



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**23rd Sunday After  
Pentecost  
November 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

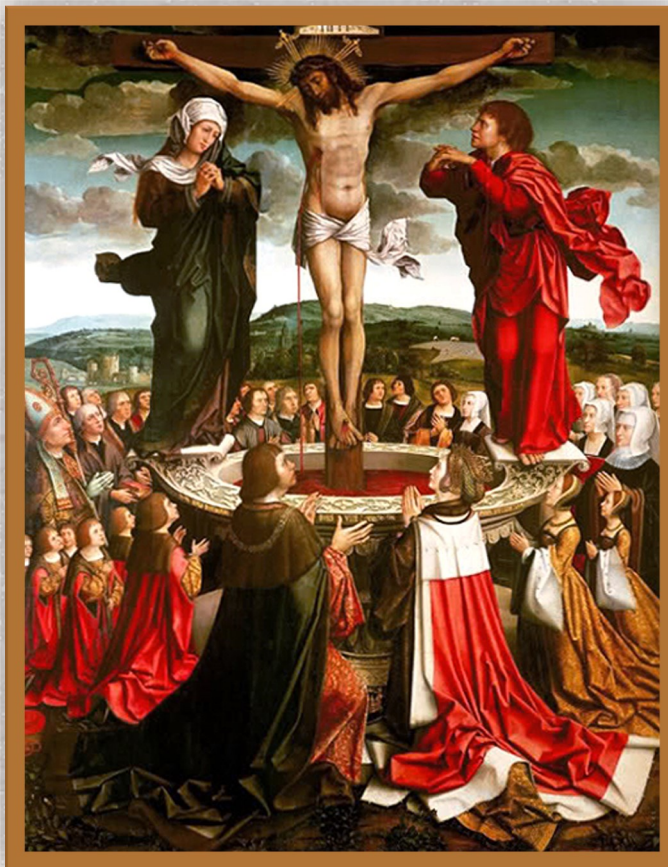
### **Confession Schedule**

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.*

### **Clergy & Staff**

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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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## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, November 5, 2023

#### 23rd Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO Hannah Allen— Birthday (Paul Allen)  
11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Help Lord the Souls (pg. 71)  
Recessional: At the Name of Jesus (pg. 54)

### Monday, November 6, 2023

#### Daily Requiem Mass, 4th Class—Black

12 PM LM + Joseph Rikk (Maria Rikk)

### Tuesday, November 7, 2023

#### Daily Requiem Mass, 4th Class—Black

12PM LM +Richard & Mary Sibbet (Joseph & Sandra Wilson)  
7PM LM + Charles & Marietta Hillberry  
(Charles Hillberry Jr.)

### Wednesday, November 8, 2023

#### Four Crowned Martyrs, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM + Gorge & Regina Yuhas (Maria Rikk)

### Thursday, November 9, 2023

#### Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, 2nd Class—White

12PM LMO + Deceased Members of the Confraternity  
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration  
9PM Compline

### Friday, November 10, 2023

#### St. Andrew of Avellino, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Ronald J. Flack (David Lenihan)

### Saturday, November 11, 2023

#### St. Martin of Tours, 3rd Class—White

9AM LMO + Ruth Keenan (Mark Schurdak Family)

### Sunday, November 12, 2023

#### 5th Sunday after Epiphany (resumed), 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*  
11AM HM + Patricia Maraccini  
(Aaron & Margaux Pisula)

Processional: Jesus Lover of My Soul  
Recessional: Help Lord the Souls

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ;  
HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, October 29, 2023

Offertory .....	\$7,617.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$305.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,525.00
Food Pantry.....	\$1,719.00
World Mission Sunday .....	\$40.00
Religious Retirement Fund.....	\$10.00
Christmas Charities.....	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$10.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 527; 11AM 448; Total 975

### 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:

[membership.faithdirect.net/PA678](http://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. 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. To sign up for the mail-

ing list and receive notice of future events, text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." For more information, contact Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. RLG's Nov.-Dec. newsletter may be found at both entrances of the church. Please contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) for more information.

### Respect Life Conference Nov. 18

The RLG is hosting a Respect Life Conference on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More info to follow; confirmed speakers are: Drs. Jose & Stacy Trasancos (COG for Life). Dr. Alan Keyes, and Dr. Theresa Farnan. Suggested donation for the event is: \$10 per person/\$25 for family. **RSVP is required – deadline** is Thurs. Nov. 9 to [fegerich@gmail.com](mailto:fegerich@gmail.com). See flyer at the church entrances for more information.



