



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Last Sunday After  
Pentecost**

**November 26, 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**

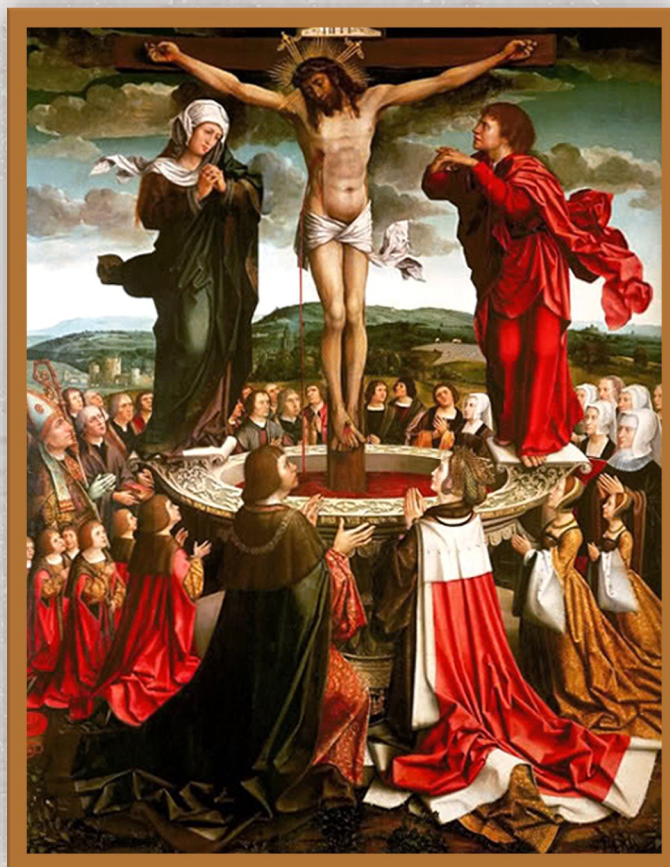
### ***Confession Schedule***

**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 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 (pg. 77)

Recessional: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (pg. 89)

### Monday, November 27, 2023

#### Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal, 4th Class—White

12 PM LM + Joseph & Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

### Tuesday, November 28, 2023

#### Votive Mass of the Angels, 4th Class—White

12PM LM + Patricia Luteran (Lori Cunningham)

7PM LM Living Members of Rattay & Fardo Families  
(M/M Joseph Rattay)

### Wednesday, November 29, 2023 *IC Novena begins*

#### St. Saturninus, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM + Deceased Members of Kenna & Schaffer  
Families (Ginny Kenna)

7PM LMO *Private Intention*

### Thursday, November 30, 2023

#### St. Andrew the Apostle, 2nd Class—Red

12PM LM Joe Warner (Marianne Warner)

7PM LMO *Private Intention*

### Friday, December 1, 2023 *First Friday*

#### V.M. of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Ralph M. Pacella  
(William & Celeste McCloskey)

7PM LMO + Jacob & Andrew Novak  
(M/M Jeffrey Novak)

### Saturday, December 2, 2023 *First Saturday*

#### V.M. of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

*Commemoration of St. Bibiana*

9AM LMO Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Family  
(Brian & Laura Hirth)

### Sunday, December 3, 2023

#### First Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM + Albert Brunn (Lottie & Chris Del Signore)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Veni Emmanuel, vs. 1-2

Recessional: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ;

HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

#### *Sunday, November 12, 2023*

Offertory .....	\$8,896.00
Parish Appeal 2023 .....	\$45.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$1,711.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$50.00
Thanksgiving Offering.....	\$410.00

#### *Faith Direct Report (October 16 – 31, 2023)*

Offertory .....	\$16,383.09
Parish Appeal.....	\$625.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$614.00
Retirement Fund for Religious .....	\$215.00
Institute Seminary Appeal .....	\$1,000.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 486; 11AM 400; Total 886*

### **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. 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](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.

## **Votive Candle Increase**

As with all costs nowadays, the price for votive candle inserts has gone up dramatically since the parish started in July 2019. There have been three increases by our supplier during the past three years, and while most parishes in the diocese raised their donation to \$5/candle long ago, Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish continued with the original donation request of \$3/candle. With rising prices, however, the parish can no longer offer candles at this amount. **Effective December 3rd, the votive candle donation will increase to \$5/candle.** The parish regrets the need to make this adjustment, but hopes you understand the decision to do so.

## **Betsy Ann Candy Fundraiser**

Orders for the annual Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser must be placed no later than **today**, with pick-up occurring after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Hall next weekend, Saturday, Dec. 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd. All orders must be placed on-line this year. 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!

## **St. Nicholas Party Dec. 10th**

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Nicholas party in the school gym Sunday, December 10th, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck, St. Nicholas themed treat bags, craft table to make Christmas cards for those in need and a visit with St. Nicholas! All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there! Please RSVP and sign up for the potluck at: [mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/145633](http://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/145633)

## **Never Received a Flocknote?**

Have you signed up for the parish Flocknote email system, but have never received any emails from us? Most likely the problem is that those emails really are being sent to you, but are ending up in your "Spam" folder. This can be remedied by adding "mail@flocknote.com" to your "contact list" or "trusted senders list". Try visiting this webpage, which gives simple instructions on how to do that on several popular email systems: [tinyurl.com/flocknotehelp](http://tinyurl.com/flocknotehelp). Even easier, visit the parish website (MPBOJ.com), where you can find a link to that information.

