



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**24th Sunday After
Pentecost**
(5th after Epiphany resumed)

November 12, 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, November 12, 2023

5th Sunday after Epiphany (resumed), 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
 11AM HM + Patricia Maraccini
 (Aaron & Margaux Pisula)
 Processional: Jesus Lover of My Soul
 Recessional: Help Lord the Souls

Monday, November 13, 2023

St. Didacus, 3rd Class—White

12 PM LM Living & Deceased members of Evans Family
 (Sobocinski Family)

Tuesday, November 14, 2023

St. Josaphat, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Salvation of My Children (Bob Pacacha)
 7PM LM W. John, Meri & their Parents
 (D'Souza Family)

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

St. Albert the Great, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Bernadette M. Jablunovsky
 (Marianne & Andrew Pumford)

Thursday, November 16, 2023

St. Gertrude, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM All needs of our Parish Friends, in gratitude
 (Dave & Mandy Capan)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, November 17, 2023

St. Gregory the Wonderworker, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Msgr. Joseph LaMonde (Melinda Check)

Saturday, November 18, 2023

Dedication of Ss. Peter & Paul, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM Rose Marie Jagielski (Michael & Julie Roytas)

Sunday, November 19, 2023

6th Sunday after Epiphany (resumed), 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO + Walter H. Schulte
 (Walter & Maggie Schulte)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

Recessional: At the Name of Jesus

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 5, 2023

Offertory \$11,038.00
 All Saints Day Offertory..... \$2,945.00
 Parish Appeal 2023..... \$330.00
 Thanksgiving \$15.00
 Food Pantry..... \$40.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 558; 11AM 417; Total 975

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. The next two meetings will be on the second Saturdays: **December 9 and January 13, 2024**. Topics to be announced.

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.

UPCOMING EVENT: Drinks & Appetizers with Sursum Corda - **Sunday, Nov. 19th at 4 p.m. - Hofbräuhaus Pittsburgh**, 2705 S. Water St. at the South Side Works.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. RLG's **Nov.-Dec. newsletter** may be found at both entrances of the church. Please contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

Respect Life Conference Nov. 18

The RLG is hosting a Respect Life Conference on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Speakers are: **Drs. Jose & Stacy Trasancos** (COG for Life). **Dr. Alan Keyes**, and **Dr. Theresa Farnan**. Suggested donation for the event is: \$10 per person/\$25 for family. See flyer at the church entrances for more information.

Betsy Ann Candy Fundraiser

Once again this year, the parish will sponsor a fundraiser selling the most delectable candy in the USA! Our annual Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser will run from Nov. 12 – 26, with pick-up occurring after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Hall (aka the school building!) on Saturday, Dec. 2nd and Sunday, December 3rd. All orders must be placed on-line this year, with detailed instructions available on the reverse side of the Betsy Ann inserts found in the bulletin. A huge THANK YOU to Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible. Thanks also to Peggy Wrabley, who coordinates this fundraiser every year. Please do your part in supporting your parish by eating fabulous chocolates!

Two Special Events Next Sunday

Canon Jacob Wells will offer a **First Solemn Mass** at 11 a.m., followed by a reception where he will give his first priestly blessing. At 2p.m., a presentation by **Jacob Imam** on **The College of St. Joseph the Worker**

(opening soon in Steubenville), and a conference on "The right concept of work, the trades, and the economy."

11am First Solemn Mass of Rev. Canon Jacob Wells, newly ordained
 1pm Festive Reception in the Parish Center, Canon Wells offers his first priestly blessing and holy card in Rm 102
 2pm Presentation of St. Joseph the Worker College, and a conference on "The right concept of work, the trades, and the economy"

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How the Saints are United to Us

(Book 2, Chapter 16)

Inasmuch as God continually sends us inspirations by means of His Angels, we may fitly send back our aspirations through the same channel. The souls of the holy dead, resting in Paradise, who are, as our Lord Himself has told us, "as the Angels in Heaven," are also united to us in their prayers. My child, let us gladly join our hearts with these heavenly blessed ones; for even as the newly-fledged nightingale learns to sing from the elder birds, so by our sacred communing with the Saints

we shall learn better to pray and sing the praises of the Lord. David is continually uniting his prayers with those of all the Saints and Angels. Honor, revere and respect the Blessed Virgin Mary with a very special love; she is the Mother of our Sovereign Lord, and so we are her children. Let us think of her with all the love and confidence of affectionate children; let us desire her love, and strive with true filial hearts to imitate her graces. Seek to be familiar with the Angels; learn to realize that they are continually present, although invisible. Specially love and revere the Guardian Angel of the Diocese in which you live, those of the friends who surround you, and your own. Commune with them frequently, join in their songs of praise, and seek their protection and help in all you do, spiritual or temporal. That pious man Peter Faber, the first companion of Saint Ignatius, and the first priest, first preacher and first theological teacher of the Company of the Jesuits, who was a native of our Diocese, once passing through this country on his way from Germany, (where he had been laboring for God's Glory,) told how great comfort he had found as he went among places infested with heresy in communing with the guardian Angels thereof, whose help had often preserved him from danger, and softened hearts to receive the faith. He spoke with such earnestness, that a lady who, when quite young, heard him, was so impressed, that she repeated his words to me only four years ago, sixty years after their utterance, with the utmost feeling. I had the happiness only last year of consecrating an altar in the place where it pleased God to give that blessed man birth, the little village of Villaret, amid the wildest of our mountains. You will do well to choose out for yourself some individual Saint, whose life specially to study and imitate, and whose prayers may be more particularly offered on your behalf. The Saint bearing your own baptismal name would seem to be naturally assigned to you.

