



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Transfiguration of
Our Lord
August 6, 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

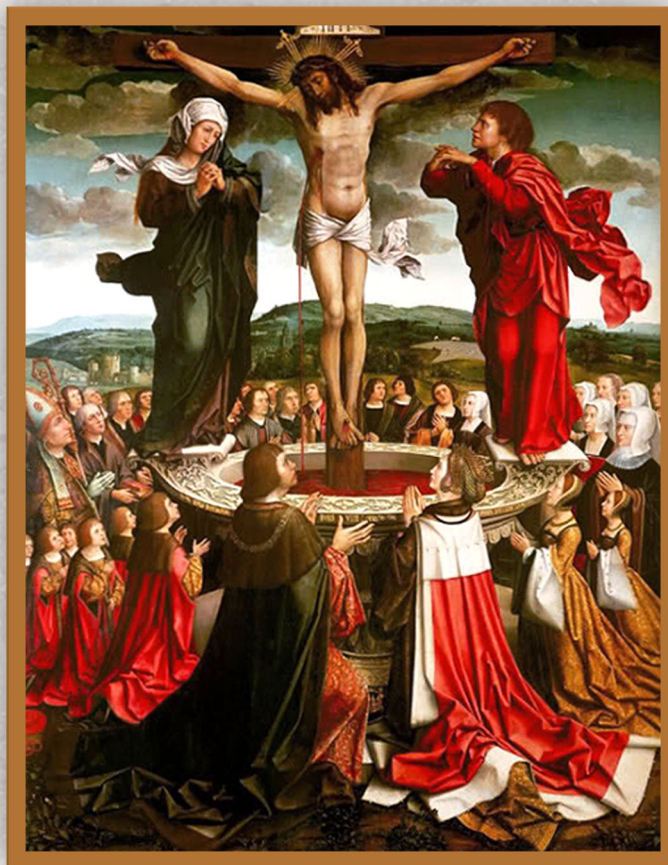
Confession Schedule

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, August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord, 2nd Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM + Ronald Henderson
(Connie & Andy Szafranec)

Processional: *To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King* pg. 89

Recessional: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* pg. 84

Monday, August 7, 2023

St. Cajetan, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Donatus

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Robert Kish
(Family)

Tuesday, August 8, 2023

St. John Vianney, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus

12PM LM + James E. Callaghan (M/M Chris Schoming)
7PM LM + Lillian Adams (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

Vigil of St. Lawrence, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Romanus

12PM LM + Joseph Rikk (Maria Rikk)

Thursday, August 10, 2023

St. Lawrence, 2nd Class—Red

12PM LM Kerry Kerby (Steven & Adrienne Zink)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, August 11, 2023

Ss. Tiburtius & Susanna, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM + Michael John O'Connell (Family)

Saturday, August 12, 2023

St. Clare, 3rd Class—White

9:00AM LM + Albert & Sarah Ann Brunn Jr.
(Angela Tomak)

Sunday, August 13, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM + Henchar & Eichert Families
(Alice Steigerwald)

Processional: *Jesus My Lord, My God, My All* pg. 74

Recessional: *To Jesus' Heart All Burning* pg. 96

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, July 30, 2023

Offertory	\$8,475.00
Parish Appeal	\$545.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$50.00
Food Pantry	\$1,807.00
Catholic Communication.....	\$10.00

Faith Direct Report (July 1-15, 2023)

Offertory	\$8,523.75
Parish Appeal	\$3,280.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$665.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 447; 11AM 338; Total 785

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 9AM Mass. The next meeting is **Saturday, August 12th** and the topic will be *Cultivating Christian Charity*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact 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. 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 Pinero at sursumcorda@mpboj.com or 863.450.5143.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working sub-committees: *Legislation, Education, Advocacy*. See their July Newsletter for valuable information. Please contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 with questions.

Parish Landscaping

Green-Thumbs NEEDED! Looking for landscape volunteers to assist with Pruning, Watering, Weed Control, Shrub Trimming and general landscape maintenance around the Parish grounds. With warm weather upon us and new plantings striving to take root, NOW is a critical time to deliver what these new flowers and plants need. 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 on site Thursday mornings at the Church from 8AM to Noon. Many other opportunities to assist at other times of the day or week. Please email Julie at 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.

