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$13.00 |
| ICRSS—Province | \$10.00 |
| St. Anthony/DePaul | \$417.00 |

Faith Direct Report (December 1-15, 2022)

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| Offertory | \$6,873.00 |
| Parish Share | \$3,205.00 |
| Parish Improvement | \$1,010.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$170.00 |
| Christmas Charities/Children & Youth | \$20.00 |
| Christmas Flowers | \$90.00 |

The Second collection today benefits the St. Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech. Thank you for your generosity.

On Line Contributions

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested in making donations in this manner, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Office Closed Monday

The parish office will be closed Monday, January 16th, in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday.

Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

PARISH NEWS—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you'd like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

MASS INTENTIONS—The **Parish Mass Intention Registry** is currently closed. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the calendar year, with each period announced in the bulletin, in advance of the request period. Instructions and forms are made available at that time.

Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, February 4, 2023. All adult women are welcome. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

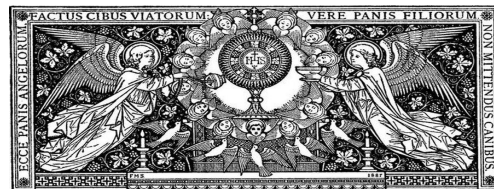
SURSUM CORDA (Young Adult Group)—Open to all young adults ages 18 to 35. Sursum Corda meets monthly, as announced in the bulletin. To sign up for event emails, text the word Corda to 84576. For more information please email sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

ERT/Usher Volunteers Needed

Our parish is seeking more men to assist with Emergency Response and Usher duties each week, during Sunday Masses. The work is not difficult, is done while you are already in Church, and helps to serve our Lord. If you are able to assist, please contact our ERT/Usher Coordinator, George Wright (usherert@mpboj.com), who will happily explain the duties.

Donation Summaries

It's that time of year again—Tax Season. If you need a summary of your donations for tax purposes, please contact the parish office by email (office@mpboj.com) or by phone (412.761.1508) to request a statement. Faith Direct will automatically provide end-of-year statements to those who utilize our on-line giving option. As always, your financial support of the parish during 2022 is most appreciated. We were able to make quite of number of improvements this past year, thanks to those who give so generously to Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish! May God bless you abundantly.



Holy Hour of Adoration

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 19th, at 8pm.

**O Sacrament most Holy, O Sacrament Divine!
 All praise and all thanksgiving
 Be every moment Thine!**



The parish received a gracious note from Joan & Pete Bellisario, the Food Bank Stewards at Christ Our Savior Parish, for the donations made for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Due to your wonderful generosity, the parish was able to forward a combined \$5,000! Thank you so very much for quarterly contributions for

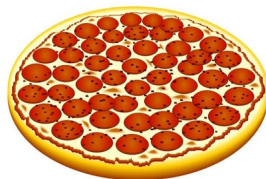
this worthwhile cause. If you know anyone in need, the Food Bank is open at the St. Cyril Worship Site (in the garage adjacent to the school), 3854 Brighton Road, on the second Monday of each month from 3:30—4:30 pm.

“Armi pii, armi santi!”

The city neighborhood where our parish is located can be a very bustling place at times, and parking can be quite a challenge. Parking too close to an intersection, parking in on-street handicap designated spaces, and partially blocking driveways can make it pretty difficult to navigate and provoke discontent. Being a courteous driver is an act of heroism and there is a prayer in the Sicilian dialect to help us: “*Armi pii, armi santi, fatimi truvari un postu vacanti.*” “*Holy Souls, Holy Saints, help me find an empty space.*” There is also short prayer to St. Frances Cabrini, the unofficial patron of parking spaces: “*Mother Cabrini, Mother Cabrini, please find a spot for my little machiney.*”

Men's Night—January 28th

At 6pm on Saturday, January 28th the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish school building. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring snack food, drinks, or a few dollars to defray expenses. The basketball court, bowling alley, and pool table will be open. Please RSVP to Mike Konopelski via e-mail to mike.konopelski@gmail.com. Contact Mike with any questions.



Rosary Rally

St. Louis de Montfort says that “Public prayer is far more powerful than private prayer to appease the anger of God and call down His Mercy and Holy Mother Church, guided by the Holy Ghost, has always advocated public prayer in times of public tragedy and suffering.” “When people say the Rosary together it is far more formidable to the devil than one said privately, because in this public prayer it is an army that is attacking him.” To this end, there will be public Rosary rallies on January 21, 2023 at Noon: One will take place at 3619 Baytree St., Pittsburgh PA 15214, led by Judy Callaghan, (412) 538-8262, and one at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Church parking lot at 3250 California Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15212, led by Mary Brodka, (724) 816-5573.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

Church Unity Octave

Each year from the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome (January 18th) to the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25th), we have the Church Unity Octave. The Octave was founded in 1908 by Fr. Paul Wattson, an Anglican minister who explained the devotion as a week of prayer for the unity of all under the authority of the Holy See. Fr. Wattson was received into the Church the following year, and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1910. The Octave was first approved by Pope St. Pius X. In 1916 Pope Benedict XV extended this devotion throughout the universal Church. As part of the observance the following prayers are added to the Mass during those eight days.

Collect: O God, Who settest straight what has gone astray, and gatherest together what is scattered, and keep-est what Thou hast gathered together, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to pour down on Christian people the grace of union with Thee, that putting aside disunion and attaching themselves to the true shepherd of Thy Church, they may be able to render Thee due service. Through our Lord...

Secret: Hallow these gifts which we offer up to Thee, O Lord, for union among the Christian people; and by means of these grant us the grace of union and peace within Thy Church. Through our Lord...

Post-Communion: Even as this, Thy holy Communion, which we have taken, foreshows the union of the faithful in Thee, O Lord, so, we beseech Thee, may it bring about reunion in Thy Church. Through our Lord...

St. Francis de Sales Novena

January 20-28

The Institute's U.S. province is happy to announce a special novena in honor of St. Francis de Sales which will occur from January 20-28 in preparation for the celebration of our holy patron's feast day on January 29. During the days of this novena, prayers to St. Francis de Sales and sermons on his spirituality will be made available on the Institute's social media and Flocknote platforms. Please plan ahead to share in this spiritual wealth for the edification of souls! The following prayer will be said after the Masses to honor and ask the intercession of this great saint.

O Blessed Francis de Sales, who in thy mortal life did excel in all virtues, especially in love of God and of neighbor, I earnestly entreat thee to take me under thy immediate protection, to obtain from God my perfect conversion, and that of all sinners. Teach me, O Father, to fix my eyes on heaven, that I may generously trample under foot every obstacle that presents itself in my way, and attain that degree of glory which God in His mercy holds out to me. Obtain also that particular favor for which I now pray. (*mention intention*)

V. Assist us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, through the merits of St. Francis de Sales.

R. That what our endeavors cannot obtain may be given us by his intercession.

Let us pray. O God, by whose gracious will blessed Francis, Thy confessor and bishop, became all things to all men, for the salvation of their souls; grant, we beseech Thee that being filled with the sweetness of Thy love, we may, by the aid of his merits, attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. R. Amen.

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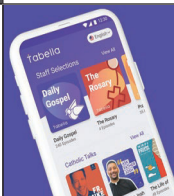


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