



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**25th Sunday After
Pentecost**
(6th after Epiphany resumed)

November 19, 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

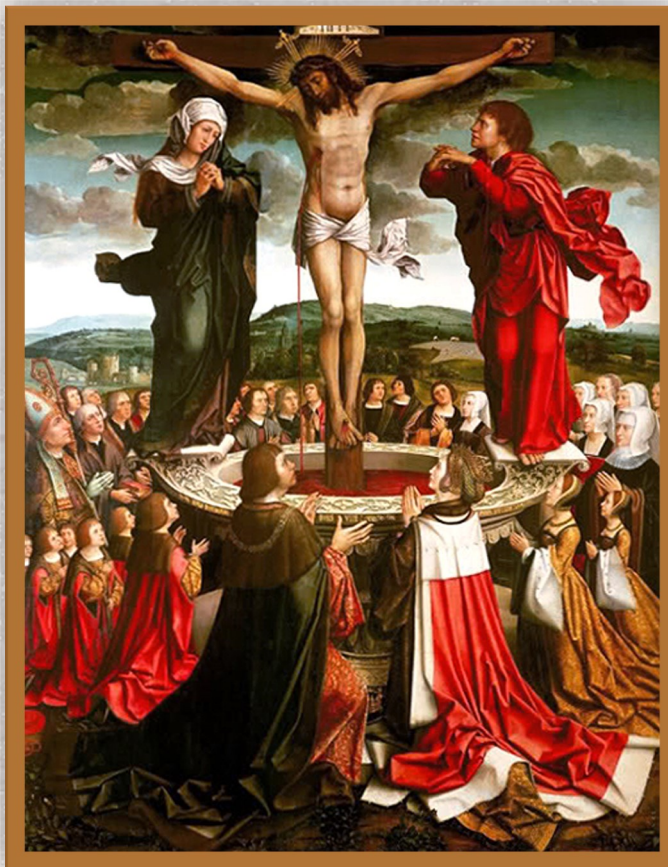
Confession Schedule

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, November 19, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany (resumed), 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO + Walter H. Schulte (Walter & Maggie Schulte)
 11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (pg. 77)
 Recessional: At the Name of Jesus (pg. 54)

Monday, November 20, 2023

St. Felix of Valois, 3rd Class—White

12 PM LM + Mr. Charles L. Wiley Jr. (Rita Louise W.)

Tuesday, November 21, 2023

Presentation of Our Lady, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Thanksgiving (Jill & George Wright Family)
 7PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Veronica Farah-25th birthday (Farah Family)

Wednesday, November 22, 2023

St. Cecilia, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM + Repose of the Soul of Patricia L. Redic (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Thursday, November 23, 2023 *Thanksgiving*

St. Clement I, 3rd Class—Red

*8AM LM + Bruce Ruedig (Mark Schurdak Family)

Friday, November 24, 2023

St. John of the Cross, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Albert Brunn Jr. (Beth Svirbel)

Saturday, November 25, 2023

St. Catherine of Alexandria, 3rd Class—Red

9AM LM Deceased Members of the Fardo Family (M/M Joseph Rattay)

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Last Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO + The Wrabley, Stull & Zink Families (The O'Connor Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
 Recessional: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 12, 2023

Offeritory \$9,698.00
 Parish Appeal 2023 \$2,678.00
 Retirement Fund for Religious \$30.00
 Food Pantry..... \$120.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 595; 11AM 398; Total 993

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 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 for more information. The next two meetings will be on the second Saturdays: **December 9** and **January 13, 2024**. Topics to be announced.

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 Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

EVENT TODAY at 4 p.m.: Drinks & Appetizers with Sursum Corda at **Hofbräuhaus**, 2705 S. Water St. on the South Side.

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 for more information.

Thanksgiving: Mass at 8 a.m.

Mass this Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, will be at **8 a.m.**, replacing the usual Mass at noon.

Retirement Fund for Religious

The second collection at today's Masses is for the benefit of the Retirement Fund for Religious.


Betsy Ann Candy Fundraiser

Once again this year, the parish will sponsor a fundraiser selling the most delectable candy in the USA! Our annual Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser will run from Nov. 12 – 26, with pick-up occurring after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Hall (aka the school building!) on Saturday, Dec. 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd. All orders must be placed on-line this year, with detailed instructions available on the reverse side of the Betsy Ann inserts found in the bulletin. A huge THANK YOU to Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible. Thanks also to Peggy Wrabley, who coordinates this fundraiser every year. Please do your part in supporting your parish by eating fabulous chocolates!

First Solemn Mass, Conference

Canon Jacob Wells will offer a **First Solemn Mass** at 11 a.m. today, 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.*"

SUNDAY ~ 19 NOVEMBER




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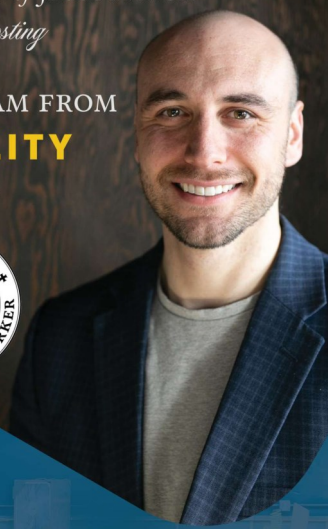
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11am First Solemn Mass of **Rev. Canon Jacob Wells**, newly ordained

1pm Festive Reception in the Parish Center, **Canon Wells** offers his first priestly blessing and holy card in Rm 102

