



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**4th Sunday After
Easter**

April 28, 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

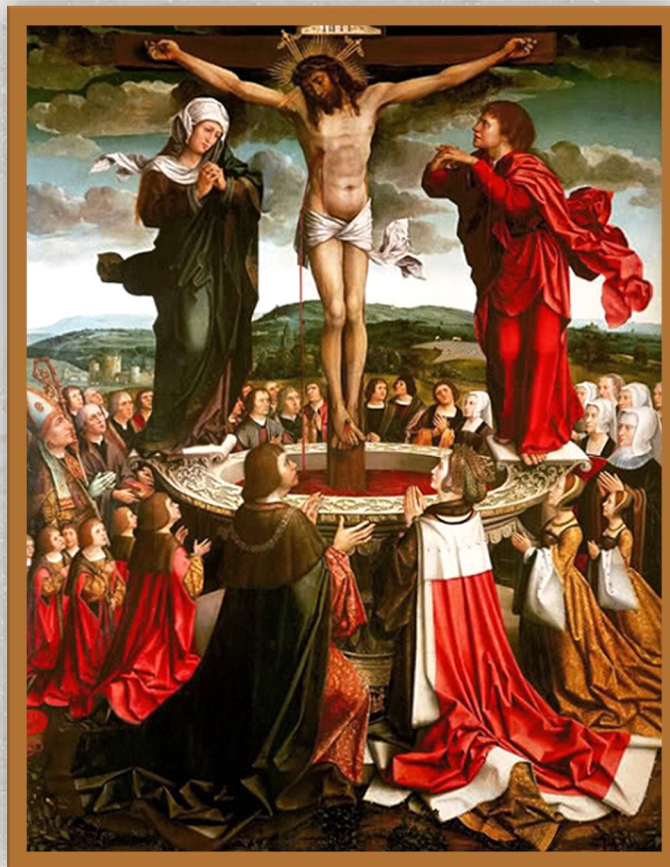
Confession Schedule

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 28, 2024

Fourth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO Tom & Carol Nypaver-40th Wedding Anniversary (Nypaver Children)
 11AM HM *Pro populo*
 Processional: Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing (pg. 51)
 Recessional: Jesus is Risen (pg. 72)

Monday, April 29, 2024

St. Peter of Verona, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LMO Our 10 year Anniversary (Lenart Family)

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

St. Catherine of Siena, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Antonio & Anna Mendicino (Nick Logan)
 7PM LM +Stuart & Eleanor Haggerty (Haggerty Family)

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

St. Joseph the Worker, 1st Class—White

12PM LM +Maria Rikk (Christian Mothers)

Thursday, May 2, 2024 *First Thursday*

V.M. of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest, 3rd Cl.—White

Commemoration of St. Athanasius
 12PM LMO + Deceased Family & Friends (Donna Hastings)
 8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
 9PM Compline

Friday, May 3, 2024 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Comm. Of Ss. Alexander Eventius, Theodulus & Juvenalis
 12PM LM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)
 7PM LM +Herman & Verna Marini (Herman Marini III)

Saturday, May 4, 2024 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Monica
 9AM LM Liv. & Dec. Members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Fifth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
 11AM HM + Patricia Luteran (Lori Cunningham)
 Processional: Regina Caeli Jubila

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 21, 2024

Offertory	\$11,002.50
Parish Appeal.....	\$320.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,637.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$20.00
<i>Faith Direct Report (March 16 – 31, 2024)</i>	
Offertory	\$20,185.65
Parish Appeal 2024.....	\$4,261.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$714.00
Easter Flowers	\$224.00
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$380.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 504; 11AM 310; Total 814

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 CCM meeting on Saturday, May 4th is "St. Monica and Perseverance with Adult Children."

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 May/June Newsletter distribution is scheduled for May 5th.