## **Upcoming Dates of Note**

**Fri., Dec. 8: Immaculate Conception; Holyday of Obligation – Masses at noon and 7 p.m.**

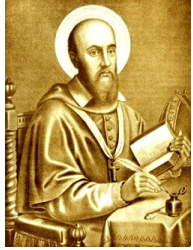
# Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

## How to Receive Inspirations

(Book 2, Chapter 18)

By inspirations I mean all drawings, feelings, interior reproaches, lights and intuitions, with which God moves us, preventing our hearts by His Fatherly love and care, and awakening, exciting, urging, and attracting them to goodness, to Heavenly love,



to good resolutions, in short, to whatever tends to our eternal welfare. This it is of which we read in the Canticles, when the Bridegroom knocks at the door, awakens His beloved, calls upon her, seeks her, bids her eat of His honey, gather the fruit and flowers of His garden, and let Him hear her voice, which is sweet to Him. Let me make use of an illustration of my meaning. In contracting a marriage, the bride must be a party to three

separate acts: first, the bridegroom is proposed to her; secondly, she entertains the proposal; and thirdly, she gives her consent. Just so when God intends to perform some act of love in us, by us, and with us; He first suggests it by His inspiration; secondly, we receive that inspiration; and thirdly, we consent to it: for, like as we fall into sin by three steps, temptation, delectation, and consent, so there are three steps whereby we ascend to virtue; inspiration, as opposed to temptation; delectation in God's inspiration, as opposed to that of temptation; and consent to the one instead of to the other. Were God's inspirations to last all our lives, we should be nowise more acceptable to Him, unless we took pleasure therein; on the contrary, we should rather offend Him as did the Israelites, of whom He says that they "grieved Him for forty years long, refusing to hear His pleadings, so that at last" I "swore in My wrath that they should not enter into My rest." And (to recur to my first illustration) one who has long been devoted to his lady-love, would feel greatly injured if, after all, she would not consent to the alliance he seeks. The delight we take in God's inspirations is an important step gained towards His Glory, and we begin at once to please Him thereby; for although such delectation is not the same thing as a full consent, it shows a strong tendency thereto; and if it is a good and profitable sign when we take pleasure in hearing God's Word, which is, so to say, an external inspiration, still more is it good and acceptable in His Sight when we take delight in His interior inspirations. Such is the delight of which the Bride says, "My soul melted within me when my Beloved spoke." And so, too, the earthly lover is well satisfied when he sees that his lady-love finds pleasure in his attentions. But, after all, consent only perfects the good action; for if we are inspired of God, and take pleasure in that inspiration, and yet, nevertheless, refuse our consent to His inspiration, we are acting a very contemptuous, offensive part towards Him. We read of the Bride, that although the voice of her Beloved touched her heart, she made trivial excuses, and delayed opening the door to Him, and so He withdrew Himself and "was gone." And the earthly lover, who had long sought a lady, and seemed acceptable to her, would have the more ground for complaint if at last he was spurned and dismissed, than if he had never been favorably received. Do you, my child, resolve to accept whatever inspirations God may vouchsafe you, heartily; and when they offer themselves, receive them as the ambassadors of your Heavenly King, seeking alliance with you. Hearken gently to their propositions, foster the love with which you are inspired, and cherish the holy Guest. Give your consent, and let it be a

full, loving, steadfast consent to His holy inspirations; for, so doing, God will reckon your affection as a favor, although truly we can confer none upon Him. But, before consenting to inspirations which have respect to important or extraordinary things, guard against self-deception, by consulting your spiritual guide, and let him examine whether the inspiration be real or no; and that the rather, because when the enemy sees a soul ready to hearken to inspirations, he is wont to set false delusions in the way to deceive it,-- a snare you will not fall into so long as you humbly obey your guide. Consent once given, you must carefully seek to produce the intended results, and carry out the inspiration, the crown of true virtue; for to give consent, without producing the result thereof, were like planting a vine without meaning it to bear fruit. All this will be greatly promoted by careful attention to your morning exercises, and the spiritual retirement already mentioned, because therein you learn to carry general principles to a special application.

### 2024 Mass Intention Registry is Closed

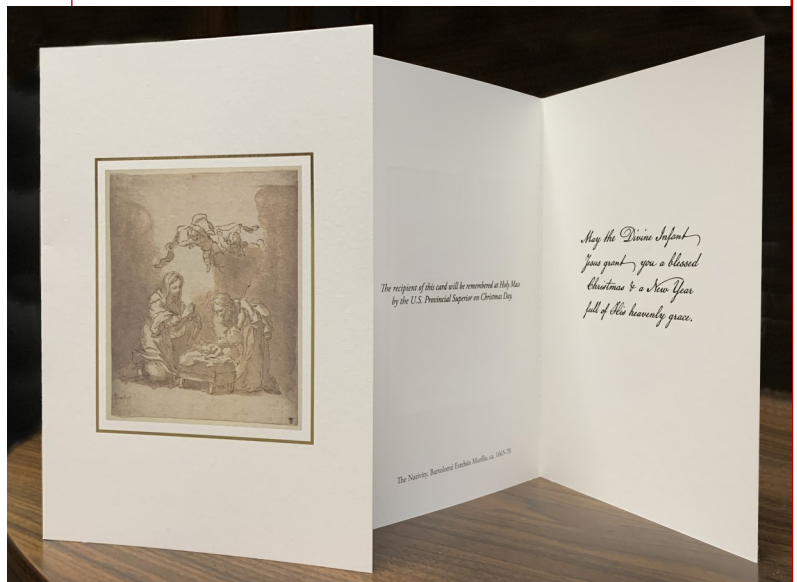
The Parish Mass Intention Registry is now closed. Watch the bulletin in early 2024 for the announcement of the registry's next opening.

### Christmas Giving Tree Due Next Sunday

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. Please take one of the ornaments *today*, and return the requested item under the tree by next Sunday, Dec. 3rd.

### 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 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 [businessmanager@mpboj.com](mailto:businessmanager@mpboj.com) for approval.

### 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).

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

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



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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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