Bethlehem Christian Families

Today (Nov. 12) Roni Salsa, representing the Bethlehem Christian Families, will be with us after each Mass selling crucifixes, rosaries, and religious articles, in the parish center gym. All items are made in the Holy Land from olive wood which is native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. With the significant decrease in tourism to the Holy Land, many Christian families have been financially impacted. Bethlehem Christian Families assists the many organizations and churches through its mis-

sion. Please come and browse the items and support their work. The sale of these goods will help them very much, and will give you the opportunity to have something "authentic" from the Holy Land to help your personal devotion. Website: bcfmission.com

Open Period for 2024 Mass Intentions

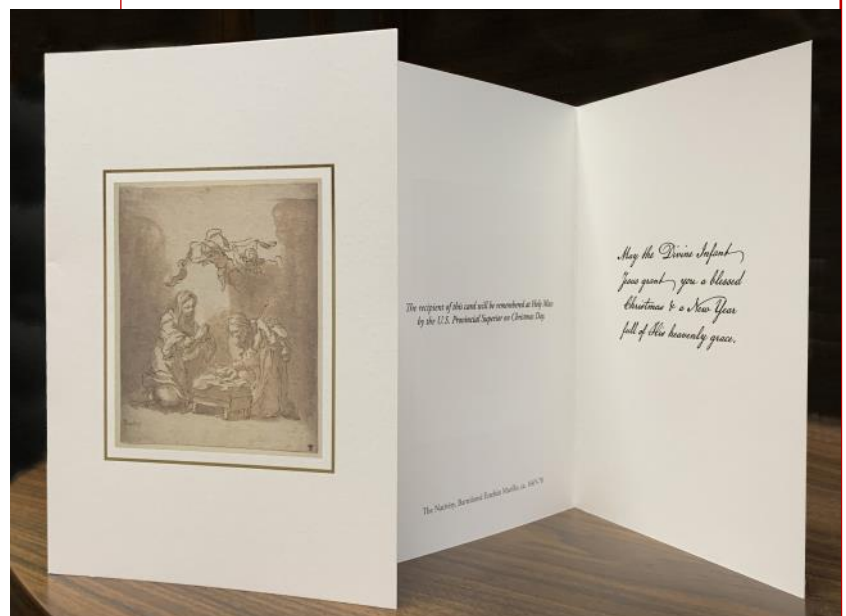
The Parish Mass Intention Registry is now open for a three-week period. Each family/parishioner may request one Sunday Mass and two weekday Masses for calendar year 2024, with preference for Sunday Masses given to those who were unable to obtain a Sunday Mass during 2023. To make a Mass intention request, please utilize a *Mass Intention Request Form*, found at the church entrances. Please do not call or visit the Parish Office, since we need the actual form for tracking. The last date for submission of Mass intentions during this period is November 20th, so please complete and submit your forms soon.

Christmas Giving Tree

In the spirit of the Christmas Season, please consider participating in our Christmas Giving Tree program, by donating a Christmas gift to someone in need. The parish Giving Tree will be located near the side entrance beginning Sunday, Nov. 19th. Please take one of the ornaments and return the requested item under the tree by December 3rd. Thank you for sharing this special season with those less fortunate.

Christmas Card Fundraiser

You can send a special Christmas greeting to family and friends again this year, with the use of the Institute of Christ the King's unique Christmas cards. This year's card features a drawing (pen and brown ink, brush and brown wash) by Bartolomé Estebán Murillo, ca. 1665. Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day. **Cards will be available for purchase after today's Masses** until all are sold. The cost for a packet of 10 cards and envelopes is \$20 where a portion of the proceeds directly benefits the parish. A limited number of previous years' cards are also available. (Please note that although the older cards do not indicate inside that "*the recipient of the card will be remembered by the US Provincial Superior on Christmas Day*", he will remember them also.)



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.

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 2024 intentions. 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.

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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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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SALE begins Sunday, November 12th
LAST DAY TO ORDER is Sunday, November 26th
PICK UP at Parish Hall/School after Mass on
Saturday, December 2nd or Sunday, December 3rd

Instructions for ordering on-line:

- 1) Go to the Betsy Ann website at: www.betsyann.com and create an account;
- 2) Start shopping—you are able to order anything on the website;
- 3) Under each item are two options—to “ship” or “pick up at the factory store”
You must select an option for each item, but if you select “pick up at factory store”, you will be able to pick up at the factory store or at MPBOJ on the above dates (see further instructions, below);
- 4) If you do not select “pick up at factory store”, your order will default to direct shipment to you and shipping costs will be added to your order;
- 5) Once finished with your order, go to checkout. At the bottom of the checkout area, you will see “comments and special instructions for Betsy Ann Chocolates”. Please enter **Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish**.
- 6) If you choose to “pick up at the store”, you can pick up your order at a convenient date at the factory store (322 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229).
- 7) Alternatively, you can select to pick up your order at the parish on either of the above dates. If you wish to pick up at the parish, please select the option “pickup at factory store” and in the comment section, after you put the parish name, please add “pick up at MPBOJ”.
- 8) If you are shipping it to your home, you should receive an email stating your package has been shipped. If you do not receive an email, you can call 412-931-4288 and ask for Roxanne, and she will give you the tracking information.

If you have any questions about the fundraiser or the process,
please email Peggy Wrabley at: pwrabley@gmail.com.