**The Quarterly meeting for the RLG is May 16th at 6PM in the school building. Refreshments will be served. Collaboration and exchange of ideas will take place around the pro-life bulletin boards during this meeting. **

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.

- Join us on Sunday, May 5th for our Cinco de Mayo Sursum Corda Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Robinson Township

Mass Intentions Being Accepted

The Parish is now accepting Mass intention requests for the remainder of calendar year 2024. No Sunday Masses are available, but daily Masses are available beginning in early July. Each family may request three Masses during this period. All Mass requests must be made on the revised Mass Intention Request Forms, available at the Church entrances. Please do not phone or email the Parish Office to request a Mass. The parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

May Crowning Next Sunday

We will honor Our Blessed Lady with a May Crowning on Sunday, May 5th prior to the 11 a.m. Mass. All children, age 5 and above, are invited to participate in this lovely tradition. Please assemble in the school at 10:30. Boys should wear pastel shirts and ties and girls should wear pastel dresses. Modesty and appropriate dress demonstrates our love and respect for Mary.



Eagle Scout Project Benefitting the Little Sisters of the Poor

In your charity, please consider supporting John Paul Farah with his Eagle Scout project. John Paul will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Little Sisters of the Poor until April 30. Donations can be left in the designated donation box in the vestibule. For further information, please contact John Paul Farah at 412-853-7921.

Parish Directory

The parish still has dozens of copies of the January 2023 Parish Directory. Since they are becoming slightly outdated, if you are a parishioner and do not have one, please visit the parish office for a copy, free of charge!

Memorial Day Picnic – Volunteers Needed

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.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Obedience

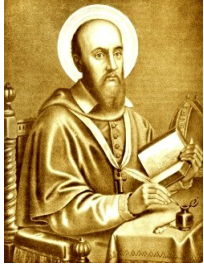
(Book 3, Chapter 11)

Love alone leads to perfection, but the three chief means for acquiring it are obedience, chastity, and poverty. Obedience is a consecration of the heart, chastity of the body, and poverty of all worldly goods to the Love and Service of God. These are the three members of the Spiritual Cross, and all three must be raised upon the fourth, which is humility. I am not going here to speak of these three virtues as solemn vows, which only concern religious, nor even as ordinary vows, although when sought under the shelter of a vow all virtues receive an enhanced grace and merit; but it is not necessary for perfection that they should be undertaken as vows, so long as they are practiced diligently. The three vows solemnly taken put a man into the state of perfection, whereas a diligent observance thereof brings him to perfection. For, observe, there is a great difference between the state of perfection and perfection itself, inasmuch as all prelates and religious are in the former, although unfortunately it is too obvious that by no means all attain to the latter. Let us then endeavor to practice these three virtues, according to our several vocations, for although we are not thereby called to a state of perfection, we may attain through them to perfection itself, and of a truth we are all bound to practise them, although not all after the same manner.

There are two kinds of obedience, one necessary, the other voluntary. The first includes a humble obedience to your ecclesiastical superiors, whether Pope, Bishop, Curate, or those commissioned by them. You are likewise bound to obey your civil superiors, king and magistrates; as also your domestic superiors, father, mother, master or mistress. Such obedience is called necessary, because no one can free himself from the duty of obeying these superiors, God having appointed them severally to bear rule over us. Therefore do you obey their commands as of right, but if you would be perfect, follow their counsels, and even their wishes as far as charity and prudence will allow: obey as to things acceptable; as when they bid you eat, or take recreation, for although there may be no great virtue in obedience in such a case, there is great harm in disobedience. Obey in things indifferent, as concerning questions of dress, coming and going, singing or keeping silence, for herein is a very laudable obedience. Obey in things hard, disagreeable and inconvenient, and therein lies a very perfect obedience. Moreover, obey quietly, without answering again, promptly, without delay, cheerfully, without reluctance; and, above all, render a loving obedience for His Sake Who became obedient even to the death of the Cross for our sake; Who, as Saint Bernard says, chose rather to resign His Life than His Obedience.

