



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Easter Sunday

March 31, A.D. 2024

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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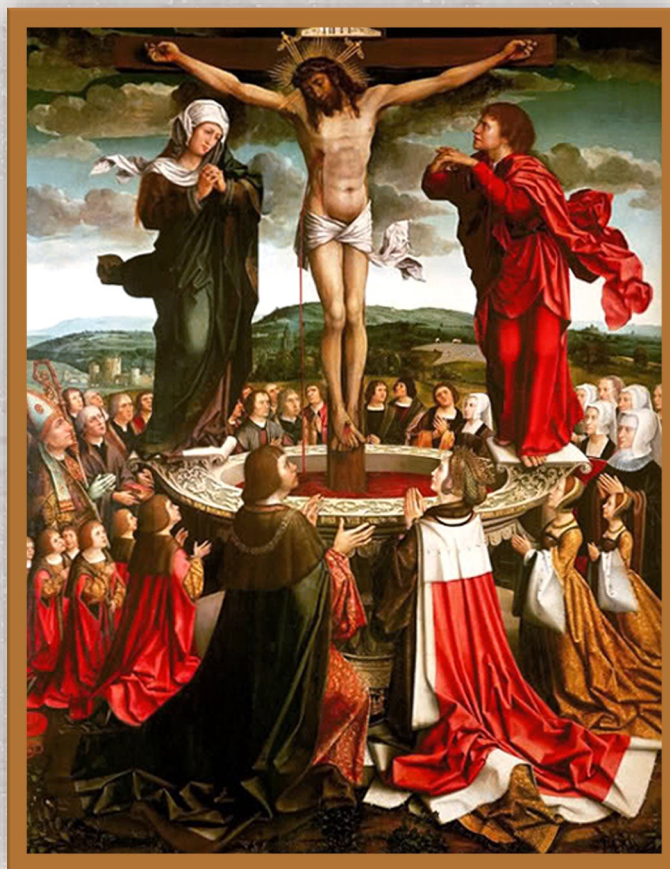
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mpboj.com**

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, March 31, 2024

Easter Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM *Private Intention*

Processional: Easter Sunday Booklet

Recessional: Easter Sunday Booklet

Monday, April 1, 2024

Easter Monday, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO + Jacob A. Dvorak (O'Connell Family)

Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Easter Tuesday, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Children
(Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

7PM LM For the increase in Vocations to the Priesthood
(Glenn & Judy Wilson)

Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Easter Wednesday, 1st Class—White

12PM LM Liv & Dec. Members of the Keeny Family
(Matthew & Kelly Keeny)

Thursday, April 4, 2024

Easter Thursday, 1st Class—White

12PM LM Liv & Dec. Members of the Paras & Zeher
Families (David Paras)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, April 5, 2024 *First Friday*

Easter Friday, 1st Class—White

12PM LM Our Family & its Intentions
(Andrew & Marianne Pumford)

7PM LM + Albert & Sally Brunn (Muckle Family)

Saturday, April 6, 2024 *First Saturday*

Saturday in Albis, 1st Class—White

9AM LM + Ryszard Czuba & Family (Kuszel Family)

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Sunday in Albis, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO Mason Stieler on his Confirmation (Comas Fam)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today

Recessional: The Strife is O'er

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Offertory \$9,850.00

Parish Appeal 2024..... \$245.00

Food Pantry..... \$15.00

Flower Donation..... \$128.00

Good Friday/Holy Land..... \$90.00

Campaign for Human Development, *et al.* \$15.00

Faith Direct Report (March 1 – 15, 2024)

Offertory \$9,822.50

Parish Appeal 2024..... \$3,280.00

Parish Improvement..... \$1,630.00

Food Pantry..... \$240.00

Easter Flowers \$20.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 440; 11AM 484; Total 924

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. **Topic for the next meeting this Saturday, April 6th is "Tithing."**

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information. **The RLG is seeking volunteers to connect with elderly parishioners @ MPBOJ who haven't been attending Mass, to assess if they require a ride to Mass on Sundays or have other needs.**

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.

Sursum Corda Luncheon - April 7th, 2 p.m. at Dave & Busters, 6260 Northway Drive (along McKnight Rd.)

At the Lamb's High Feast

1. At the Lamb's high feast we sing, Praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide Flowing from his pierced side; Alleluia!
2. Praise we Him, whose love divine Gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast, Christ the Victim, Christ the Priest. Alleluia!
3. Where the Paschal blood is poured, Death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go Through the wave that drowns the foe. Alleluia!
4. Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, Paschal Victim, Paschal Bread; With sincerity and love Eat we Manna from above. Alleluia!
5. Mighty Victim from the sky, Hell's fierce pow'rs beneath Thee lie; Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light; Alleluia!
6. Now no more can death appall, Now no more the grave enthrall; Thou hast opened Paradise, And in Thee Thy saints shall rise.
7. Paschal triumph, Easter joy, This alone can sin destroy; From sin's death do Thou set free Souls reborn, O Lord, in Thee.
8. Hymns of glory and of praise, Father, to Thee we raise; Risen Lord, all praise to Thee, Ever with the Spirit be.

No Classes, Coffee, or Donuts Today

Catechism classes and the coffee & donuts after Low Mass are on Easter break, resuming next Sunday for the final six weeks.

Office Closed April 1st

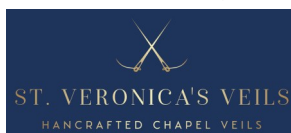
The Parish Office is closed tomorrow, Easter Monday. Wishing all a very Joyous Easter!

