



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Pentecost  
Sunday  
May 28, 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

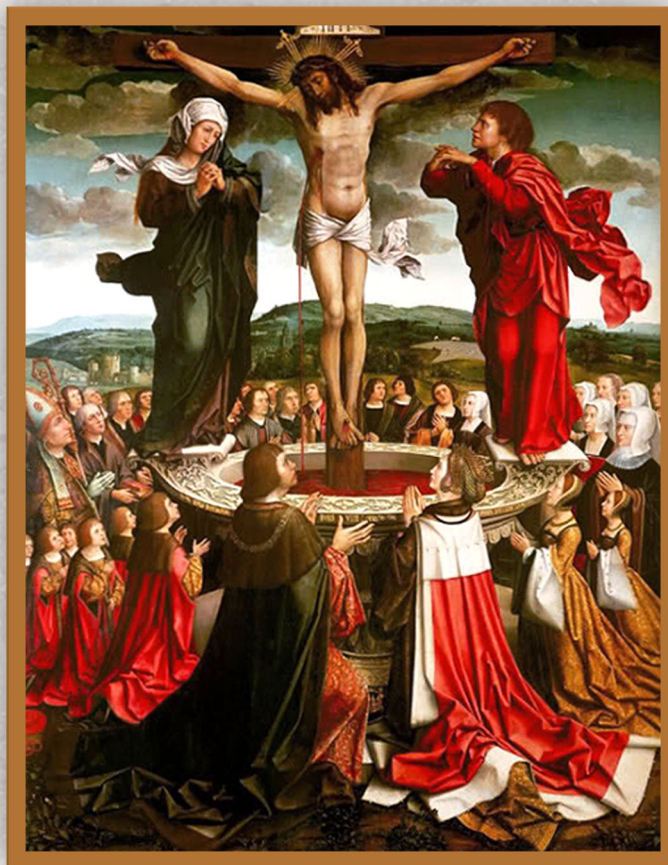
### **Confession Schedule**

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



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## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, May 28, 2023

#### Pentecost Sunday, 1st Class—Red

8AM LM + Carolyn G. Mozlack (Robin Mauser)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Come Holy Ghost* pg. 57

Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*

Recessional: *Come Down O Love Divine* pg. 56

### Monday, May 29, 2023 **Memorial Day**

#### Pentecost Monday, 1st Class—Red

9AM LM Canon Gerald Bell, ICRSS (Laurie Walz)

### Tuesday, May 30, 2023

#### Pentecost Tuesday, 1st Class—Red

12PM LM Karen Sobocinski (Stephanie Hartwell)

### Wednesday, May 31, 2023

#### Ember Wednesday, 1st Class—Red

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Capone Family (Dr. & Mrs. R. A. Capone)

### Thursday, June 1, 2023

#### Pentecost Thursday, 1st Class—Red

12PM LM + Carolyn G. Mozlack (Robin Mauser)

### Friday, June 2, 2023

#### Ember Friday, 1st Class—Red

12PM LM + William Wrabley (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

7PM LM + Arlene Widenhofer

(Shawn & Correna Spinneweber)

### Saturday, June 3, 2023

#### Ember Saturday, 1st Class—Red

9AM LM + William Gloff (Gloff Family)

### Sunday, June 4, 2023

#### Trinity Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM Helen Kish-21st Birthday (Kish Family)

Processional: *O God, Almighty Father* pg. 79

Kyriale: *Mass IV, Credo III*

Recessional: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* pg. 68

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, May 21, 2023*

Offertory .....\$7,784.00

Parish Appeal .....\$125.00

Ascension .....\$2,952.00

Catholic Relief Services .....\$857.00

Memorial Day Offering.....\$55.00

*Ascension Mass Attendance: Noon 315; 7PM 245; Total 560*

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 549; 11AM 329; Total 878*

*Faith Direct Report (May 1-15, 2023)*

Offertory .....\$7,485.28

Parish Appeal.....\$3,400.00

Parish Improvement.....\$1,015.00

## 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 <https://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 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, June 10, 2023 and the topic will be *Cultivating Christian Charity*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

SURSUM CORDA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18-35, at Institute apostolates. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Please contact [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) with any questions.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of the newly formed Respect Life Group, operating in three divisions; *Legislation, Education, Advocacy*. The next working subcommittee meeting will be:

**Advocacy:** Today after 8:00am Mass-School, Room 102

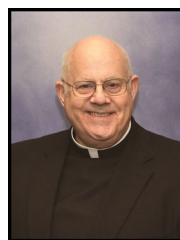
All are welcome to attend these meetings, **no RSVP needed**.

