

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

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

Low Sunday

April 7, 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

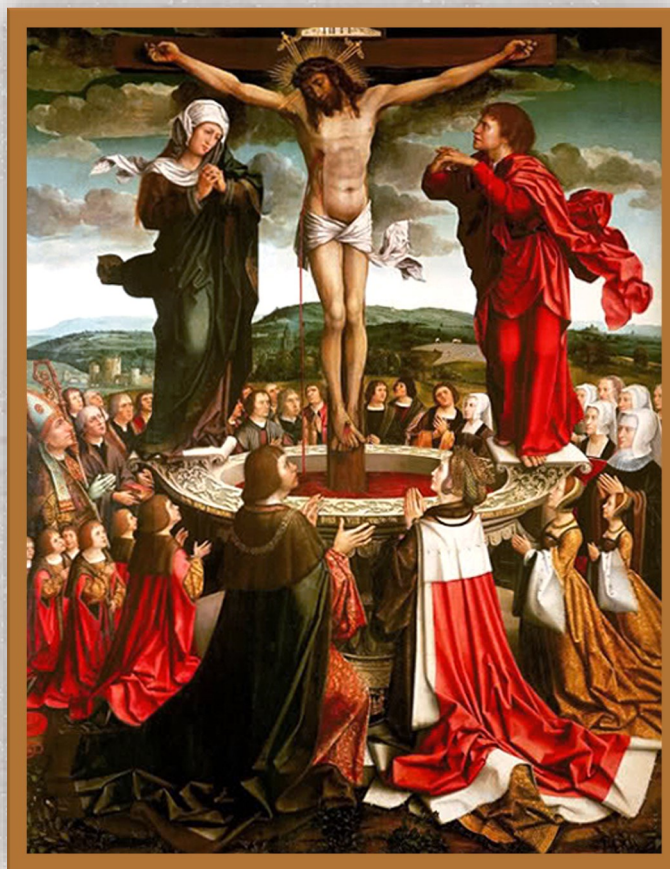
Confession Schedule

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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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, April 7, 2024

Sunday in *Albis*, 1st Class—White

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

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (pg. 67)

Recessional: The Strife is O'er (pg. 95)

Monday, April 8, 2024

Annunciation, 1st Class—White (transferred from March 25th)

12PM LMO + Robert P. Blume, MD (Liz & Charlie Blume)

Tuesday, April 9, 2024

Votive Mass of the Angels, 4th Class—White

12PM LM + Richard J. Donovan (Donovan Family)

7PM LM + Jack & Sharla Blendinger (Ryan & Mary Keane)

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Votive Mass of St. Joseph, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Lindsay Livolsi (Pam Livolsi)

Thursday, April 11, 2024

St. Leo the Great, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Guerreiro Family (Michael & Cristina Eyler)

Friday, April 12, 2024

Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM David Paras-Birthday (Mom & Dad)

Saturday, April 13, 2024

St. Hermenegild, 3rd Class—Red

9AM LM Ian Wright-Birthday (George & Jill Wright)

Sunday, April 14, 2024

Second Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + George "Skip" Bradburn (Michael Bradburn)

Processional: At the Lamb's High Feast

Recessional: Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 31, 2024

Offertory (Easter Sunday).....\$13,725.00

Offertory (Easter Vigil)\$3,422.00

Offertory (Holy Thursday)\$3,622.00

Parish Appeal.....\$520.00

Parish Improvement.....\$20.00

Easter Flowers\$51.00

Good Friday/Holy Land.....\$3,783.00

Food Pantry.....\$1,406.00

Holy Week Attendance

Tenebrae: 255; *Holy Thursday*: 689;

Good Friday: 600; *Easter Vigil*: 387

Easter Sunday Attendance: 8AM 381; 11AM 532; Total 913

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.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three work-

ing 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.

TRIP TO CARDINAL BURKE MASS IN COLUMBUS - Join Sursum Corda on Thurs. April 11th in carpooling to and from St. Leo's Oratory in Columbus for a Pontifical Mass at the Throne celebrated by His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke.

If you're interested in going, contact suquetethan@gmail.com for more details on travel arrangements.

Second Collection for Seminary Next Week

The second collection next Sunday, April 14th, benefits the Institute of Christ the King's seminary, where your donations fund the formation costs of the seminarians. Special envelopes are available at both entrances to the church for this collection. If you are writing a check, please make sure it is made payable to "Institute of Christ the King". Our future priests appreciate your generosity, and pray daily for their benefactors.

Eagle Scout Project Benefitting the Little Sisters of the Poor

In your charity, please consider supporting John Paul Farah with his Eagle Scout project. Beginning Easter week, John Paul will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Donations can be left in the designated donation box at the rear of the church. Donations will be collected for one month. For further information please contact John Paul Farah at 412-853-7921.

Pilgrimage Trips from the Institute

Visit the parish website, at MPBOJ.com, for information on three pilgrimage trips that the Institute is offering in the next several months, to Spain, Italy, and Mexico: MPBOJ.com

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. That said, we can always use more volunteers for these jobs. The work is not difficult, is done while you are already at church, and helps to serve our Lord. 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.

Easter Tea Party

Please join us for the Confraternity of Christian Mother's annual Easter Tea Party on April 20th, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy tea, lunch, dessert, raffle basket drawings, music by the *Schola Cantorum*, plus kid activities. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for 4th ticket or more per family). This annual event is not only a delightful social event—it is also a fundraiser for our parish.

