



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Sunday After
Ascension**

May 12, 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

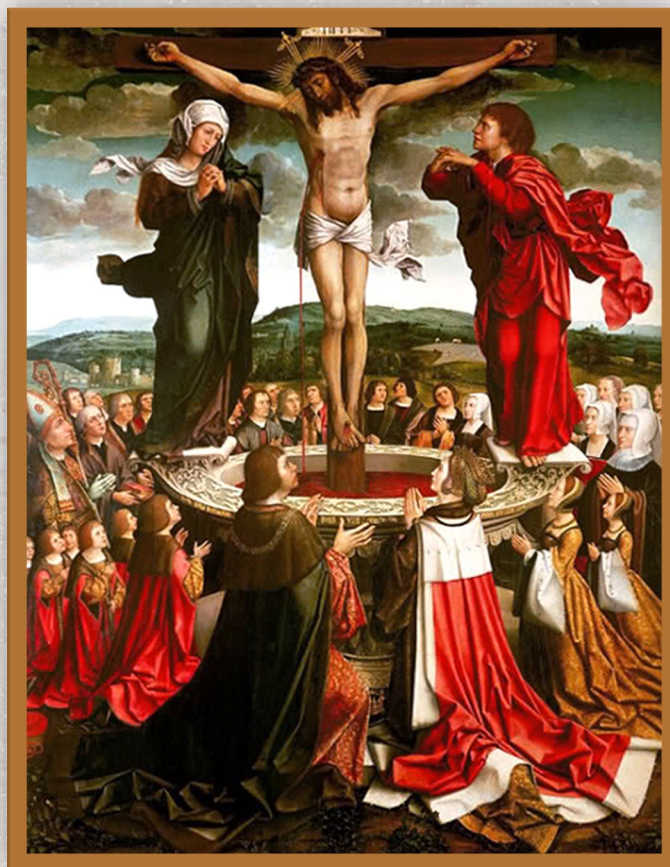
Confession Schedule

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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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, May 12, 2024 *Mother's Day*
Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
11AM HM George & Jill Wright-Anniversary (Family)
Processional: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Recessional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Monday, May 13, 2024

St. Robert Bellarmine, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Paras Family (Family)

Tuesday, May 14, 2024

St. Boniface, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM William McCloy Sr. (Bill McCloy)
7PM LM Spiritual & Temp. Welfare of Helen Kish
(Robert Kish Family)

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

St. John Baptiste de la Salle, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Mike Cavanaugh (Jim Stiveson)

Thursday, May 16, 2024

St. Ubaldus, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Blake Fenwick (Jacob Wilson)
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
9PM Compline

Friday, May 17, 2024 *Infant King Novena begins*

St. Paschal Baylon, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Maria Rikk (Christian Mothers)

Saturday, May 18, 2024

Vigil of Pentecost, 1st Class—Violet/Red

10AM HM + Edward R. Falvo, Jr. (Falvo Family)
7PM Matins

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday, 1st Class—Red

8AM LMO + Deceased Members of Moore Family-John,
Pat & Sons, Tim, Tom, & Tynan (Terry Moore)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Recessional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Offertory \$10,553.00
Parish Appeal..... \$765.00
Food Pantry..... \$10.00
Mother's Day Remembrance..... \$1,095.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 493; 11AM 458; Total 951

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.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 for more information.

****The Quarterly meeting for the RLG is May 16th at 6PM in the school building. Refreshments will be served. Collaboration and exchange of ideas will take place around the pro-life bulletin boards during this meeting. ****

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 José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Mass Intentions Are Now Closed

All Mass intentions for the remainder of calendar year 2024 have now been reserved. Watch for an announcement in early fall, when the Mass intention calendar for 2025 will be opened to accept your requests.

Men's Night May 17th

This Friday, May 17th at 6:30 p.m., the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish school building. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring snack food, drinks, or a few dollars to defray expenses. The basketball court, bowling alley, and pool table will be open. Please RSVP to Mike Konopelski via email to mike.konopelski@gmail.com.