2pm Presentation of St. Joseph the Worker College, and a conference on *The right concept of work, the trades, and the economy*

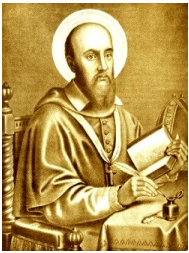
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How to Hear and Read God's Word

(Book 2, Chapter 17)

Cultivate a special devotion to God's Word, whether studied privately or in public; always listen to it with attention and reverence, strive to profit by it, and do not let it fall to the ground, but receive it within your heart as a precious balm, thereby imitating the Blessed Virgin, who "kept all these sayings in her heart." Remember that our Lord receives our words of prayer according to the way in which we receive His words in teaching. You should always have some good devout book at hand, such as the writings of Saint Bonaventura, Gerson, Denis the Carthusian, Blossius, Grenada, Stella, Arias, Pinella, Da Ponte, Avila, the Spiritual Combat, the Confessions of Saint Augustine, Saint Jerome's Epistles, or the like; and daily read some small portion attentively, as though you were reading letters sent by the Saints from Paradise to teach you the way thither, and encourage you to follow them. Read the Lives of the Saints too, which are as a mirror to you of Christian life, and try to imitate their actions according to your circumstances; for although many things which the Saints did may not be practicable for those who live in the world, they may be followed more or less. Thus, in our spiritual retreats we imitate the solitude of the first hermit, Saint Paul; in the practice of poverty we imitate Saint Francis, and so on. Of course some Lives throw much more light upon our daily course than others, such as the Life of Saint Theresa, which is most admirable, the first Jesuits, Saint Charles Borromeo, Archbishop of Milan, Saint Louis, Saint Bernard, Saint Francis, and such like. Others are more the subjects of our admiring wonder than of imitation, such as Saint Mary of Egypt, Saint Simeon Stylites, Saint Catherine of Genoa, and Saint Catherine of Sienna, Saint Angela, etc., although these should tend to kindle a great love of God in our hearts.



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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 **tomorrow**, November 20th, so please complete and submit your forms immediately.

Christmas Giving Tree

In the spirit of the Christmas Season, please consider participating in our Christmas Giving Tree program, by donating a Christmas gift to someone in need. The parish Giving Tree is near the side entrance beginning today. Please take one of the ornaments and return the requested item under the tree by December 3rd. Thank you for sharing this special season with those less fortunate.

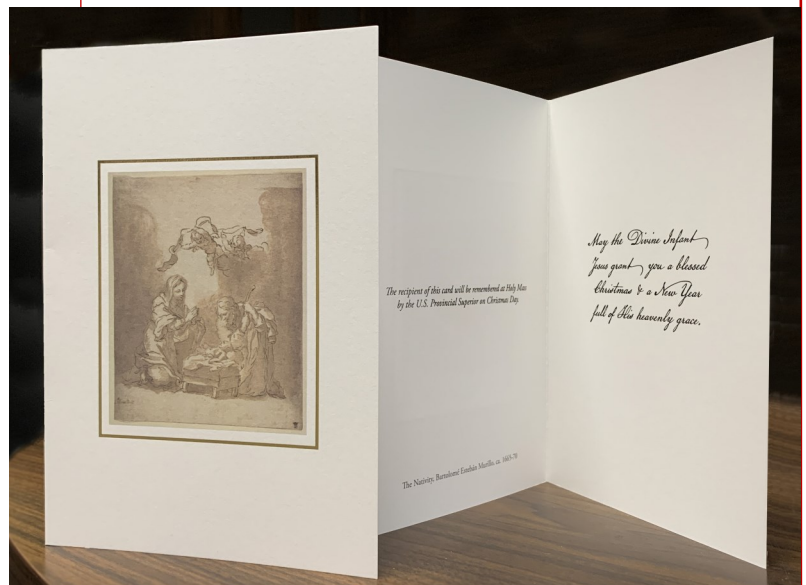
Business Manager's Corner

US households typically spend an average of \$2,060 per year for utility bills. How much more would you expect to pay as a parish with three older buildings in use, that are not very energy efficient? Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish expended a total of \$62,374.45 during fiscal year July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 for utilities. Below is a table showing a further break down, so you can see where the money goes:

Church - electric	\$4,868.64
Church - gas	\$7,770.26
Church - water/sewage	\$5,323.81
Parish Hall - electric	\$3,979.19
Parish Hall - gas	\$12,066.84
Parish Hall - water/sewage	\$5,729.94
Priory - electric	\$3,621.21
Priory - gas	\$2,913.38
Priory - water/sewage	\$2,121.03
Phone service	\$2,345.88
Internet/fax service	\$2,659.70
Trash collection (excluding recycle)	\$8,974.57
Total	\$62,374.45

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. This year's card features a drawing (pen and brown ink, brush and brown wash) by Bartolomé Estebán Murillo, ca. 1665. 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 today's Masses** 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 although the older cards do not indicate inside that "*the recipient of the card will be remembered by the US Provincial Superior on Christmas Day*", he will remember them also.)



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 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 businessmanager@mpboj.com for approval.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently open for a period of three weeks, to accept 2024 intentions. See details inside this bulletin. Forms are 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) 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.

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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General Safety & Indemnity

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a welcoming, safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, the parish follows a general Safety and Indemnity Policy. When visiting the parish, whether for Mass or any social events in or on parish property, parents accept full responsibility for their children’s safety, by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and involved in parish related activities where a parish program manager oversees the children (e.g., Children’s Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on campus for the duration of the program and until the parent has regained custody at the conclusion of the parish activity/program.

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