



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

*A Roman Catholic Personal Parish  
for the Extraordinary Form  
in the Diocese of Pittsburgh.*

**Easter Sunday  
April 9, 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**

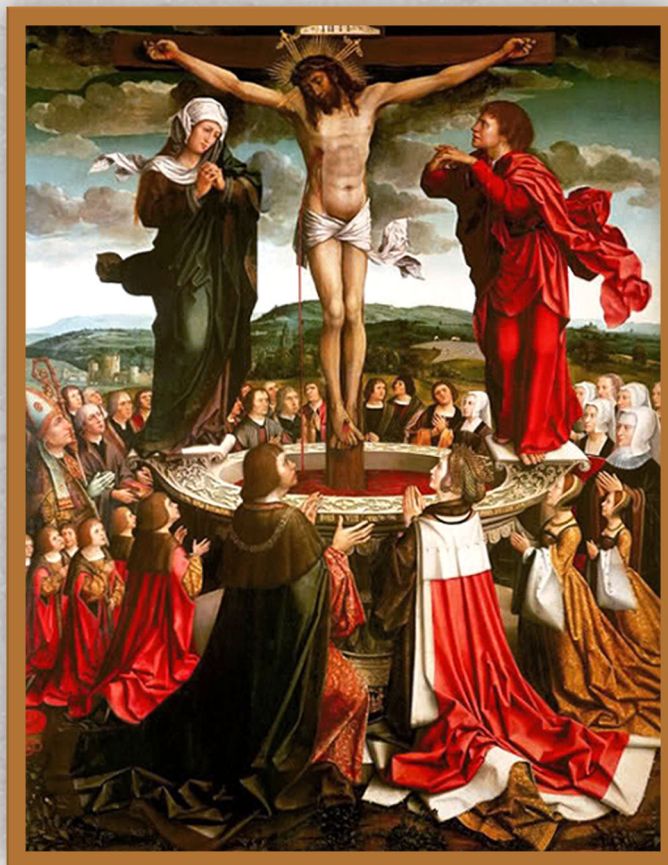
### **Confession Schedule**

**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.*

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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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***Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity***

## Liturgical Schedule

### **Sunday, April 9, 2023**

#### **Easter Sunday, 1st Class—White**

8AM LM *Pro populo*  
11AM HM + Repose of the Soul of Msgr. Joseph Lamonde  
Processional: *Easter Sunday Booklet*  
Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*  
Recessional: *Easter Sunday Booklet*

### **Monday, April 10, 2023**

#### **Easter Monday, 1st Class—White**

12PM LM Eugene Daum (John & Michele Grese)

### **Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

#### **Easter Tuesday, 1st Class—White**

12PM LM Thomas Murphy (Warner Family)  
7PM LM Theresa Kish-18th Birthday (Kish Family)

### **Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

#### **Easter Wednesday, 1st Class—White**

12PM LM +Delia DiCarlo (Anthony & Katie DiCarlo Family)

### **Thursday, April 13, 2023**

#### **Easter Thursday, 1st Class—White**

12PM HM Spiritual & Temporal wellbeing of the Hete Family (Bernard & Carmen Hete)  
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration  
9PM Compline

### **Friday, April 14, 2023**

#### **Easter Friday, 1st Class—White**

12PM Flores Family (McLeod Family)

### **Saturday, April 15, 2023**

#### **Saturday in albis, 1st Class—White**

9AM HM + Albe & Thomas Levets (Donna & Cal Hastings)

### **Sunday, April 16, 2023**

#### **Sunday in albis, 1st Class—White**

8AM LM *Pro populo*  
11AM HM Janice Vairo (Romina Napoleon)  
Processional: *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today* pg. 67  
Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*  
Recessional: *The Strife Is O'er* pg. 95

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, April 2, 2023*

Offertory ..... \$19,761.00  
Parish Appeal ..... \$1,625.00  
Parish Improvements..... \$205.00  
Funeral Donations ..... \$75.00  
Flowers..... \$20.00  
Good Friday Holy Land..... \$205.00  
*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 453; 11AM 470; Total 923*

### **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.

### **Thank You for supporting the Betsy Ann Fundraiser**

Many thanks to all who supported the Easter candy fundraiser, especially Jim and Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates. As always, thanks to Peggy Wrabley, who graciously coordinates this fundraising effort every year.

## **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, May 6, 2023 and the topic will be *The Domestic Church*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

SURSUM CORDA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18-35, at Institute apostolates. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Contact [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) with any questions!