Homeschool Graduation Mass June 22nd

If you have a homeschooler graduating this year and would like to participate in the Homeschool Graduation Mass, please contact Jennifer Sikora at jennsi@comcast.net before June 1st. The Mass will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday June 22nd.

Baby Blessing Box

Our parish Respect Life Group is happy to announce that our "Baby Blessing Box" is now in place at the corner of California Ave. and Antrim St., by the school, and ready to be filled with baby items for needy moms—items such as diapers, travel wipes, formula, small blankets, onesies, sleepers, etc. Be involved in our parish pro-life work by bringing items to church where you will find receptacles in both church entrances. Thank you!



Parish Picnic – Tickets On Sale

This year's Memorial Day Picnic will be on Sunday, May 26th, from 2 until 10 p.m., at a new location—Holy Trinity Serbian Picnic Grounds in Castle Shannon. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families, and may be purchased by going to mpbojtickets.com or by scanning the QR code at right. Tickets will also be sold at church, after both Sunday Masses from today until the 26th.



We will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup and more. If you are willing and able to help, contact Mike at mike.konopelski@gmail.com.

End of the Catechism Year

Today marks the completion of the 2023/2024 Catechism school year. Blessings be upon the families that participate in the program (including the parents' toil in cleaning up the gym each week), and gracious thanks to the catechists, aides and substitute teachers who devote so much time and effort to instructing an ever-growing number of children.

With the completion of classes, the calendar now enters the "donut desert", with no coffee or donuts after the Low Mass on Sundays for the rest of May. But despair not, because on June 2, Summer Coffee & Donuts will return, thanks to the devoted efforts of Mr. Mark Graham.

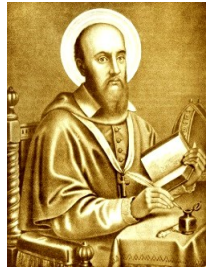
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How to Maintain Purity

(Book 3, Chapter 13)

Be exceedingly quick in turning aside from the slightest thing leading to impurity, for it is an evil which approaches stealthily, and in which the very smallest beginnings are apt to grow rapidly. It is always easier to fly from such evils than to cure them.



Human bodies are like glasses, which cannot come into collision without risk of breaking; or to fruits, which, however fresh and ripe, are damaged by pressure. Never permit any one to take any manner of foolish liberty with you, since, although there may be no evil intention, the perfectness of purity is injured thereby.

Purity has its source in the heart, but it is in the body that its material results take shape, and therefore it may be forfeited both by the exterior senses and by the thoughts and desires of the heart. All lack of modesty in seeing, hearing, speaking, smelling, or touching, is impurity, especially when the heart takes pleasure therein. Saint Paul says without any hesitation that impurity and uncleanness, or foolish and unseemly talking, are not to be "so much as named" among Christians. The bee not only shuns all carrion, but abhors and flies far from the faintest smell proceeding therefrom. The Bride of the Canticles is represented with "hands dropping with myrrh," a preservative against all corruption; her "lips are like a thread of scarlet," the type of modest words; her eyes are "dove's eyes, "clear and soft; her "nose is as the tower of Lebanon which looketh towards Damascus" an incorruptible wood; her ears are hung with earrings of pure gold; and even so the devout soul should be pure, honest and transparent in hand, lip, eye, ear, and the whole body.

Remember that there are things which blemish perfect purity, without being in themselves downright acts of impurity. Anything which tends to lessen its intense sensitiveness, or to cast the slightest shadow over it, is of this nature; and all evil thoughts or foolish acts of levity or heedlessness are as steps towards the most direct breaches of the law of chastity. Avoid the society of persons who are wanting in purity, especially if they are bold, as indeed impure people always are. If a foul animal licks the sweet almond tree its fruit becomes bitter; and so a corrupt pestilential man can scarcely hold communication with others, whether men or women, without damaging their perfect purity--their very glance is venomous, and their breath blighting like the basilisk. On the other hand, seek out good and pure men, read and ponder holy things; for the Word of God is pure, and it will make those pure who study it: wherefore David likens it to gold and precious stones. Always abide close to Jesus Christ Crucified, both spiritually in meditation and actually in Holy Communion; for as all those who sleep upon the plant called Agnus castus become pure and chaste, so, if you rest your heart upon Our Dear Lord, the Very Lamb, Pure and Immaculate, you will find that soon both heart and soul will be purified of all spot or stain.

