



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**4th Sunday After
Pentecost
June 25, 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

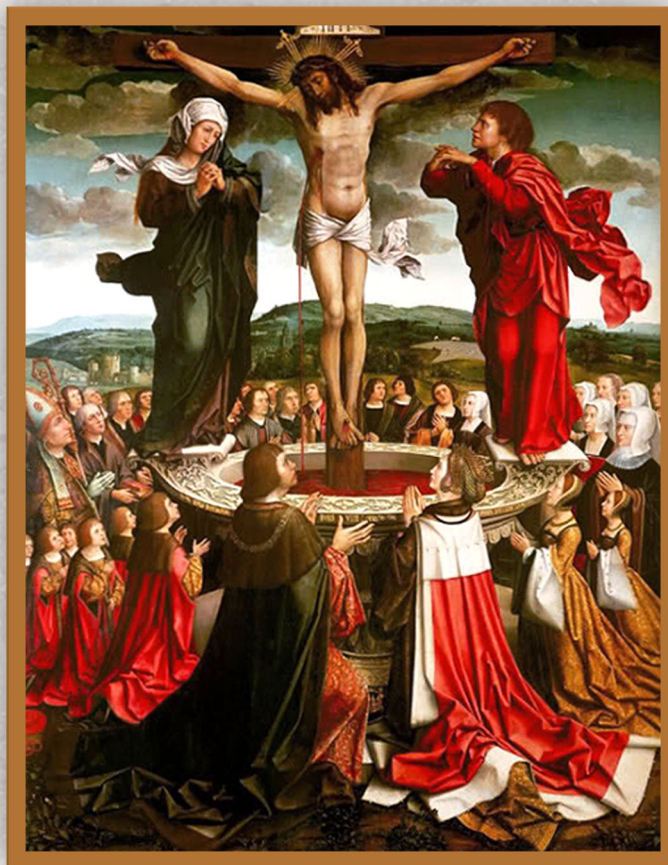
Confession Schedule

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, June 25, 2023

4th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM Our 35th Wedding Anniversary
(Dave & Mandy Capan)

Processional: *Come Holy Ghost* pg. 57

Kyriale: *Mass VIII, Credo III*

Recessional: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* pg. 68

Monday, June 26, 2023

Ss. John & Paul, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Robert & Stephanie Hartwell-Anniversary
(Family)

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Our Wedding Anniversary
(Dennis & Alicia Stull)
7PM LM + Jack & Anna Marie Killian
(David & Rebecca Killian)

Wednesday, June 28, 2023

Vigil of Ss. Peter & Paul, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Repose of the Soul of Irene Otuyce
(Bill & Gerry Redic)

Thursday, June 29, 2023

Ss. Peter & Paul, 1st Class—Red

12PM LM Jerry & Peggy Wrabley-55th Wedding Anniversary
(Family)
7PM HM *Private Intention*

Friday, June 30, 2023

Commemoration of St. Paul, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Margaret Evans (Marsh Family)

Saturday, July 1, 2023 *First Saturday*

Precious Blood of Jesus, 1st Class—Red

*9:30AM HM + James W. McCloskey
(William & Celeste McCloskey)

Sunday, July 2, 2023

5th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM Lizanne Parker Family—Living & Deceased
(Lizanne Parker)

Processional: *Glory Be To Jesus* pg. 63

Kyriale: *Mass VIII, Credo III*

Recessional: *Hail Jesus Hail* pg. 64

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, June 18, 2023

Offertory \$5,976.00
Parish Appeal..... \$31.00
Peter's Pence..... \$55.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 502; 11AM 319; Total 821

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 Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The next meeting is **Saturday, August 12th** and the topic will be *Cultivating Christian Charity*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact 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. **Today** we will be challenging the young adults from St. Leo Oratory in Columbus to a field day at 3:30 PM. Everyone 18-35 welcome to join in capture the flag, volleyball and fellowship. Food will be provided (free-will donations accepted.) Plan to depart MPBOJ after the 11AM Mass-TODAY. Meeting point is *Cambridge City Park, 998 McKinley Ave, Cambridge, OH*. RSVP at sursumcorda@mpboj.com. Contact Jose Pinero at 863.450.5143 for more information.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of the newly formed Respect Life Group! Every human person is created out of love by God and made in His Image and Likeness. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life! We offer three working sub-committees: *Legislation, Education, Advocacy*. Please contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 with questions.