RESPECT LIFE GROUP at MPBOJ meets regularly to advance pro-life positions including: Prayer, Education, Advocacy/Witness, Care/Service, and Legislation. Please watch for updates in the bulletin each week. For more information, please contact [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com).

### **Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each mass on **April 30th** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue caring for the elderly poor at their Home in Brighton Heights. Donations may also be made online at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org). If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several CNA and RN positions open.

### **Mass Intentions**

The Parish is currently accepting Mass intention requests for the remainder of calendar year 2023, beginning **September 1<sup>st</sup>**. Each family may request three Masses during this period, but please be advised that there are No Sunday Masses available. Revised Mass Intention Request Forms are available at the Church entrances for your use. Please know that the parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, then your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

### **Safe Environment Clearances**

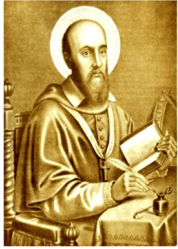
A reminder that all parish volunteers must comply with the diocesan Safe Environment Compliance policy, as well as the Institute of Christ the King Code of Conduct policy, before they can participate in parish-related activity. If you need to obtain your clearances, please contact Geraldine Redic at [bookkeeper@mpboj.com](mailto:bookkeeper@mpboj.com) for instructions and assistance with the process. One added challenge we have discovered in this process is a reset of the application system at the end of every week. This means that applications which remain incomplete on any given Friday are reset to a beginning condition and must be restarted.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### Second Meditation - On the End for Which We Were Created (Part I, Chap. 10)

The Preparation



1. Place yourself before God. 2. Ask Him to inspire your heart.

#### Considerations

1. God did not bring you into the world because He had any need of you, useless as you are; but solely that He might show forth His Goodness in you, giving you His Grace and Glory. And to this end He gave you understanding that you might know Him, memory that you might think of Him, a will that you might love Him, imagination that you might realise His mercies, sight that you might behold the marvels of His works, speech that you might praise Him, and so on with all your other faculties.

2. Being created and placed in the world for this intent, all contrary actions should be shunned and rejected, as also you should avoid as idle and superfluous whatever does not promote it.

2. Consider how unhappy they are who do not think of all this,--who live as though they were created only to build and plant, to heap up riches and amuse themselves with trifles.

#### Affections and Resolutions

1. Humble yourself in that hitherto you have so little thought upon all this. Alas, my God, of what was I thinking when I did not think of Thee? what did I remember when I forgot Thee? what did I love when I loved Thee not? Alas, when I ought to have been feeding on the truth, I was but filling myself with vanity, and serving the world, which was made to serve me.

2. Abhor your past life. I renounce ye, O vain thoughts and useless cogitations, frivolous and hateful memories: I renounce all worthless friendships, all unprofitable efforts, and miserably ungrateful self-indulgence, all pitiful compliances.

3. Turn to God. Thou, my God and Saviour shalt henceforth be the sole object of my thoughts; no more will I give my mind to ideas which are displeasing to Thee. All the days of my life I will dwell upon the greatness of Thy Goodness, so lovingly poured out upon me. Thou shalt be henceforth the delight of my heart, the resting-place of all my affections. From this time forth I will forsake and abhor the vain pleasures and amusements, the empty pursuits which have absorbed my time;--the unprofitable ties which have bound my heart I will loosen henceforth, and to that end I will use such and such remedies.

#### Conclusion

1. Thank God, Who has made you for so gracious an end. Thou hast made me, O Lord, for Thyself, that I may eternally enjoy the immensity of Thy Glory; when shall I be worthy thereof, when shall I know how to bless Thee as I ought?

2. Offer. O Dearest Lord, I offer Thee all my affections and resolutions, with my whole heart and soul.

3. Pray. I entreat Thee, O God, that Thou wouldest accept my desires and longings, and give Thy Blessing to my soul, to enable me to fulfil them, through the Merits of Thy Dear Son's Precious Blood shed upon the Cross for me. OUR FATHER, etc. Gather your little spiritual bouquet.

