

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*

**Septuagesima Sunday
February 5, 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

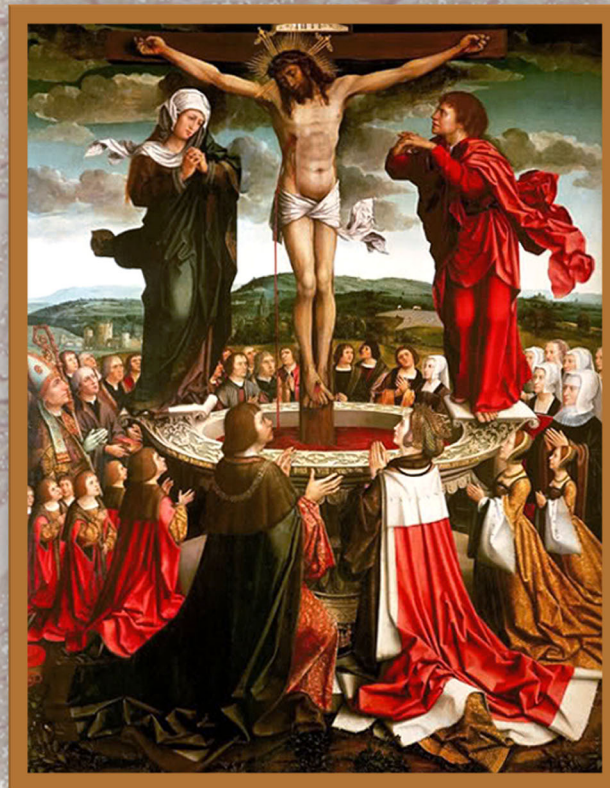
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com**

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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Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Sunday in Septuagesima, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM +John & Margaret Capitani & Margaret Kraushaar
(Lou & Judy Talarico)

11AM *Pro populo*

Monday, February 6, 2023

St. Titus, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Dorothy

12PM Guerreiro Family (Michael & Cristina Eyler)

Tuesday, February 7, 2023

St. Romuald, 3rd Class—White

12PM + Bertha Kotwica (Randal & Piper Kotwica)

7PM + Martin & Anne Walz (Laurie Walz)

Wednesday, February 8, 2023

St. John of Matha, 3rd Class—White

12PM + Robert O'Grady (Mark Schurdak Family)

Thursday, February 9, 2023

St. Cyril of Alexandria, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Apollonia

12PM Stephanie Mackin (Patrizio Family)

Friday, February 10, 2023

St. Scholastica, 3rd Class—White

12PM + Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

Saturday, February 11, 2023

Our Lady of Lourdes, 3rd Class—White

9AM Giampietro Vairo - birthday (Jan Vairo)

Sunday, February 12, 2023

Sunday in Sexagesima, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of the Kedzierski Family

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 29, 2023

Offertory	\$9,613.00
Parish Share	\$1,525.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$130.00
Food Pantry.....	\$1,208.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$45.00

Faith Direct Report (January 1—15, 2023)

Offertory	\$8,697.50
Parish Share (2022).....	\$3,340.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,682.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$25.00

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.



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, February 9th, at 8pm.

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.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS—At the Church entrances, there are racks containing church forms, reading materials, and prayer cards. Please feel free to take what you need, but do not leave your own materials without permission from Canon Avis. Parish events are also publicized on the bulletin boards in the side entrance and the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize, please provide a copy of the poster/notice to Canon Avis for permission to post.

Group News

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

Donation Summaries

In an effort to save personnel time and postage expense, the parish will not send 2022 end-of-year donation summaries to parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you need a summary 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 a 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.

Sursum Corda - Young Adults Group

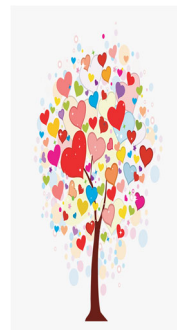
Young adults, ages 18-35, please join us at 6:30pm on Friday, February 10th in the school building for our next Sursum Corda gathering, including a talk on the virtue of fortitude. Please bring \$5 if you can to help cover the cost of food for these events. To receive notice of future events, please text Corda to 84576 and choose SC Pittsburgh as the group.

Contact sursumcorda@mpboj.com with any questions!

Family Party—St. Valentine's Day

Plan to join fellow parishioners for a St. Valentine's party on Sunday, February 12th, following the High Mass at 1 pm in the school building. The event will begin with a potluck lunch, followed by Valentine making for nursing home residents, cookie decorating and rosary.

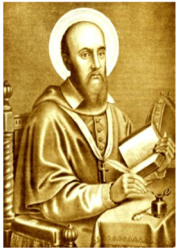
Please sign-up for potluck at: <https://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/110944> Hope to see you there!



Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

What True Devotion Is (Part I, Chapter 1)



You aim at a devout life, dear child, because as a Christian you know that such devotion is most acceptable to God's Divine Majesty. But seeing that the small errors people are wont to commit in the beginning of any undertaking are apt to wax greater as they advance, and to become irreparable at last, it is most important that you should thoroughly understand wherein lies the grace of true devotion;--and that because while there undoubtedly is such a true devotion, there are also many spurious and idle semblances thereof; and unless you know which is real, you may mistake, and waste your energy in pursuing an empty, profitless shadow. Arelus was wont to paint all his pictures with the features and expression of the women he loved, and even so we all color devotion according to our own likings and dispositions. One man sets great value on fasting, and believes himself to be leading a very devout life, so long as he fasts rigorously, although the while his heart is full of bitterness;--and while he will not moisten his lips with wine, perhaps not even with water, in his great abstinence, he does not scruple to steep them in his neighbor's blood, through slander and detraction. Another man reckons himself as devout because he repeats many prayers daily, although at the same time he does not refrain from all manner of angry, irritating, conceited or insulting speeches among his family and neighbors. This man freely opens his purse in almsgiving, but closes his heart to all gentle and forgiving feelings towards those who are opposed to him; while that one is ready enough to forgive his enemies, but will never pay his rightful debts save under pressure. Meanwhile all these people are conventionally called religious, but nevertheless they are in no true sense really devout. When Saul's servants sought to take David, Michal induced them to suppose that the lifeless figure lying in his bed, and covered with his garments, was the man they sought; and in like manner many people dress up an exterior with the visible acts expressive of earnest devotion, and the world supposes them to be really devout and spiritual-minded, while all the time they are mere lay figures, mere phantasms of devotion.

But, in fact, all true and living devotion presupposes the love of God;--and indeed it is neither more nor less than a very real love of God, though not always of the same kind; for that Love one while shining on the soul we call grace, which makes us acceptable to His Divine Majesty;--when it strengthens us to do well, it is called Charity;--but when it attains its fullest perfection, in which it not only leads us to do well, but to act carefully, diligently, and promptly, then it is called Devotion. The ostrich never flies;--the hen rises with difficulty, and achieves but a brief and rare flight, but the eagle, the dove, and the swallow, are continually on the wing, and soar high;--even so sinners do not rise towards God, for all their movements are earthly and earthbound. Well-meaning people, who have not as yet attained a true devotion, attempt a manner of flight by means of their good actions, but rarely, slowly and heavily; while really devout men rise up to God frequently, and with a swift and soaring wing. In short, devotion is simply a spiritual activity and liveliness by means of which Divine Love works in us, and causes us to work briskly and lovingly; and just as charity

leads us to a general practice of all God's Commandments, so devotion leads us to practice them readily and diligently. And therefore we cannot call him who neglects to observe all God's Commandments either good or devout, because in order to be good, a man must be filled with love, and to be devout, he must further be very ready and apt to perform the deeds of love. And forasmuch as devotion consists in a high degree of real love, it not only makes us ready, active, and diligent in following all God's Commands, but it also excites us to be ready and loving in performing as many good works as possible, even such as are not enjoined upon us, but are only matters of counsel or inspiration. Even as a man just recovering from illness, walks only so far as he is obliged to go, with a slow and weary step, so the converted sinner journeys along as far as God commands him but slowly and wearily, until he attains a true spirit of devotion, and then, like a sound man, he not only gets along, but he runs and leaps in the way of God's Commands, and hastens gladly along the paths of heavenly counsels and inspirations. The difference between love and devotion is just that which exists between fire and flame;--love being a spiritual fire which becomes devotion when it is fanned into a flame;--and what devotion adds to the fire of love is that flame which makes it eager, energetic and diligent, not merely in obeying God's Commandments, but in fulfilling His Divine Counsels and inspirations.

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is hosting a Saint Valentine's Day Dance in Celebration of Sacramental Catholic Marriage. The dance is open to all members of MPBOJ parish age 21+ and will be held in the school gym on Saturday, February 11th. Doors open at 6:30 pm, with dancing from 7 pm-10 pm. Dance instruction provided by parishioner and professional dance instructor, Zach Foreman. Heavy appetizers, wine, punch, as well as non alcoholic beverages will be served. Tickets are \$30 each, and will be sold after Sunday Masses beginning January 22nd through February 5th.

Register with the Parish

Attending Mass at Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is certainly a wonderful way to spend your Sunday, but if you want to belong to the parish family, you should consider officially registering as a member. Enrollment in the parish allows you to participate fully with parish life and includes important benefits, such as the ability to receive your sacraments at the parish, obtain a 'letter of good standing' if needed, or requesting an annual itemized statement of your offertory donations. Registration is especially important for children of registered parishioners who turn eighteen, since once you are an adult, you should independently become a member of the parish. Newly married members should also register as a couple with the parish, even if individually registered prior to the wedding. If you are interested in joining the parish family, registration forms can be found in the top shelf of the racks at the entrances to the church. Please consider this important step of commitment to our parish family.

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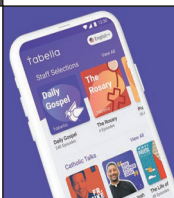
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