The next quarterly meeting with the entire group will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> after the 9AM Mass (the anniversary of the reversal of Roe v Wade). If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Briola at [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) or 724-650-5767

## Parish Landscaping

With warm weather arriving and new plantings striving to take root, we are in need of volunteers to water a few minutes every day. If you are able to offer time during the week, or weekend, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Our parish landscape team, led by Julie Roytas, meets weekly on Thursday mornings at the Church from 8am to Noon. Please email Julie at [julier.lom@hotmail.com](mailto:julier.lom@hotmail.com) for information about joining the MPBOJ Landscape Team or to let her know your availability. Julie can also be reached on cell at 412-818-1393.

## Fr. James W. Dolan - Requiescat in Pace



Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will offer a Solemn Requiem Mass for Father James Dolan on Saturday, June 17, 2023. Please watch for additional details to be announced. A gallery of photos in tribute to Fr. Dolan may be found here: <https://www.institute-christ-king.org/pittsburgh-gallery/1473-frdolan>

## Summer Donuts & Coffee Return

Thanks to a gracious volunteer, Mr. Mark Graham, Summer Donuts & Coffee will resume after the 8:00 a.m. Low Mass on Sunday **May 28th** in the school Room 101. This program will be offered every Sunday with the exception of Father's Day and run through August 27th. This is a terrific opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners, many of whom travel a significant distance to attend the Traditional Mass. Please consider stopping in to visit!

## Schedule Changes

Due to Institute's Provincial Retreat for Canons this week, the Tuesday 7PM Mass & Confession on May 30th will **not** be offered. Please also note that Mass on Memorial Day will be offered at **9AM** with Confessions at **8:15AM**. Lastly, Adoration and Compline on Thursday, June 1st will not be offered.

## **Introduction to the Devout Life**

By St. Francis de Sales

### **Ninth Meditation - On the Choice Open to You Between Heaven and Hell (Part I, Chap. 17)**



#### *The Preparation*

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God.
2. Humble yourself before Him, and ask His inspiration.

#### *Considerations*

1. Imagine yourself alone with your good angel in an open plain, as was Tobit on his way to Rages. Suppose the Angel to set before you Paradise, full of delights and joys; and on the other hand Hell, with all its torments. Contemplate both, kneeling in imagination before your guardian Angel. Consider that you are most truly standing between Hell and Paradise, and that both the one and the other are open to receive you, according to your own choice.
2. Consider that the choice you make in this life will last for ever in the next.
3. Consider too, that while both are open to receive you according to your choice, yet God, Who is prepared to give the one by reason of His Justice, the other by reason of His Mercy, all the while desires unspeakably that you should select Paradise; and your good Angel is urging you with all his might to do so, offering you countless graces on God's part, countless helps to attain to it.
4. Consider that Jesus Christ, enthroned in Heaven, looks down upon you in loving invitation: "O beloved one, come unto Me, and joy for ever in the eternal blessedness of My Love!" Behold His mother yearning over you with maternal tenderness--" Courage, my child, do not despise the Goodness of my Son, or my earnest prayers for thy salvation." Behold the Saints, who have left you their example, the millions of holy souls who long after you, desiring earnestly that you may one day be for ever joined to them in their song of praise, urging upon you that the road to Heaven is not so hard to find as the world would have you think. "Press on boldly, dear friend,"--they cry. "Whoso will ponder well the path by which we came hither, will discover that we attained to these present delights by sweeter joys than any this world can give."

#### *The Choice*

1. O Hell, I abhor thee now and for ever; I abhor thy griefs and torments, thine endless misery, the unceasing blasphemies and maledictions which thou pourest out upon my God;--and turning to thee, O blessed Paradise, eternal glory, unfading happiness, I choose thee for ever as my abode, thy glorious mansions, thy precious and abiding tabernacles. O my God, I bless Thy Mercy which gives me the power to choose--O Jesus, Saviour, I accept Thine Eternal Love, and praise Thee for the promise Thou hast given me of a place prepared for me in that blessed New Jerusalem, where I shall love and bless Thee for ever.
2. Dwell lovingly upon the example set before you by the Blessed Virgin and the Saints, and strive to follow where they point you. Give yourself up to your guardian Angel, that he may be your guide, and gird up your courage anew to make this choice.