### Closing Event Today at 4:30

Forty Days for Life concludes this afternoon, beginning at Planned Parenthood at 4:30 p.m. Join his Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid, in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament, followed by a Eucharistic procession to Epiphany Church for a closing Mass, thanking God for his protection and the lives saved through our prayers.

### Parish Improvements - Confessionals

Work will start in the very near future to revise the existing confessionals in the church, as well as to add a third confessional in the same area, so that there will be only one line for the sacrament. The first part of the project entails demolishing the "Cry Room" on the Epistle side, to prepare the area for the work. Parents will be still be able to utilize the other two areas in the church (at the side entrance and in the narthex) for children who may be distracting during Mass. Thank you for your patience as we begin this next project.

### Business Manager's Corner

With today's bulletin, you are receiving a copy of the quarterly Standard Bulletin Financial Statement for the first quarter of the current fiscal year (which runs from 7/1/2023 through 6/30/24). This information is organized and provided by the diocese, based on the monthly expenses as reported from our parish Operating Account. Mr. Charles Friend then analyzes and prepares an excellent overview of the report, highlighting certain parish expenditures. Have you ever wondered, though, about our day-to-day costs such as the cost of the Catechism program, or the utility bills for all of the parish buildings, or what the parish spends on liturgical items? My hope is that in this "Business Manager's Corner" I will be able to supply more transparency to the fiscal operations of the parish, by specifically providing information of where donations are spent. More to follow in this space!

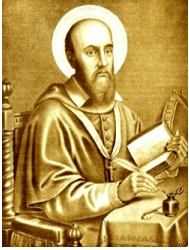
## **Introduction to the Devout Life**

*By St. Francis de Sales*

### **The Other Public Offices of the Church**

*(Book 2, Chapter 15)*

Furthermore, my child, you should endeavor to assist at the Offices, Hours, Vespers, etc., as far as you are able, especially on Sundays and Festivals, days which are dedicated to God, wherein we ought to strive to do more for His Honor



and Glory than on others. You will greatly increase the fervor of your devotion by so doing, even as did Saint Augustine, who tells us in his Confessions, that in the early days of his conversion he was touched to the quick, and his heart overflowed in happy tears, when he took part in the Offices of the Church. Moreover (let me say it here once for all), there is always more profit and more consolation in the public Offices of the Church than in private acts of devotion, God having willed to give the preference to communion in prayer over all individual action. Be ready to take part in any confraternities and associations you may find in the place where you are called to dwell, especially such as are most fruitful and edifying. This will be pleasing to God; for although confraternities are not ordained, they are recommended by the Church, which grants various privileges to those who are united thereby. And it is always a work of love to join with others and take part in their good works. And although it may be possible that you can use equally profitable devotions by yourself as in common with others,—perhaps even you may like doing so best,—nevertheless God is more glorified when we unite with our brethren and neighbors and join our offerings to theirs.

I say the same concerning all public services and prayers, in which, as far as possible, each one of us is bound to contribute the best example we can for our neighbor's edification, and our hearty desire for God's Glory and the general good of all men.

### **No One Dies Alone**

No One Dies Alone (NODA) is a program at UPMC Mercy that seeks to ensure that dying patients, who may otherwise be alone, have the gift of human presence in their final hours. This presence is provided by specially trained volunteers called "Compassionate Companions". If you are interested in serving as a "Compassionate Companion", please contact Fr. Igor Hohosha, Pastor of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (our neighbor on California Ave.) and Chaplain at UPMC Mercy, at 412-478-5685, or by email at [hohoshai2@upmc.edu](mailto:hohoshai2@upmc.edu).

### **Open Period for 2024 Mass Intentions**

The Parish Mass Intention Registry is now open for a three-week period. Each family/parishioner may request one Sunday Mass and two weekday Masses for calendar year 2024, with preference for Sunday Masses given to those who were unable to obtain a Sunday Mass during 2023. To make a Mass intention request, please utilize a *Mass Intention Request Form*, found at the church entrances. Please do not call or visit the Parish Office, since we need the actual form for tracking. The last date for submission of Mass intentions during this period is November 20<sup>th</sup>, so please complete and submit your forms soon.

## **Christmas Card Fundraiser**

You can send a special Christmas greeting to family and friends again this year, with the use of the Institute of Christ the King's unique Christmas cards. Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day.

