



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

First Sunday of Advent

December 3, 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

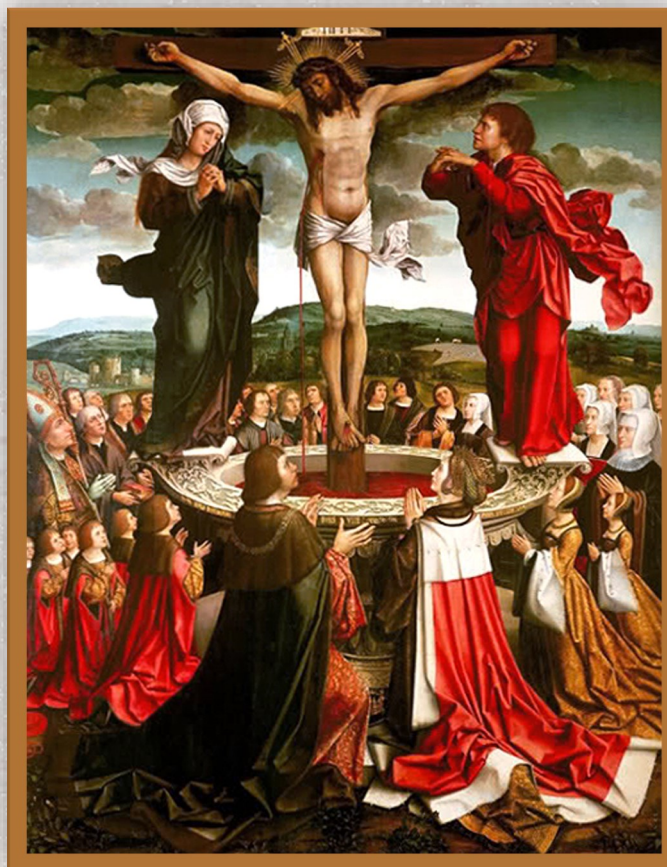
Confession Schedule

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, December 3, 2023

First Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM + Albert Brunn (Lottie & Chris Del Signore)
11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Veni Emmanuel, vs. 1-2 (pg. 101)

Recessional: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (pg. 57)

Monday, December 4, 2023

St. Peter Chrysologus, 3rd Class—White*

12 PM LM + Edward LeVeque (Mark LeVeque)
7PM LMO *Private Intention*

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Sabbas

12PM LM + Betty Turner (David Witter)
7PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Mallory Grantz
(Diane & Jim Mousseau)

Wednesday, December 6, 2023

St. Nicholas, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM + Jean Maley (Joseph Maley)
7PM LMO *Private Intention*

Thursday, December 7, 2023

St. Ambrose, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM + Vincent J. Bernardo (Charles Hillberry Jr.)
7PM LMO *Private Intention*

Friday, December 8, 2023 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Immaculate Conception, 1st Class—White*

12PM LM + Ed & Ann Wintermantel (Bill & Gerry Redic)
7PM HM *Pro populo*

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Advent Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM LM Gina McNulty - Birthday (Patrizio Family)

Sunday, December 10, 2023

Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM Jack & Mary Lou Aul
37th Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Processional: O Break Ye Clouds

Recessional: The King Shall Come When...

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

*Commemoration of the Advent Feria

(Collect, Secret & Post-Communion of the 1st Sunday of Advent)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 26, 2023

Offertory	\$10,773.00
Parish Appeal 2023	\$440.00
Retirement for Religious.....	\$160.00
Food Pantry.....	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$10.00
Children & Youth	\$10.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 433; 11AM 381; 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. 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.

EVENT TODAY: Lunch at The Cheesecake Factory, Ross Park Mall, 1:30 p.m.

Post-Mass Reception Friday, Dec. 8 ~8:30 p.m. (immediately after 7pm Mass) - Most Precious Blood of Jesus School Building. Join Sursum Corda for dinner and fellowship following the Mass celebrating the Immaculate Conception of Our Lady.

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.

Pick up your Betsy Ann Candy

A reminder to pick up your Betsy Ann Candy order in Room 102 of the Parish Hall today after both Masses.

FNE: Local Honey for Sale Next Sunday

After both Masses next Sunday, December 10, the Federation of North American Explorer group will be selling local, organic honey. All proceeds will go to the group whose mission is authentically Catholic scouting in Pittsburgh. Cash, check and PayPal accepted.

St. Nicholas Party Dec. 10th

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Nicholas party in the school gym Sunday, December 10th, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck, St. Nicholas themed treat bags, craft table to make Christmas cards for those in need and a visit with St. Nicholas! All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there! Please RSVP and sign up for the potluck at: mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/145633

Votive Candle Increase

As with all costs nowadays, the price for votive candle inserts has gone up dramatically since the parish started in July 2019. There have been three increases by our supplier during the past three years, and while most parishes in the diocese raised their donation to \$5/candle long ago, Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish continued with the original donation request of \$3/candle. With rising prices, however, the parish can no longer offer candles at this amount. **Effective today (Dec. 3) the votive candle donation has increased to \$5/candle.** The parish regrets the need to make this adjustment, but hopes you understand the decision to do so.

Never Received a Flocknote?