## **Third Annual Memorial Day Picnic**

Today at 2:00 PM, join fellow parishioners for a get-together in South Park! As in previous years, festivities will take place at the Museum Building on the County Fairgrounds. "Cookout food" (hamburgers, hotdogs), water, drinks, plates, and utensils will be provided. If you are planning to attend, please bring a side dish to share (20-30 servings worth). In order to ensure that we have the right mix of sides, please plan a dish that corresponds with *Last Names* as follows:

- ◆ A-I: Starch side dish such as potato or macaroni salad
- ◆ J-Q: Fruit or vegetable side dish or salad
- ◆ R-Z: Dessert

To ensure we have enough supplies, please RSVP, either on the signup sheets at Church entrances or by sending an email to Tom Smith at [tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com).

## **Visit by the Prior General**



Sunday, June 11th, Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will have the joy of a visit by Msgr. Gilles Wach, Founder and Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. A Solemn Mass will be offered by Monsignor at 11am followed by a reception in the school gym. Please make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity to meet Msgr. Gilles Wach.

## **Evil Of Communism**

Our parish welcomes Dr. Paul Kengor, professor of political science at Grove City College. Dr. Kengor will speak at MPBOJ on Monday, June 12th, at 7 p.m., in the school gym. Dr. Kengor is a well-respected author and staunch Catholic, as well as a recognized authority on Ronald Reagan, the Cold War, communism, socialism, and conservatism. He will be speaking on the dangers and errors of communism in society. All are welcome to attend.

## **Parish Survey News**

As the Envisioning Group begins to sort through all of the information received as a result of the parish survey, they are excited and energized by how the results can impact parish life. Although still in the process of reviewing the data, please know that the results of the DMI Survey will be shared with the entire parish in the future. The Envisioning Group looks forward to creating a parish plan for the next three to five years. Stay tuned for more as the group moves forward.

## **Princess of Pibrac**

Saint Genesis of Rome Theater Group presents *Princess of Pibrac*, the Tale of Saint Germaine Cousin. Encounter the humble shepherdess who, ugly and crippled from birth, abused by her stepmother, and neglected and snubbed by her village, climbs to the heights of sanctity by the way of Divine Love! Stage Performances will be held at **Saint Paul Seminary in the Bishop McDowell Auditorium**, 2900 Noblestown Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15205 on **Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00pm** and **Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at both 2:00pm and 7:00pm**. (\$5.00 suggested donation per person. Clergy, Religious, and Seminarians are free.) For more information, please call 724-933-7837, 412-302-8374, or visit [www.sgrtheatergroup.com](http://www.sgrtheatergroup.com)



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

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

**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.

### 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:

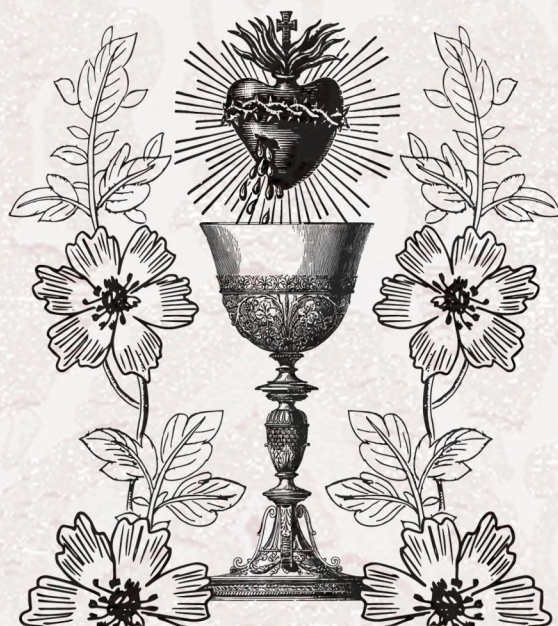
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

#### 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).



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(Quarter-3 2022/2023)

**OPERATING REVENUE:**

Offertory Collections	674,042
Donations & Bequests	16,946
Fundraising	1,442
Other Income	6,049
	<b>698,479</b>

**OPERATING EXPENSE:**

Operations & Maintenance	261,982
Administration	236,688
Liturgical & Rectory	134,685
Religious Ed & School Subsidy	78,992
Property & Liability Insurance	24,187
Social/ Outreach/ Other	22,600
	<b>759,134</b>

**OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) (60,655)**

**NON-OPERATING ITEMS:**

Campaign Income	(2,000)
Net Parish Share	41,730
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(177,105)
Net Third Party Collections	13,986
Proceeds from Insurance Claim (Net)	7,810
	<b>(115,579)</b>

**FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 3/31/2023**

**ASSETS:**

**Unrestricted Funds:**

Cash	158,309
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	8,816
	<b>167,125</b>