**Cards will be available for purchase after the Sunday Masses beginning November 12th** until all are sold. The cost for a packet of 10 cards and envelopes is \$20 where a portion of the proceeds directly benefits the parish. A limited number of previous years' cards are also available. Please note that while they do not indicate inside that "the recipient of the card will be remembered by the US Provincial Superior on Christmas Day", it is still the case. Thank you for your support of this parish fundraiser.



### **All Saints Day Party**

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the All Saints Day party in the school gym **today** following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck, carnival style games and Saint themed treat bags. You're encouraged to dress as a saint and join in the fun. Children can prepare a Saint Report to be displayed at the party (can be a coloring page, poster, clay sculpture, diorama, etc.). All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there!

### **Bethlehem Christian Families**

Next Sunday, November 12th, Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, will be with us after each Mass selling crucifixes, rosaries, and religious articles, in the parish center gym. All items are made in the Holy Land from olive wood which is native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. With the significant decrease in tourism to the Holy Land, many Christian families have been financially impacted. Bethlehem Christian Families assists the many organizations and churches through its mission. Please come and browse the items and support their work. The sale of these goods will help them very much, and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. Website: [bcfmission.com](http://bcfmission.com)

### **Nov. 19: Two Special Events**

Canon Jacob Wells will offer a **First Solemn Mass** at 11 a.m., followed by a reception where he will give his first priestly blessing. At 2 p.m., a presentation by **Jacob Imam** on **The College of St. Joseph the Worker** (opening soon in Steubenville), and a conference on "*The right concept of work, the trades, and the economy.*"

### **Aquinas Crusader For a Day**

All eighth grade students are invited to be a "Crusader for a Day" on Thursday, November 9. Students will attend high school classes and learn more about the educational and extracurricular programs offered at Aquinas. Register online at [AquinasAcademy.info](http://AquinasAcademy.info). Contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at [austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org](mailto:austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org), or (724) 444-0722, ext.15, 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.

**MASS INTENTIONS**—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* reopens on October 30, for a period of three weeks, to accept 2024 intentions. See details inside this bulletin. Forms will be available at both church entrances.

**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, or check the parish website ([MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com)) for more information.

### 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.

#### 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.

#### Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

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

#### 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).



*Congratulations to our Newly-Confirmed*



Dear Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish,

With the first quarter of the new fiscal year complete (9.30.23), please note the following highlights:

Total Revenue of **\$246,941** is up 31% over the first quarter of last year of \$188,108. Part of this increase (\$19,395) is due to the inclusion of Parish Appeal within the revenue classification, when in previous years Parish Appeal (Parish Share) had not been included within the Diocesan financial statement (see footnote below). The additional increase in first quarter revenue (\$39,438) stems primarily from the growth of the parish with **53** new contributing families over the same period a year ago.

<i>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS</i>	
<i>For the first fiscal quarter ended:</i>	
<i>9/30/2023</i>	
<i>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE (\$)</i>	127,781
Operating Income (All Donation Sources)	246,941
<i>Cash Available for Operations</i>	374,722
<i>Expenditures</i>	
Administration (net of Mgt Fee)	73,163
Diocesan Management Fee	24,673
Operations & Maintenance	78,138
Liturgical & Rectory	44,467
Religious Education (net of School Subsidy)	1,234
School Subsidy	13,999
Social Outreach (net of loan payments)	7,809
Property & Liability Insurance	8,062
D&L Loan Payments	6,962
Net Third Pary Collections	(387)
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	258,508
<i>ENDING CASH BALANCE (\$)</i>	<u>116,601</u>

Administrative Expense of **\$97,836** is up 49% over the first quarter last year primarily due to the classification of "Management Fees" being added to Administrative Expenses (see footnote below). Something of vital importance is the need for our parish to keep pace with our Parish Appeal program. As many of you know, our quarterly Parish Appeal is broken into two segments, Diocesan Management Fee and Elementary School Subsidy. For the current year (as well as the next two years) our Parish Appeal assessment is set at \$98,692 and 55,996 for Management Fee and School Subsidy, respectively, for a total annual Parish Appeal assessment of **\$154,688**. On a quarterly basis, this breaks down to \$38,672 per quarter or \$12,891 per month. From a collection standpoint, our current quarterly Parish Appeal collection is falling behind by nearly 50%. In other words, the total Parish Appeal received for the quarter was \$19,395 vs. \$38,672 paid out for the quarter. In terms of obligation per family, Parish Appeal is generally light work. Normally, our monthly Parish Appeal GOAL (monthly yellow envelopes) of \$12,891 amounts to \$29 per contributing family. **However, to close the gap and catch up on our assessment over the next nine months it will require a contribution of \$34 per contributing family per month.** Please note that if we had simply met our Parish Appeal goal in the first quarter, we would have run an operating surplus of \$11,933 for the quarter rather than an

operating deficit of \$7,284. More importantly, if all 617 registered families would contribute regularly, the Parish Appeal obligation would be as low as **\$21** per registered family per month.