Second Collection Next Week

The diocesan second collection next Sunday, May 19th is for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, and the Church in Africa.

The Vigil of Pentecost

As you are no doubt aware, the Institute employs the "pre-1955" liturgical books for Holy Week. This extends to the liturgy of the Vigil of Pentecost as contained in those books--this year to include the reception of new Catholics into the Church.

From ancient times, the sacrament of Baptism was celebrated on the Feast of Pentecost as on Easter; this following the example of the Apostle Peter, who baptized three thousand persons on Pentecost day. This custom is expressed in the liturgy of the Vigil of Pentecost, which resembles, in a briefer manner, the rites of the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday.

The rite begins in the penitential color, violet. There is no blessing of a Paschal fire, nor lighting of the triple candle or Paschal candle, nor singing of the *Exsultet*. Rather, the vigil begins with the prophecies; there are a mere six, rather than the 12 of Easter, and in a different order. After the sixth prophecy, the blessing of the baptismal font is repeated, changing only the prayer at the beginning. At this point, the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation are conferred on the new Catholics.

Following this, the Litany of the Saints is sung. During the Litany, the major ministers return to the sacristy and change to red vestments for the Mass, rather than the white of Easter. Other rites of the Easter vigil are repeated at this vigil Mass; there is no Introit, and the bells are rung at the *Gloria in Excelsis*. The Collect of the Mass refers to the baptismal character of this celebration even more clearly than that of the Easter Vigil Mass. After the Alleluia of the Mass is sung the same Tract which was sung at Easter Vigil. A further reference to the baptisms done during the rite is found in the Canon of the Mass, in which the proper *Hanc Igitur* of Easter is said. This text speaks of those whom the Lord "[has] deigned to regenerate of water and the Holy Spirit, granting to them remission of their sins."

The Vigil of Pentecost at our parish will begin at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 18th. That evening, at 7 p.m., the Matins of Pentecost will be chanted in the church. It is the major canonical hour of the liturgy. For Pentecost and its octave, it is sung in an abbreviated form.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 18 (10 a.m.): Vigil of Pentecost Mass -- reception of converts into the Church; 7 p.m. Matins of Pentecost

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost

Sunday, May 26: Memorial Day Picnic

Saturday, June 1: Father Stephen Wetzel, First Mass & reception

Sunday, June 2 (11 a.m.): Corpus Christi Mass & procession

Saturday, June 22 (11 a.m.): Homeschoolers Graduation Mass

June 27 - 29 (Thurs. - Sat.): St. Veronica's Guild training session

Monday, July 1 (6:30 p.m.): 5th anniversary of the parish; Solemn High Mass and reception

Gregory the Great Academy Highlander Camp

June 22 - June 29, 2024, for rising 7th and 8th graders. Join us as the woods and hills of northeastern Pennsylvania become the Scottish Highlands! Registration is available at gregorythegreatacademy.org/summercamp/. Activities include: axe-throwing competition, archery competition, knife-throwing competition, Highland games, boat building and naval battle. As well as, sunrise hikes, Natural History lessons, poem and song memorization. If you have any questions contact Mr. Smith at csmith@gregorythegreatacademy.com /703-901-5415.

The Holy Cross Weather Blessing

From May 3rd to Sept. 14th (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross), our canons give a blessing after Low Masses asking **God's protection against violent storms** that frequently occur during the summer months. The blessing is conferred with a relic of the True Cross. Copies of the prayer, in Latin and English, are found at the side entrance of the church.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the year, announced in the bulletin in advance of each such 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.

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.

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.

Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

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

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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