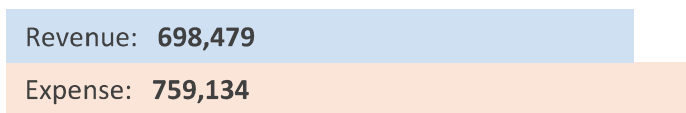
**Restricted Funds:**

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
Parish Share Due from Parishioners	-
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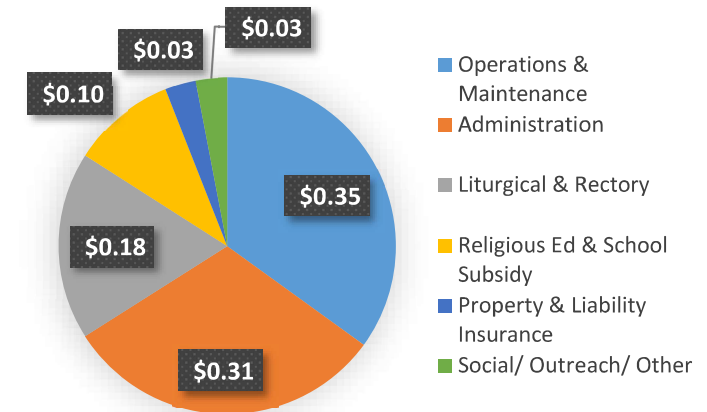
**LIABILITIES:**

Insurance Past Due	-
Parish Share Due to Diocese	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	546,092
Other Payables	-
	<b>546,092</b>

**Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2022 thru 3-31-2023**



**How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish**



**A Parish is much like a business. There are costs that keep the Parish running. The pie chart above details how your dollars are spent. The following line items include but are not limited to:**

- Other Income - Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive
- Administration - Staff, Office Supplies, Furnishings, Equipment
- Operations & Maintenance - Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies
- Religious Ed & School Subsidy - Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed, RCIA, Elem School Grant
- Liturgical & Rectory - Staff, Worship Expense, Rectory Food, Utilities, Upkeep
- Social/Outreach/Other - Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool
- Campaign Income - Special Campaigns (Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.)
- Extraordinary Maintenance Expense - Purchases/Improvements over \$4,000
- Net Third Party Collections - e.g. St. Anthony's, Holy Land, Peter's Pence
- Other - Endowment, Tuition Assistance

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS OF THIS STATEMENT

Dear Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish,

At the close of the third fiscal quarter, we see cash reserves continuing to improve over the first and second quarters. During this period, construction began on the priory guest bathroom as well as demolition of the church basement. This accounts for several dumpsters you may have noticed during this period. In all, four dumpsters filled with decades of buildup had to be removed prior to restoration. As of this writing, the priory guest bathroom is now complete and the church basement has been painted and soft-floored. Lighting, electrical outlets, ventilation, perimeter door and window are planned for installation in July.

Summary of Cash Flows for the Nine-Month Period Ending 3/31/23	
Beginning Cash Balance	366,426.33
Operating Revenue	698,479.06
Operating Expense	(687,008.44)
Diocesan Management Fee (3 months)	(24,673.26)
School Subsidy Expense (9 months)	(47,451.49)
Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(177,104.82)
Non-Operating Activity	29,641.55
Ending Cash Balance	158,308.93

The intended use of the church basement will be for the St. Veronica Altar Guild of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. The guild has been formed for *1) the furnishing of liturgical vestments for the Parish; 2) training of members in the spirit of an artisanal guild necessary to confect sacred vestments; 3) maintenance and repair of liturgical linens and vestments.* Any women of the parish wishing to become a part to the St. Veronica Altar Guild may contact Canon Bourgeois directly.

Moving forward, a third and likely final liturgical design group has been consulted for our Church Beautification Project. While many details are far from finalized, the following comprise the primary scope of the project:

- SANCTUARY & ALTAR
- CENTRAL AIR CONDITIONING
- LIGHTING
- NEW CONFESSIONALS
- ORGAN UPGRADES
- FLOORING & PEWS
- CEILING & WALL REFINISHING
- CRY ROOM EXPANSION & RELOCATION
- MAIN ENTRYWAY CONCRETE
- PARKING LOT EXPANSIONS

As you might imagine, the Church Beautification Project is a significant endeavor, and will contribute much to the glorification of God. It may seem immense, but anything is possible with God. Many graces come to those who support the work of the parish. Whether with large donations, like Abraham who gave a tenth of his spoils to the High Priest Melchizedek (cf. Genesis 14), or small, like the Widow's pence which our Lord praised (cf. Mark 14: 42-44), each received a recompense from the Lord for their act of gratitude for all that they received from the Lord. May the Good Lord bless you for your support of the parish, and bless you more abundantly for your generosity and gratitude.

In Christo Rege et Maria,



Canon William Avis