Questions? Contact Dominique Patrick

at niquewilson99@gmail.com.

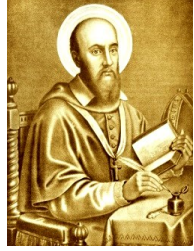
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Gentleness Towards Others and Remedies Against Anger

(Book 3, Chapter 8—Part 2)

Depend upon it, it is better to learn how to live without being angry than to imagine one can moderate and control anger lawfully; and if through weakness and frailty one is overtaken by it, it is far better to put it away forcibly than to parley with it; for give anger ever so little way, and it will become master, like the serpent, who easily works in its body wherever it can once introduce its head. You will ask how to put away anger. My child, when you feel its first movements, collect yourself gently and seriously, not hastily or with impetuosity. Sometimes in a law court the officials who enforce quiet make more noise than those they affect to hush; and so, if you are impetuous in restraining your temper, you will throw your heart into worse confusion than before, and,



amid the excitement, it will lose all self-control. Having thus gently exerted yourself, follow the advice which the aged Saint Augustine gave to a younger Bishop, Auxilius. "Do," said he, "what a man should do." If you are like the Psalmist, ready to cry out, "Mine eye is consumed for very anger," go on to say, "Have mercy upon me, O Lord;" so that God may stretch forth His Right Hand and control your wrath. I mean, that when we feel stirred with anger, we ought to call upon God for help, like the Apostles, when they were tossed about with wind and storm, and He is sure to say, "Peace, be still." But even here I would again warn you, that your very prayers against the angry feelings which urge you should be gentle, calm, and without vehemence. Remember this rule in whatever remedies against anger you may seek. Further, directly you are conscious of an angry act, atone for the fault by some speedy act of meekness towards the person who excited your anger. It is a sovereign cure for untruthfulness to unsay what you have falsely said at once on detecting yourself in falsehood; and so, too, it is a good remedy for anger to make immediate amends by some opposite act of meekness. There is an old saying, that fresh wounds are soonest closed.

Moreover, when there is nothing to stir your wrath, lay up a store of meekness and kindness, speaking and acting in things great and small as gently as possible. Remember that the Bride of the Canticles is described as not merely dropping honey, and milk also, from her lips, but as having it "under her tongue; "that is to say, in her heart. So we must not only speak gently to our neighbor, but we must be filled, heart and soul, with gentleness; and we must not merely seek the sweetness of aromatic honey in courtesy and suavity with strangers, but also the sweetness of milk among those of our own household and our neighbors; a sweetness terribly lacking to some who are as angels abroad and devils at home!

Memorial Day Picnic

This year's Memorial Day Picnic will be on Sunday, May 26th at a new location—Holy Trinity Serbian Picnic Grounds in Castle Shannon. *We will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup and more.* If you are willing and able to help, contact Mike Konopelski at mike.konopelski@gmail.com.



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!*



Low Sunday, a/k/a...

This day could be called "The Sunday of Many Names", Low Sunday, *Dominica in Albis* and Quasimodo Sunday being the most traditional titles.

The origin of the name "Low Sunday" is uncertain, but it is apparently intended to indicate the contrast between it and the great Easter festival immediately preceding, and also, perhaps, to signify that, being the Octave Day of Easter, it was considered part of that feast, though in a lower degree. Its liturgical name is *Dominica in albis* (*depositis*), derived from the fact that on that day those who had been baptized at the Easter Vigil laid aside for the first time their white baptismal robes (albs).

Quasimodo ("In the manner of") Sunday, comes from the Latin words that began the Introit, "*Quasi modo geniti infantes*" ("As newborn babes desire milk" – 1 Peter 2:2), just as the name of Laetare Sunday comes from the beginning of that Introit. This feast name is famously the origin of the name of the hunchback, Quasimodo, in Victor Hugo's "The Hunchback of Notre Dame." Poor Quasimodo was a foundling who was discovered at the cathedral on Low Sunday, and so was named for that feast.

This Sunday has also been called "Thomas Sunday", after the Gospel account of the encounter of St. Thomas as the Apostle with the Risen Lord.

St. Thomas missed the meeting with the Risen Christ on Easter, and then disbelieved the other Apostles' account. Jesus says to Thomas: "Because thou hast seen Me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed." "Doubting Thomas," skeptical of the testimony of his fellow Apostles, is then the one who fully and publicly embraces the significance of the Resurrection—"My Lord and my God!" This utterance of St. Thomas is, as you likely recognize, the indulgenced invocation which we are urged to pray at the elevation of the Host.



Finally, in recent times, when Pope St. John Paul II canonized the Polish religious mystic St. Faustina Kowalska, during his homily officially designated the Second Sunday of Easter (as this day is titled in the modern calendar) as "Divine Mercy Sunday."

"Armi pii, armi santi!"

The city neighborhood where our parish is located can be a very bustling place at times, and parking can be quite a challenge. A glance at our attendance numbers from Holy Week makes it clear why this issue grows more critical with each passing year. Parking too close to an intersection, parking in on-street handicap designated spaces, and partially blocking driveways can make it pretty difficult to navigate and provoke discontent. Being a courteous driver is an act of heroism and there is a prayer in the Sicilian dialect to help us: "*Armi pii, armi santi, fatimi truvari un postu vacanti.*" "*Holy Souls, Holy Saints, help me find an empty space.*" There is also short prayer to St. Frances Cabrini, the unofficial patron of parking spaces: "*Mother Cabrini, Mother Cabrini, please find a spot for my little machiney.*"

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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