***We adore, O Christ, and praise Thee, because by Thy holy Cross Thou hast redeemed the world!***

## ICK Pilgrimage to Kazakhstan!

Travel with Canon Benoît Jayr, rector of St. Stanislaus Oratory in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on a once-in-a-lifetime pilgrimage to Kazakhstan and Ancient Nicaea! Discover a far and beautiful land, the birthplace of ancient civilizations. Once part of the Great Silk Road linking the East and West, Kazakhstan has great natural beauty and a deep religious patrimony. Pray the Holy Mass in the soaring new neo-Gothic cathedral of Karaganda, an epitaph to all who dared challenge atheism, and a virtual catechism in stone. Visit the only Marian Shrine in Central Asia. Stop in Istanbul (Constantinople) and Iznik (ancient Nicaea)! Find more information at <https://sacredhearttours.com/product/pearl-of-kazakhstan-june-2-14-2023/>

## Meditation on Easter

By Bishop Richard Challoner (d. 1781)

Those words of the Psalmist, which are applied by the Church in the office of this day to the resurrection of our Lord 'This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad, and rejoice therein.' Ps. cxvii. 24. Yes, Christian souls, if you have taken part in the sufferings of our Redeemer, by the affections of compassion and grief at the sight of all those outrages and torments He endured in the course of His passion, it is just that you should rejoice, now the scene is changed, at the sight of His being risen from the dead, victorious over death and hell, and His having entered upon a new and everlasting life, so that He can die now no more nor suffer any more. Rejoice, then, with a holy joy in the Lord, and join with the Church on this day in her repeated Alleluias, because your best friend, He who truly loves you, your dear father, your king, your Lord and God is risen again, and this is the day of His triumph; He is now out of all reach of His enemies, and shall live and reign glorious for evermore. But see, my soul, whether thou art in proper dispositions to celebrate with this holy joy the resurrection of thy Lord. Hast thou endeavored to die with Him in order to rise again with Him? Hast thou put off the old man and his deeds? Hast thou crucified the flesh and its lusts? Or does not sin still live and reign in thee? if so, how melancholy a reflection must it be to think that this monster, for the destruction of which Christ died, should still keep thee under slavery, struggling with the weight of deaths, whilst thou art celebrating the festival of thy Savior's rising to a new and immortal life. Then, if thou desirest to have a share in the triumphs of thy Redeemer, imitate His death by dying to thy sins, that so thou mayest also imitate His resurrection, and walk henceforward in the newness of life, after the great model given to thee by Jesus Christ. ***This is the day which the Lord hath made; let us be glad, and rejoice therein! —Psalm 117: 24***



## Thank You from the Canons

Canon Avis and Canon Bourgeois thank you for your gracious Easter gifts. Be assured of their continued prayers during this most sacred season. *Gratiās vōbīs agimus!*

## To All Our Guests...

The Canons and Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you and hope that your time in “The ‘Burgh” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please enjoy the beauty of this Personal Parish, established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019 on the *Feast of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*.

According to liturgical tradition and the Traditional Latin Mass of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join us in prayer but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and have observed the Eucharistic Fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. For those who need a low gluten Host, let an usher know as you approach the Communion rail toward the end of Communion.

To receive more information about the parish or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Priory at 412-761-1508. The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

Any and all contributions to the parish are warmly appreciated and tax deductible.

**PARISHIONER MATERIALS/REQUESTS**—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 in the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize or schedule, please provide a copy of the notice or request to [temporalaffairs@mpboj.com](mailto:temporalaffairs@mpboj.com) for approval.

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently **OPEN**. 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.

**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.

### Sacramental Information

#### Infant Baptism:

Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the office prior to the baby’s birth to make arrangements.

#### Holy Matrimony:

Couples planning to marry at the parish must call the office to schedule proper instruction at least six months in advance.

#### Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

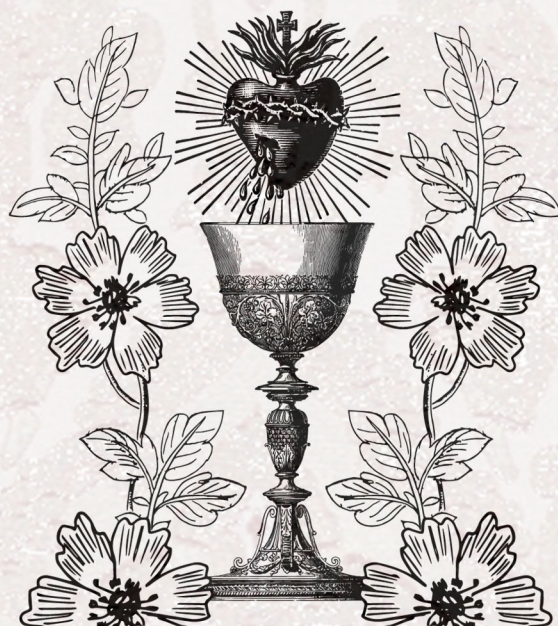
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

If you need the assistance of a priest for the dying, please contact the office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, please call and listen to the prompts and select option #1.

#### Certificates:

Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives. You may reach the Diocese Archive office at 412-456-3158, or [archives@diopitt.org](mailto:archives@diopitt.org).



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