



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**8th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 23, 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

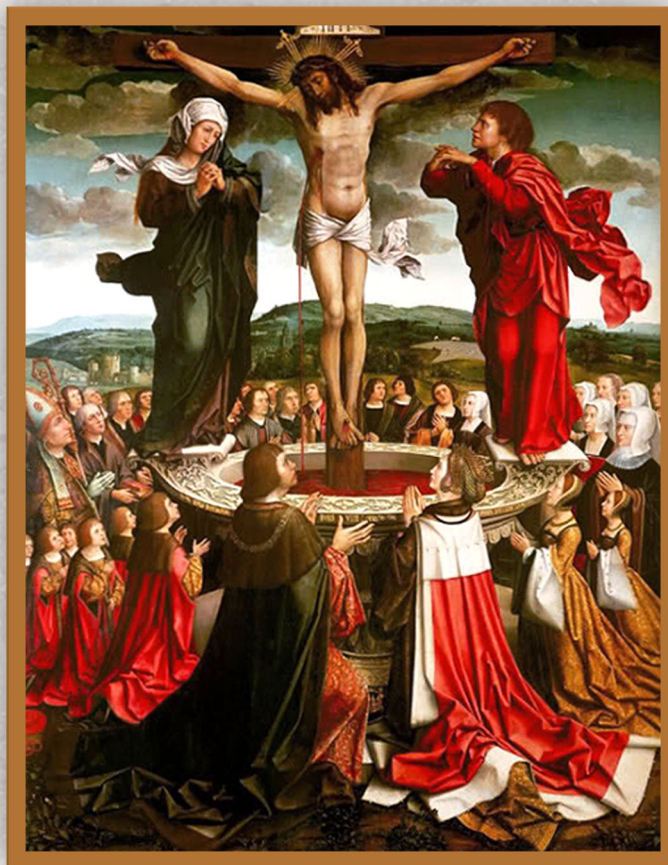
Confession Schedule

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, July 23, 2023

8th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM + Charles & Geraldine Amrhein (DMT)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Faith of Our Fathers* pg. 59

Kyriale: *Mass XI, Credo III*

Recessional: *O God, Almighty Father* pg. 79

Monday, July 24, 2023

St. Christina, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Living & Deceased of the William

Del Signore Sr. Family (Chris Del Signore)

Tuesday, July 25, 2023

St. James the Greater, 2nd Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Christopher

12PM LM +Louis & Anna Talarico (Lou & Judy Talarico)

7PM LM + Honey B. Sundy (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

St. Anne, 2nd Class—White

12PM LM + Kyle Stephen Walkins-Birthday

(Craig Stephen Walkins)

Thursday, July 27, 2023

St. Pantaleon, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal well-being of Our

Godchildren (Steven & Adrienne Zink)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, July 28, 2023

Ss. Nazarius & Celsus, Victor, Innocent I, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM + George & Mary Fiedler

(Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

Saturday, July 29, 2023

St. Martha, 3rd Class—White

9:00AM LM + Arthur Gloff (Gloff Family)

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM Spiritual & Temporal well-being of my

Children & Godchildren (Marlene Glyptis)

Processional: *At the Name of Jesus* pg. 54

Kyriale: *Mass XI, Credo III*

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

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, July 16, 2023

Offertory \$7,775.00

Parish Appeal \$850.00

Parish Improvement..... \$1,699.00

Food Pantry \$100.00

General Donation..... \$50.00

Faith Direct Report (June 15-30, 2023)

Offertory \$14,335.25

Parish Appeal \$415.00

Parish Improvement..... \$654.00

ICK - Sisters Adorers \$100.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 499; 11AM 288; Total 787

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. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." For more information, contact José Piñero at sursumcorda@mpboj.com or 863.450.5143.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working sub-committees: *Legislation, Education, Advocacy*. See their July Newsletter for valuable information. Please contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 with questions.

The Diocesan Survey – Next Steps

The parish Envisioning Team is currently in the process of analyzing the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey and helping Canon Avis create a pastoral plan. Although each parish follows their own timeline in the process, all parishes will submit a pastoral plan to Bishop Zubik on or before February 14, 2024. Our parish elected to follow the Virtual Track, which means our Team is in the process of receiving four individualized virtual tutorials from Catholic Leadership Institute to help them understand the DMI survey results. In order to give ample time for all parishes to prepare for the distribution of DMI results and to ensure that all parishes are receiving information in a consistent manner, a universal distribution date for results has been established. All parishes in the diocese will use a common template to publish their individual results. Aggregate results for the entire diocese will be published in the individual parish bulletins.

GOSPA MISSIONS RETREAT

An opportunity for parishioners on **August 19th** to revive attend the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, go to confession, pray the Rosary and hear dynamic speakers! Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. There will be religious items and books for purchase from the Gospa Missions ministry, Amazing Grace Books & Gifts. Please Register at: <https://gospa.org/pages/summer-retreat-2023>

Financial Planning Seminar

Join us for a special financial seminar to learn about your ability to have your financial products and planning provided by a boldly Catholic organization, the Knights of Columbus. During the event, active parishioners of MPBOJ, Michael Shemer, Jose Pinero, and Eli Novak, will introduce to you the products, services, and strategies offered to Catholics. The seminar will be held at the Parish Center on Monday, July 24th at 7PM. Please register for the event in advance by contacting Michael Shemer at 724-900-5192.

