



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Septuagesima Sunday

January 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

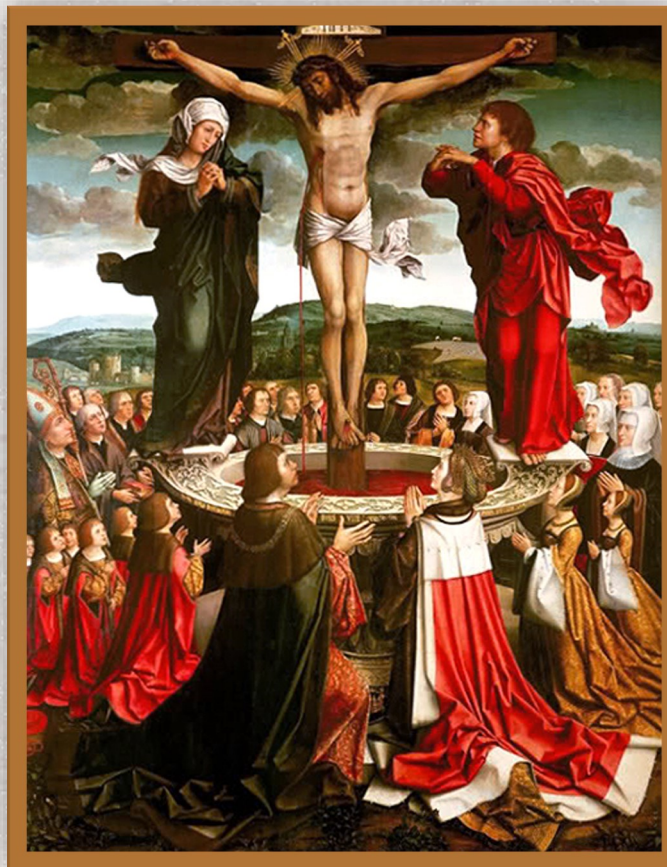
Confession Schedule

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, January 28, 2024

Septuagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

- 8AM LMO *Pro populo*
11AM HM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Children,
Spouses & Grandchildren (Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Capone)
Processional: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (pg. 89)
Recessional: Come Holy Ghost (pg. 57)

Monday, January 29, 2024 *Plenary Indulgence*

St. Francis DeSales, 1st Class—White

- 12PM LMO Living & Deceased of Capitani & Ladich
Families (Lou & Judy Talarico)

Tuesday, January 30, 2024

St. Martina, 3rd Class—Red

- 12PM LM + Manuel & Lamar Salas
(David & Susan Zigarovich)
7PM LM + Living & Deceased members of my Family
(Valerie Hensel)

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

St. John Bosco, 3rd Class—White

- 12PM LM + Diane Valencia (Bob Pacacha)

Thursday, February 1, 2024 *First Thursday*

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

Commemoration of St. Ignatius of Antioch

- 12PM LM The Stickman Family (Steve & Adrienne Zink)
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
9PM Compline

Friday, February 2, 2024 *First Friday*

Purification of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

- 12PM LM + Marty Bendiksen (Beverly Bendiksen)
7PM HM + Blake Kantz (Brenda Briola)

Saturday, February 3, 2024 *First Saturday*

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

Commemoration of St. Blaise

- 9AM LM Elizabeth Warner (Warner Family)

Sunday, January 4, 2024

Sexagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

- 8AM LMO + Dorothy & Edward Kinslow
(Joseph & Sandra Wilson)
11AM HM *Pro populo*
Processional: Lord Jesus, Think on Me
Recessional: Faith of Our Fathers

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 21, 2024

Offertory	\$8,181.00
Parish Appeal 2023	\$473.00
Parish Improvement	\$1,122.00
St. Anthony School	\$1,209.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 480; 11AM 397; Total 877

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. The next meeting is set for February 3rd and the topic will be *Examination of Conscience*. 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 Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

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. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

The Saint Valentine's Day Dance is back! On **Saturday, Feb. 10th**, enjoy a night of professional dance instruction, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and more! Tickets are a \$30 donation and include one admission and two adult beverages. This very popular event is expected to sell out, so plan to purchase your tickets early! Ticket sales will continue until Feb. 4th at the latest, after both Sunday Masses



and in the gym during Catechism classes. Please contact heather.farah@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Special Events This Week

- **Feast of St. Francis de Sales** (*patron of the Institute*)—Monday, Jan. 29—Low Mass with organ at noon. A plenary indulgence may be obtained under the usual conditions.
- **Candlemas Day**—Friday, Feb. 2—Blessing and procession of candles & High Mass at 7 p.m.
- **St. Blaise**—Saturday, Feb. 3—St. Blaise blessing of throats after the 9 a.m. Mass.

Palms Wanted

The parish is collecting your blessed palms to burn and use on Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024). Please place your palms in the collection bins located in the church entrances until February 11th.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent begins in 17 days, on February 14th.