Parish Landscaping

Green-Thumbs NEEDED! Looking for landscape volunteers to assist with Flower and Plant Pruning, Watering, Weed Control, Shrub Trimming and general landscape maintenance around the Parish grounds. With warm weather upon us and new plantings striving to take root, NOW is a critical time to deliver what these new flowers and plants need. If you are able to offer time during the week, or weekend, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Our parish landscape team, led by Julie Roytas, meets on site Thursday mornings at the Church from 8AM to Noon. Many other opportunities to assist at other times of the day or week. Please email Julie at julier.lom@hotmail.com for information about joining the MPBOJ Landscape Team or to let her know your availability. Julie can also be reached on cell at 412-818-1393.

GOSPA MISSIONS RETREAT

JOIN US, August 19th, in reviving our Faith with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, opportunity for confession, Rosary, & dynamic speakers! Morning refreshments & lunch will be provided. There will be religious items & books for purchase from the Gospa Missions ministry, Amazing Grace Books & Gifts. Please Register at: <https://gospa.org/pages/summer-retreat-2023>

Financial Planning for the Catholic Family

JOIN US in the Parish Center for a special financial seminar, Monday **July 24th at 7PM**. This presentation will be offered by KOC Knights (and MPBOJ parishioners) Michael Shemer, Jose Pinero and Elisha Novak. You will have the opportunity to learn of insurance and financial planning products available from Knights of Columbus financial professionals, each of whom you often see at Mass. There is no cost to attend the seminar, but please register by contacting Michael Shemer at 724-900-5192 or michael.shemer@kofc.org.

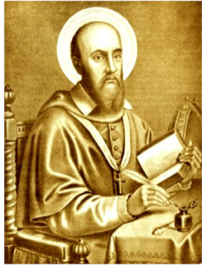
Summer Donuts & Coffee

Thanks to a gracious volunteer, Mark Graham, *Summer Donuts & Coffee* has returned, after the Sunday 8AM Mass in the school, room 101. This program will be offered every week and run through August 27th. This is a great opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners, many of whom travel a significant distance to attend the Traditional Mass.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Conclusion of this First Purification (Chapter 21)



HAVING made this resolution, wait attentively, and open the ears of your heart, that you may in spirit hear the absolution which the Lord of your soul, sitting on the throne of His Mercy, will speak in Heaven before the Saints and Angels when His Priest absolves you here below in His Name. Be sure that all that company of blessed ones rejoice in your joy, and sing a song of untold gladness, embracing you and accepting you as cleansed and sanctified. Of a truth, my daughter, this is a marvellous deed, and a most blessed bargain for you, in as much as giving yourself to His Divine Majesty, you gain Him, and save yourself for eternal life. No more remains to do, save to take the pen and heartily sign your protest, and then hasten to the Altar, where God on His side will sign and seal your absolution, and His promise of Paradise, giving Himself to you in His Sacrament, as a sacred seal placed upon your renewed heart. And thus, dear child, your soul will be cleansed from sin, and from all its affections. But for as much as these affections are easily rekindled, thanks to our infirmity and concupiscence (which maybe mortified, but which can never be altogether extinguished while we live), I will give you certain counsels by the practice of which you may henceforth avoid mortal sin, and the affections pertaining thereto. And as these counsels will also help you to attain a yet more perfect purification, before giving them, I would say somewhat concerning that absolute perfection to which I seek to lead you.

Patronal Feast Celebrations



On Saturday, **July 1st**, Right Reverend Philip Anderson, OSB, Abbot, Our Lady of Clear Creek Abbey will celebrate a Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Most Precious Blood of Jesus at 9:30 AM. Immediately following Mass will be a light reception with Abbot Anderson and faithful in the Parish Hall.