GOSPA MISSIONS RETREAT

JOIN US, **August 19th**, in reviving our Faith with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, opportunity for confession, Rosary, & dynamic speakers! Morning refreshments & lunch will be provided. There will be religious items & books for purchase from the Gospa Missions ministry, Amazing Grace Books & Gifts. Please Register at: <https://gospa.org/pages/summer-retreat-2023>

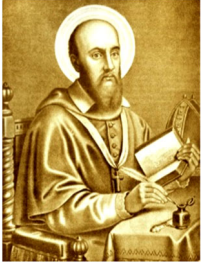
The Diocesan Survey – Pastoral Priorities

As many of you may know, Bishop Zubik is requiring that every parish in the diocese create a pastoral plan that will help us grow our mission and ministry over the next three to five years. All pastoral plans are due by February 14, 2024, but may be submitted as soon as this fall, based on the staggered pastoral planning schedules and the efforts of the Envisioning Team. As the work of pastoral planning continues, one of the key elements will be to develop three pastoral priorities. The priorities are specific to what the parish sees as needs of the community utilizing the results of the Disciple Maker Index Survey. The priorities are to be focused on accomplishing the vision for the future set by the Envisioning Team, while taking into account evangelization, missionary discipleship, and shifting the focus of the parishes from maintenance to mission.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Invocation, the Second Point of Preparation (Book 2, Chapter 3)



Invocation is made as follows: your soul, having realized God's Presence, will prostrate itself with the utmost reverence, acknowledging its unworthiness to abide before His Sovereign Majesty; and yet knowing that He of His Goodness would have you come to Him, you must ask of Him grace to serve and worship Him in this your meditation. You may use some such brief and earnest words as those of David: "Cast me not away from Thy Presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me." "Shew me Thy Ways, O Lord, and teach me Thy paths." "Give me understanding, and I shall keep Thy Law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart." "I am Thy servant, O grant me understanding." Dwell too upon the thought of your guardian Angel, and of the Saints connected with the special mystery you are considering, as the Blessed Virgin, Saint John, the Magdalene, the good thief, &c., if you are meditating on the Passion, so that you may share in their devout feelings and intention,—and in the same way with other subjects.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET!

On October 15th, Bishop David Zubik will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10AM at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. High Mass to follow at 11AM. The Sacrament will be administered to those Confirmandi who have completed their assessment interview with Canon Avis. If Confirmandi and their family wish to prepare for this Sacrament, please email a request to office@mpboj.com at your earliest convenience. You will receive an email that your Confirmation package has been prepared and is available for pickup at the side entrance of the Church, before and after daily and weekend Masses.

2023-24 Catechism Registration

The 2023-24 Catechism school year begins on Sunday, September 10. In preparation for that day, the parish needs to confirm or update the information on file for every family with students in the program. If your contact information (i.e. home address, phone numbers, and email address) is unchanged, and you don't have any children newly entering or withdrawing from the program this fall, you only need to reply to the Flocknote that was sent out on August 2nd, or email the administrator directly (catechism@mpboj.com), stating "No changes". If you do have changes, or are uncertain if the information that the parish has on file is correct, you should plan to review and update your pre-filled printed form. Stop in the rear of the church between Masses today, or next Sunday, August 13, where your information will be available for review. If you don't respond at all, the administrator will assume that your family has withdrawn from the program, and your children will not be on the class rosters for the first day of classes.

Welcome Abbé Gorton



MPBOJ welcomes second-year seminarian, Abbé Brent Gordon. Abbé Gorton is a native of Pensacola, FL and will be with us for the month of August. In September, he will return to the Seminary in Gricigliano, Italy to begin first year studies in philosophy. In addition to his studies at the Institute, Abbé hopes to pursue practical interests in ecclesiastical tailoring, bookbinding and Italian.

Saint Veronica Altar Guild

Thanks to the hard work of countless parishioners the Saint Veronica Altar Guild Workshop is finally up and running underneath the church. This, rather than temporary set ups in the school building, will serve as the permanent home for the guild with work beginning shortly. Activity in the new workshop will begin with an organization day on August 14th from 3pm to 7pm. All are encouraged to attend even if your schedule only allows you to be there for part of the time. To join, or for more information, please email us at altarguildpittsburgh@institute-christ-king.org

CHURCH BASEMENT BEFORE DEMOLITION:



AFTER COMPLETION OF THE WORKSHOP:



Saint Veronica Altar Guild

An Apostolate of the ICKSP
in Pittsburgh



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 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:

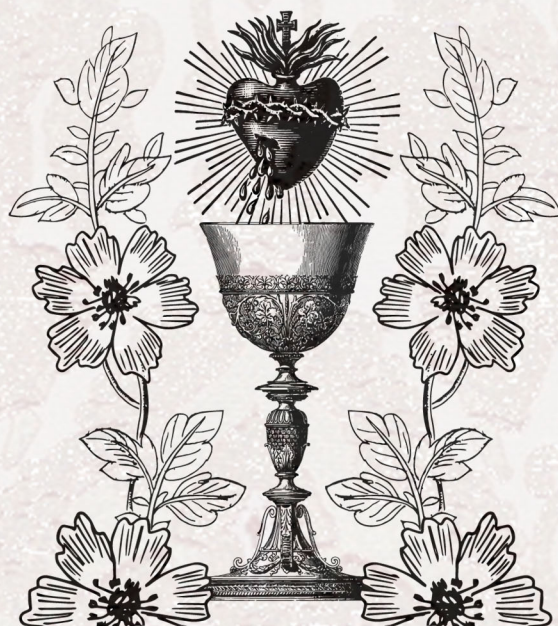
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

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.



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