If you would acquire a ready obedience to superiors, accustom yourself to yield to your equals, giving way to their opinions where nothing wrong is involved, without arguing or peevishness; and adapt yourself easily to the wishes of your inferiors as far as you reasonably can, and forbear the exercise of stern authority so long as they do well.

It is a mistake for those who find it hard to pay a willing obedience to their natural superiors to suppose that if they were professed religious they would find it easy to obey.



Voluntary obedience is such as we undertake by our own choice, and which is not imposed by others. Persons do not choose their own King or Bishop, or parents—often not even their husband; but most people choose their confessor or director. And whether a person takes a vow of obedience to him (as Saint Theresa, beyond her formal vow to the Superior of her Order, bound herself by a simple vow to obey Father Gratian), or without any vow they resolve to obey their chosen spiritual guide, all such obedience is voluntary, because it depends upon our own will.

Obedience to lawful superiors is regulated by their official claims. Thus, in all public and legal matters, we are bound to obey our King; in ecclesiastical matters, our Bishop; in domestic matters, our father, master or husband; and in personal matters which concern the soul, our confessor or spiritual guide.

Seek to be directed in your religious exercises by your spiritual father, because thereby they will have double grace and virtue;—that which is inherent in that they are devout, and that which comes by reason of the spirit of obedience in which they are performed. Blessed indeed are the obedient, for God will never permit them to go astray.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 5 (11 a.m.): May Crowning before High Mass

Saturday, May 18 (10 a.m.): Vigil of Pentecost Mass – reception of converts into the Church

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost

Sunday, May 26: Memorial Day Picnic

Saturday, June 1: Father Stephen Wetzel, First Mass & reception

Sunday, June 2 (11 a.m.): Corpus Christi Mass & procession

Saturday, June 22 (11 a.m.): Homeschoolers Graduation Mass

June 27 – 29 (Thurs. – Sat.): St. Veronica's Guild training session

Monday, July 1 (6 p.m.): Five year anniversary of establishment of the parish – Solemn High Mass and reception

Congratulations to our First Communicants

Twenty-seven children received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion yesterday. The parish congratulates them on this very special occasion in their Catholic lives!

MADELEINE ALLEN

REGINA BIANCO

ALLISON BREERWOOD

GEMMA EASTER

EZEKIEL GUENTHER

EVELINA HARTWELL

THOMAS KAUFMAN

KONSTANTIN KRISKO

HAROLD LOMUSCIO

ZELIE PREZZIA

NICHOLAS SOLOMON

JOSEPH THIMONS

CECELIA VARACALLO

ELLE ZIEGLER

GEORGE ALSPAUGH-HAGGERTY

MARGARET BIRD

CHARLOTTE CALLAHAN

JOSEPH ELDER

EVELYN HARFF

HENRY AUGUSTINE KAIL

MARY CATHERINE KEENY

ISAAC LENART

JOSEPH MUCKLE

FLORA SMITH

ARIEL SZAFRANIEC

JACINTA TUREK

LEAH VARACALLO

Gospa Missions Retreat August 3rd

Navigating Troubled Times—The Two Pillars:

Our Lady and The Eucharist

Saturday, August 3, 2024 - Highfield Community Center

(Registration, Breakfast, & Confession begin at 7:30 a.m.)

Speakers: Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM, Cap.; Fr. Joe Freedy; Sister Faustina Maria; Paul Ruggieri, Emmy Award winning TV Producer; Isaac Bruce, former Masonic Youth who reverted to Catholicism. Join us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Rosary, religious store, lunch, & more! Fr. Tuscan will be bringing a glove of St. Padre Pio for veneration! Early Bird registration is offered until April 30 for a discounted price of \$30. Register at gospa.org or call (724) 538-3171.

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 **OPEN** for a period of three weeks, to accept intentions for the remainder of 2024. 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.



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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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