On Sunday, **July 2nd**, immediately following the 8AM Mass, Abbot Anderson will offer a conference to the faithful on the nature

of Monastic vocation and the Founding of Clear Creek Monastery in the Parish Hall. For more information on the work being done at Clear Creek Abbey, please visit <https://clearcreekmonks.org/>

Shrines of Wisconsin

August 7 to 11th, 2023, **Mary's Travel Ministry Pilgrimage** to Shrines of Wisconsin with visits to Sorrowful Mother Shrine (Bellevue OH), Mother Cabrini Shrine (Chicago, IL), National Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help, National Shrine of St Joseph (De Pere, WI), Basilica of St Josephat (Milwaukee, WI), and visit to Notre Dame and tour of Basilica. Price of \$750 (Double Occup.) includes motor coach and 4 nights lodging. For additional information and registration, please contact Bernadette Burke 412-563-3857 or email: marystravel2@gmail.com

Questions for the Pastor

When time and bulletin space allow, I will periodically respond to questions that parishioners ask, which may be beneficial for the parish at large. The question that I will answer today is the following: "Dear Canon Avis, I have been a parishioner of Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish for over three years. In that time, I have heard others say, that we are not required to support the parish financially as long as we are giving to a charity or religious group. So if I regularly give to charity, does that mean I don't have to give to the parish?" Since this questions concerns the 5th Precept of the Church, I will respond with what the Church teaches concerning it in the Catechism and Canon Law. The Baltimore Catechism reads as follows: *What is meant by the commandment to contribute to the support of the Church? By the commandment to contribute to the support of the Church is meant that each of us is obliged to bear his fair share of financial burden of the Holy See, of the Diocese and of the parish.* The Code of Canon Law [Can. 222 §1] says: *The Christian faithful are obliged to assist with the needs of the Church so that the Church has what is necessary for divine worship, for the works of the apostolate and of charity, and for the decent support of ministers.* The Catechism of the Catholic Church [CCC2043] teaches us: *The faithful also have the duty of providing for the material needs of the Church, each according to his abilities.* So we can see that all faithful are in deed obliged to support their parish financially according to their abilities. Whereas it is good and laudable to support charities and religious organizations or orders, it does not take the place of the obligation one has towards his own parish. In a similar way, it is praiseworthy for a father of a family to provide for the food of a next door neighbor in need, but he would still be obliged to feed his own family. Many graces come to those who support the work of the parish. Whether with large donations, like Abraham who gave a tenth of his spoils to the High Priest Melchizedek (cf. Genesis 14), or small, like the Widow's pence which our Lord praised (cf. Mark 14: 42-44), each received a recompense from the Lord for their act of gratitude for all that they received from the Lord.

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 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 **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.

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:

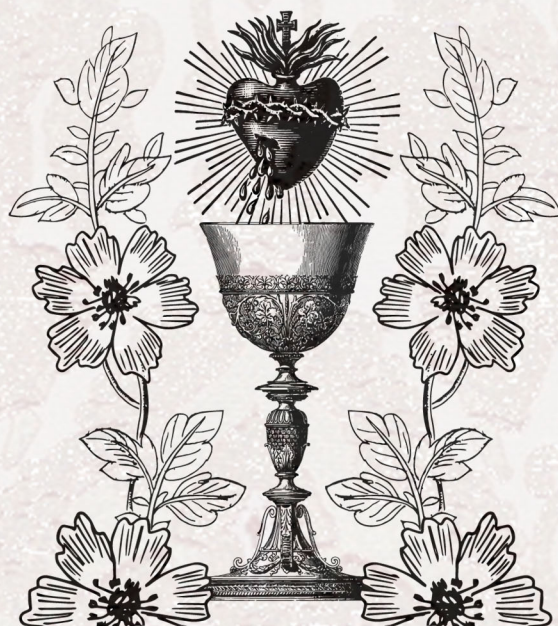
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

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.



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