Have you signed up for the parish Flocknote email system, but have never received any emails from us? Most likely the problem is that those emails really are being sent to you, but are ending up in your "Spam" folder. This can be remedied by adding "mail@flocknote.com" to your "contact list" or "trusted senders list". Try visiting this webpage, which gives simple instructions on how to do that on several popular email systems: tinyurl.com/flocknotehelp. Even easier, visit the parish website (MPBOJ.com), where you can find a link to that information.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

This Friday, December 8th, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holyday of Obligation. Masses are at **noon and 7 p.m.** The parish office will be closed in observance of the feast day.

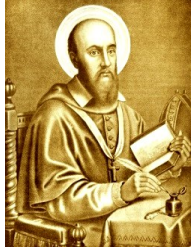
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Confession

(Book 2, Chapter 19—Part 1)

Our Savior has bequeathed the Sacrament of Penitence and Confession to His Church, in order that therein we may be cleansed from all our sins, however and whenever we may have been soiled thereby. Therefore, my child, never allow your heart to abide heavy with sin, seeing that there is so sure and safe a remedy at hand. If the li-oness has been in the neighborhood of other beasts she hastens to wash away their scent, lest it should be displeasing to her lord; and so the soul which has ever so little consented to sin, ought to abhor itself and make haste to seek purification, out of respect to His Divine Gaze Who beholds it always. Why should we die a spiritual death when there is



a sovereign remedy available?

Make your confession humbly and devoutly every week, and always, if you can, before communicating, even although your conscience is not burdened with mortal sin; for in confession you do not only receive absolution for your venial sins, but you also receive great strength to help you in avoiding them henceforth, clearer light to discover your failings, and abundant grace to make up whatever loss you have incurred through those faults. You exercise the graces of humility, obedience, simplicity and love, and by this one act of confession you practice more virtue than in any other.

Be sure always to entertain a hearty sorrow for the sins you confess, however small they are; as also a steadfast resolution to correct them in future. Some people go on confessing venial sins out of mere habit, and conventionally, without making any effort to correct them, thereby losing a great deal of spiritual good. Supposing that you confess having said something untrue, although without evil consequences, or some careless words, or excessive amusement;—repent, and make a firm resolution of amendment: it is a mere abuse to confess any sin whatever, be it mortal or venial, without intending to put it altogether away, that being the express object of confession.

Beware of unmeaning self-accusations, made out of a mere routine, such as, “I have not loved God as much as I ought; I have not prayed with as much devotion as I ought; I have not loved my neighbor as I ought; I have not received the Sacraments with sufficient reverence;” and the like. Such things as these are altogether useless in setting the state of your conscience before your Confessor, inasmuch as all the Saints in Paradise and all men living would say the same. But examine closely what special reason you have for accusing yourself thus, and when you have discovered it, accuse yourself simply and plainly of your fault. For instance, when confessing that you have not loved your neighbor as you ought, it may be that what you mean is, that having seen some one in great want whom you could have helped, you have failed to do so. Well then, accuse yourself of that special omission: say, “Having come across a person in need, I did not help him as I might have done,” either through negligence, or hardness, or indifference, according as the case may be. So again, do not accuse yourself of not having prayed to God with sufficient devotion; but if you have given way to voluntary distractions, or if you have neglected the proper circumstances of devout prayer—whether place, time, or attitude—say so plainly, just as it is, and do not deal in generalities, which, so to say, blow neither hot nor cold. *(To be continued)*



Immaculate Conception Novena Continues this Week

The Immaculate Conception Novena, whose theme this year is “The Biblical Prefiguration of Our Lady”, continues for another four evenings. The schedule of preachers and their topics:

- Monday: Canon Bourgeois, “Ruth”
- Tuesday: Canon James Hoogerwerf, “Judith”
- Wednesday: Canon Avis, “Esther”
- Thursday: Bishop William Waltersheid, “Miriam”

The Novena Masses are at 7 p.m. each evening, followed by the Litany of Loreto, Novena Prayer, and *Tota Pulchra Es*.

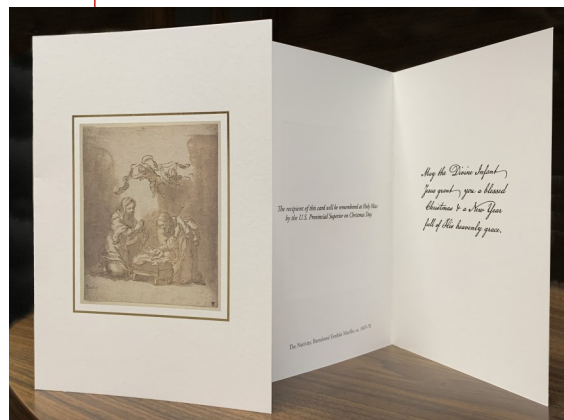
Church Christmas Decorating Day Saturday, December 16th beginning at 1:00 p.m.

until we finish, or you need to leave.

'Tis the season to work together! Make memories and new friends while helping to decorate the church for Christmas! If you have a talent for holiday decorating, assembling trees, hanging lights or garland, assembling the creche, or making the church spotless in anticipation of the Christ Child's birth, please take time to help. Any adult, or anyone in high school, with their parent, is welcome to come to help! This is terrific opportunity to have fun while helping the parish.

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 U.S. 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.

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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