Summer Donuts & Coffee

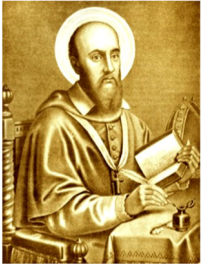
Thanks to Mark Graham, our volunteer coordinator, *Summer Donuts & Coffee* has returned after the 8 AM Sunday Mass in room 101 of the Parish Center. Mark will be working hard every week, now through August 27th, to provide this great opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners, many of whom travel a significant distance to attend the Traditional Mass.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

The Necessity of Prayer

(Book 2, Chapter 1)



1. Prayer opens the understanding to the brightness of Divine Light, and the will to the warmth of Heavenly Love—nothing can so effectually purify the mind from its many ignorances, or the will from its perverse affections. It is as a healing water which causes the roots of our good desires to send forth fresh shoots, which washes away the soul's imperfections, and allays the thirst of passion.

2. But especially I commend earnest mental prayer to you, more particularly such as bears upon the Life and Passion of our Lord. If you contemplate Him frequently in meditation, your whole soul will be filled with Him, you will grow in His Likeness, and your actions will be molded on His. He is the Light of the world; therefore in Him, by Him, and for Him we shall be enlightened and illuminated; He is the Tree of Life, beneath the shadow of which we must find rest;—He is the Living Fountain of Jacob's well, wherein we may wash away every stain. Children learn to speak by hearing their mother talk, and stammering forth their childish sounds in imitation; and so if we cleave to the Savior in meditation, listening to His words, watching His actions and intentions, we shall learn in time, through His Grace, to speak, act and will like Himself. Believe me, my child, there is no way to God save through this door. Just as the glass of a mirror would give no reflection save for the metal behind it, so neither could we here below contemplate the Godhead, were it not united to the Sacred Humanity of our Savior, Whose Life and Death are the best, sweetest and most profitable subjects that we can possibly select for meditation. It is not without meaning that the Savior calls Himself the Bread come down from Heaven;—just as we eat bread with all manner of other food, so we need to meditate and feed upon our Dear Lord in every prayer and action. His Life has been meditated and written about by various authors. I should specially commend to you the writings of Saint Bonaventura, Bellintani, Bruno, Capilla, Grenada and Da Ponte.

3. Give an hour every day to meditation before dinner;—if you can, let it be early in the morning, when your mind will be less cumbered, and fresh after the night's rest. Do not spend more than an hour thus, unless specially advised to do so by your spiritual father.

4. If you can make your meditation quietly in church, it will be well, and no one, father or mother, husband or wife, can object to an hour spent there, and very probably you could not secure a time so free from interruption at home.

5. Begin all prayer, whether mental or vocal, by an act of the Presence of God. If you observe this rule strictly, you will soon see how useful it is.

6. It may help you to say the Creed, Lord's Prayer, etc., in Latin, but you should also study them diligently in your own language, so as thoroughly to gather up the meaning of these holy words, which must be used fixing your thoughts steadily on their purport, not striving to say many words so much as seeking to say a few with your whole heart. One Our Father said devoutly is worth more than many prayers hurried over.

7. The Rosary is a useful devotion when rightly used, and there are various little books to teach this. It is well, too, to

say pious Litanies, and the other vocal prayers appointed for the Hours and found in Manuals of devotion,—but if you have a gift for mental prayer, let that always take the chief place, so that if, having made that, you are hindered by business or any other cause from saying your wonted vocal prayers, do not be disturbed, but rest satisfied with saying the Lord's Prayer, the Angelic Salutation, and the Creed after your meditation.

8. If, while saying vocal prayers, your heart feels drawn to mental prayer, do not resist it, but calmly let your mind fall into that channel, without troubling because you have not finished your appointed vocal prayers. The mental prayer you have substituted for them is more acceptable to God, and more profitable to your soul. I should make an exception of the Church's Offices, if you are bound to say those by your vocation—in such a case these are your duty.

9. If it should happen that your morning goes by without the usual meditation, either owing to a pressure of business, or from any other cause, (which interruptions you should try to prevent as far as possible,) try to repair the loss in the afternoon, but not immediately after a meal, or you will perhaps be drowsy, which is bad both for your meditation and your health. But if you are unable all day to make up for the omission, you must remedy it as far as may be by pious invocations, and by reading some spiritual book, together with an act of penitence for the neglect, together with a steadfast resolution to do better the next day.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET!

On October 15th, Bishop David Zubik will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10AM at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. High Mass to follow at 11AM. The Sacrament will be administered to those Confirmandi who have completed their assessment interview with Canon Avis. If Confirmandi and their family wish to prepare for this Sacrament, please email a request to office@mpboj.com at your earliest convenience. You will receive an email that your Confirmation package has been prepared and is available for pickup at the Parish Office (weekdays 9am to 2pm).

CHANT BOOT CAMP!

AUGUST 4-6, 2023

Know kids who loves to sing, then sign them up for Chant Boot Camp! Current and New Singers Welcome! The schedule for this year is as follows:

Friday, August 4: High School Intensive: incoming 9th grade through graduated 12th grade will meet for a short, intensive rehearsal session.

Saturday, August 5: Campers have the option of attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass together. Camp will run from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. (Please pack a brown bag lunch). Family potluck dinner will follow.

Sunday, August 6: campers will sing for the Feast of the Transfiguration High Mass. Camp officially ends after Sunday Mass.

Chant Boot Camp is free for MPBOJ parishioners and returning choristers, but registration is required. Please email Mrs. Sharon Burchill at orotuna@yahoo.com to register (include chorister's name and age) or for more information.



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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