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
6. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. Attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

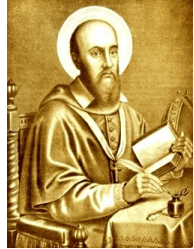
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Patience

(Book 3, Chapter 3—Part 1)

"Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the Will of God, ye might receive the promise," says Saint Paul; and the Savior said, "In your patience possess ye your souls." The greatest happiness of any one is "to possess his soul;" and the more perfect our patience, the more fully we do so possess our souls. Call often to mind that our Savior redeemed us by bearing and suffering, and in like manner we must seek our own salvation amid sufferings and afflictions; bearing insults, contradictions and troubles with all the gentleness we can possibly command. Do not limit your



patience to this or that kind of trial, but extend it universally to whatever God may send, or allow to befall you. Some people will only bear patiently with trials which carry their own salve of dignity—such as being wounded in battle, becoming a prisoner of war, being ill-used for the sake of their religion, being impoverished by some strife out of which they came triumphant. Now these persons do not love tribulation, but only the honor which attends it. A really patient servant of God is as ready to bear inglorious troubles as those which are honorable. A brave man can easily bear with contempt, slander and false accusation from an evil world; but to bear such injustice at the hands of good men, of friends and relations, is a great test of patience. I have a greater respect for the gentleness with which the great Saint Charles Borromeo long endured the public reproaches which a celebrated preacher of a reformed Order used to pour out upon him, than for all the other attacks he bore with. For, just as the sting of a bee hurts far more than that of a fly, so the injuries or contradictions we endure from good people are much harder to bear than any others. But it is a thing which very often happens, and sometimes two worthy men, who are both highly well-intentioned after their own fashion, annoy and even persecute one another grievously.

Be patient, not only with respect to the main trials which beset you, but also under the accidental and accessory annoyances which arise out of them. We often find people who imagine themselves ready to accept a trial in itself who are impatient of its consequences. We hear one man say, "I should not mind poverty, were it not that I am unable to bring up my children and receive my friends as handsomely as I desire." And another says, "I should not mind, were it not that the world will suppose it is my own fault;" while another would patiently bear to be the subject of slander provided nobody believed it. Others, again, accept one side of a trouble but fret against the rest—as, for instance, believing themselves to be patient under sickness, only fretting against their inability to obtain the best advice, or at the inconvenience they are to their friends. But, dear child, be sure that we must patiently accept, not sickness only, but such sickness as God chooses to send, in the place, among the people, and subject to the circumstances which He ordains—and so with all other troubles. If any trouble comes upon you, use the remedies with which God supplies you. Not to do this is to tempt Him; but having done so, wait whatever result He wills with perfect resignation. If He pleases to let the evil be remedied, thank Him humbly; but if it be His will that the evil grow greater than the remedies, patiently bless His Holy Name.

Follow Saint Gregory's advice: When you are justly blamed for some fault you have committed, humble yourself deeply, and confess that you deserve the blame. If the accusation be false, defend yourself quietly, denying the fact; this is but due respect for truth and your neighbor's edification. But if after you have made your true and legitimate defense you are still accused, do not be troubled, and do not try to press your defense—you have had due respect for truth, have the same now for humility. By acting thus you will not infringe either a due care for your good name, or the affection you are bound to entertain for peace, humility and gentleness of heart.

Complain as little as possible of your wrongs, for as a general rule you may be sure that complaining is sin; the rather that self-love always magnifies our injuries: above all, do not complain to people who are easily angered and excited. If it is needful to complain to some one, either as seeking a remedy for your injury, or in order to soothe your mind, let it be to some calm, gentle spirit, greatly filled with the Love of God; for otherwise, instead of relieving your heart, your confidants will only provoke it to still greater disturbance; instead of taking out the thorn which pricks you, they will drive it further into your foot. *(To be continued.)*

Little Sisters of the Poor Collecting Feb. 4

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after both Masses next weekend to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. They are counting on your continued support. Church collection donations can also be given online at www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org, or by scanning the QR code at right.

If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity or to volunteer, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several positions open, including CNAs and RNs, as well as volunteer opportunities.



Donation Summaries

In an effort to save personnel time and postage expense, the parish will not routinely send 2023 end-of-year donation summaries to parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you do need a summary for tax purposes, please contact the parish office by email (office@mpboj.com) or by phone (412-761-1508) to request a statement. Faith Direct automatically provides end-of-year statements to those who utilize that on-line giving option. As always, your financial support of the parish during 2023 is most appreciated. We were able to make quite of number of improvements this past year, thanks to those who give so generously to Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish.

Aquinas Academy Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's K - 12 Admissions Open House on **Saturday, February 10**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and see how Aquinas Academy's academic and virtue programs can form your child to succeed in school and life. Leslie Mitros, Head of School, will give a presentation and families will have an opportunity to tour campus and meet teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. Lunch will be available for visiting families. Register online at www.AquinasAcademy.info or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722x15, or email austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org.

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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