Help Needed: Ushers and ERTs

Our parish is very ably served by our Ushers and Emergency Response Team members (ERTs), vigilantly ensuring good order, safety and security at the church and school. We can always use more volunteers for these jobs. If you are willing to assist, please speak to our ERT/Usher Coordinator, George Wright, or contact him by email (usher-ert@mpboj.com). *Training and certification are available at no cost to the ERTs, for AED/CPR/First Aid.*

St. Veronica's Veils

An online business, founded by ladies who frequently attend our church, that creates and sells handmade chapel veils. They invite the women of our parish to visit their website, at stveronicasveils.bigcartel.com.



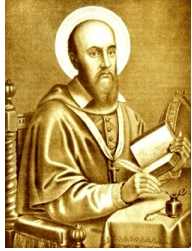
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Gentleness Towards Others and Remedies Against Anger

(Book 3, Chapter 8—Part 1)

The holy Chrism, used by the Church according to apostolic tradition, is made of olive oil mingled with balm, which, among other things, are emblematic of two virtues very specially conspicuous in our Dear Lord Himself, and which He has specially commended to us, as though they, above all things, drew us to Him and taught us to imitate Him: "Take My yoke upon you, and learn of Me, for I am meek and lowly in heart."



Humility makes our lives acceptable to God, meekness makes us acceptable to men. Balm, as I said before, sinking to the bottom of all liquids, is a figure of humility; and oil, floating as it does to the top, is a figure of gentleness and cheerfulness, rising above all things, and excelling all things, the very flower of Love, which, so says Saint

Bernard, comes to perfection when it is not merely patient, but gentle and cheerful. Give heed, then, daughter, that you keep this mystic chrism of gentleness and humility in your heart, for it is a favorite device of the Enemy to make people content with a fair outside semblance of these graces, not examining their inner hearts, and so fancying themselves to be gentle and humble while they are far otherwise. And this is easily perceived, because, in spite of their ostentatious gentleness and humility, they are stirred up with pride and anger by the smallest wrong or contradiction. There is a popular belief that those who take the antidote commonly called "Saint Paul's gift," do not suffer from the viper's bite, provided, that is, that the remedy be pure; and even so true gentleness and humility will avert the burning and swelling which contradiction is apt to excite in our hearts. If, when stung by slander or ill-nature, we wax proud and swell with anger, it is a proof that our gentleness and humility are unreal, and mere artificial show. When the Patriarch Joseph sent his brethren back from Egypt to his father's house, he only gave them one counsel, "See that ye fall not out by the way." And so, my child, say I to you. This miserable life is but the road to a blessed life; do not let us fall out by the way one with another; let us go on with the company of our brethren gently, peacefully, and kindly. Most emphatically I say it, If possible, fall out with no one, and on no pretext whatever suffer your heart to admit anger and passion. Saint James says, plainly and unreservedly, that "the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." Of course it is a duty to resist evil and to repress the faults of those for whom we are responsible, steadily and firmly, but gently and quietly. Nothing so stills the elephant when enraged as the sight of a lamb; nor does anything break the force of a cannon ball so well as wool. Correction given in anger, however tempered by reason, never has so much effect as that which is given altogether without anger; for the reasonable soul being naturally subject to reason, it is a mere tyranny which subjects it to passion, and whereinsoever reason is led by passion it becomes odious, and its just rule obnoxious. When a monarch visits a country peaceably the people are gratified and flattered; but if the king has to take his armies through the land, even on behalf of the public welfare, his visit is sure to be unwelcome and harmful, because, however strictly military discipline may be enforced, there will always be some mischief done to the people. Just so when reason prevails, and administers

reproof, correction, and punishment in a calm spirit, although it be strict, every one approves and is content; but if reason be hindered by anger and vexation (which Saint Augustine calls her soldiers) there will be more fear than love, and reason itself will be despised and resisted. The same Saint Augustine, writing to Profuturus, says that it is better to refuse entrance to any even the least semblance of anger, however just; and that because once entered in, it is hard to be got rid of, and what was but a little mote soon waxes into a great beam. For if anger tarries till night, and the sun goes down upon our wrath (a thing expressly forbidden by the Apostle), there is no longer any way of getting rid of it; it feeds upon endless false fancies; for no angry man ever yet but thought his anger just. *(To be continued.)*

Thanks to the Landscaping team

Thank you to all of the volunteers who came on Saturday, March 23rd, to get the Church grounds clean and tidy for Easter. Your efforts are very much appreciated in making our parish home so welcoming for this joyous season.



Thank You from the Canons

Canon Avis and Canon Bourgeois thank you for your gracious Easter gifts. Be assured of their continued prayers during this most sacred season. *Gratiās vōbīs agimus!*

Thanks from Christ Our Savior Food Bank

"Thank you so much for your March 12, 2024 donation of \$1000 for the Christ Our Savior Food Bank. What a nice surprise that was. We are always so grateful for the abundant generosity of your parish. It helps us to fulfill our mission to feed the hungry. May God continue to bless all of you."

please join the Confraternity of Christian Mothers
for a

Easter Tea Party

Saturday, April 20th, doors open 11:30-2:30 pm
in the gymnasium of MPBOJ school

Fundraiser to benefit Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

Enjoy tea, lunch, dessert, raffle basket drawings,
music by the Schola Cantorum of MPBOJ, and
lots of fun activities for the kids

Tickets on sale every Sunday between Masses
in the gym or email niquewilson99@gmail.com

\$20 per ticket
Household rate of \$10 for the 4th ticket & on

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 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.

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 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) 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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