Operations and Maintenance Expense for quarter saw virtually no increase over the previous year.

Liturgical & Rectory Expense for the quarter is down \$6,264 over the previous quarter or 12% which includes rectory expenditures of \$16,893 to replace the aging boiler system with a new high-efficiency furnace and ducted heating system.

While we experienced no Extraordinary Maintenance Expense for the quarter, we are preparing to fabricate new confessionals to add to current capacity. Beyond this and until donations begin to increase, we may be somewhat limited in planned capital expenditures for the year.

Lastly, a question that has been raised recently which centers around the budgeted revenue for the year, specifically, "What are the total donations that the parish expects to receive this year?" Well, the current budgeted revenue from all sources is **\$1,200,000**. On a per family basis this averages **\$38 per week** or less than **\$6 per day**. But the key to truly making this happen is when all registered families contribute, week-in and week-out. To all the contributing families, THANK YOU for your generosity and please maintain your current level of giving or consider an increase if the Lord has blessed you to do so. To those families needing to begin contributions, it is hoped that this will be a helpful guide to starting the financial support of your parish. Such an effort could boost collections more than \$350,000 annually. The Lord rewards a generous heart and be assured of my prayers especially at the *Pro Populo* Mass offered for the benefit of all parishioners.

In Christo Rege et Maria,



Canon William Avis

**806001 - Most Precious Blood of Jesus**

(Quarter-1 2023/2024)

**OPERATING REVENUE:**

Offertory Collections	243,565
Donations & Bequests	1,199
Fundraising	190
Other Income	1,987
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	<b>246,941</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSE:**

Administration	97,836
Operations & Maintenance	78,138
Liturgical & Rectory	44,467
Religious Ed & School Subsidy	15,233
Social/ Outreach/ Other	10,489
Property & Liability Insurance	8,062
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	<b>254,225</b>

**OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (7,284)**

**NON-OPERATING ITEMS:**

Net Third Party Collections	387
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**FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2023**

**ASSETS:**

**Unrestricted Funds:**

Cash	116,601
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	8,861
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	<b>125,462</b>

**Restricted Funds:**

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
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**LIABILITIES:**

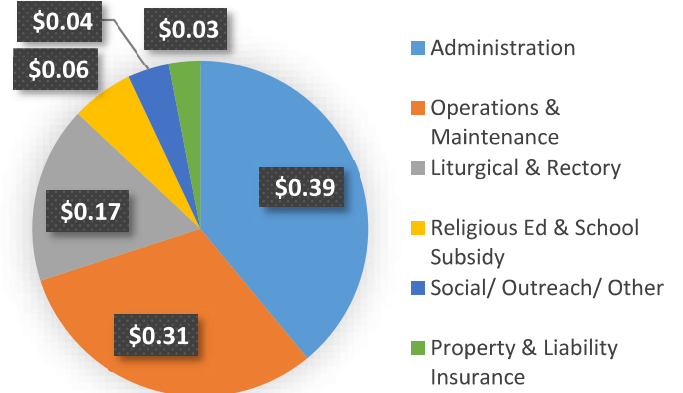
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	537,594
Other Payables	-
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**Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2023 thru 9-30-2023**

Revenue: **246,941**

Expense: **254,225**

**How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish**



**A Parish is much like a business. There are costs that keep the Parish running. The pie chart above details how your dollars are spent. The following line items include but are not limited to:**

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration:

Staff, Office Supplies/Equipment, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & School Subsidy:

Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Elem School Grant

Liturgical & Rectory:

Staff, Worship Expense, Rectory Food, Utilities, Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense:

Purchases/Improvements over \$4,000

Net Third Party Collections:

e.g. St. Anthony's, Holy Land, Peter's Pence

**PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THIS STATEMENT.**