

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

Trinity Sunday

May 26, A.D. 2024



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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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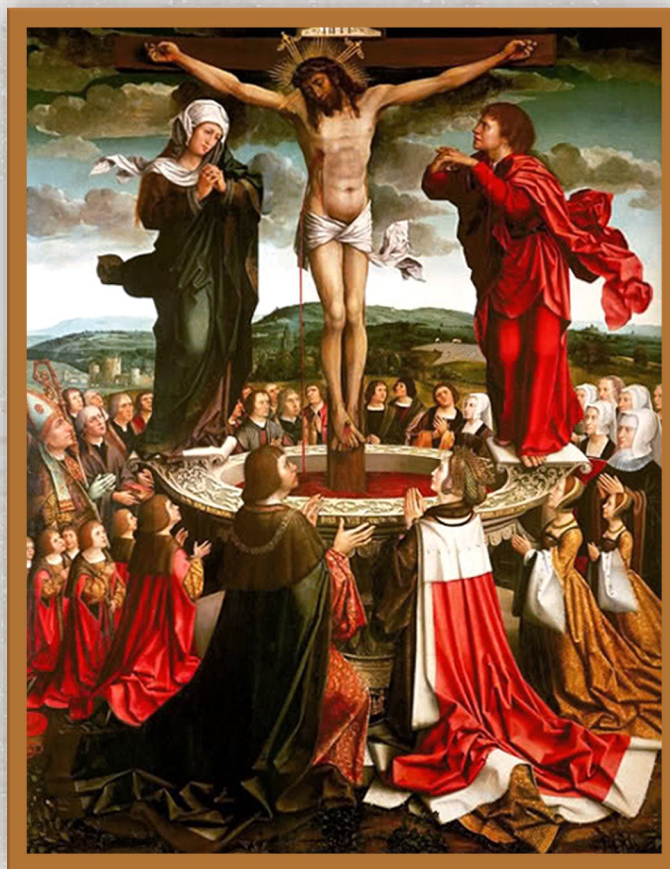
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1-800-932-0313

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 26, 2024

Trinity Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO Living & Deceased of Aul & Greb Families
(Jack & Mary Lou Aul & Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: O God, Almighty Father (pg. 79)

Recessional: Holy God We Praise Thy Name (pg. 68)

Monday, May 27, 2024 *Memorial Day*

St. Bede the Venerable, 3rd Class—White

*9AM LM + Maria Rikk (Christian Mothers)

Tuesday, May 28, 2024

St. Augustine of Canterbury, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Matthew & Kelly Keeny-Wedding Anniversary
(Family)

7PM LM + Roseanna C. Henchar (Alice Steigerwald)

Wednesday, May 29, 2024

St. Mary Magdalen dei Pazzi, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Kurt Schurer (Herman Marini III)

Thursday, May 30, 2024

Corpus Christi, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Thank you— St. Joseph (D'Souza Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, May 31, 2024

Queenship of Mary, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Petronilla

12PM LMO Jacob & Andrea Novak-Wedding
(Christine Novak)

Saturday, June 1, 2024 *First Saturday*

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

Commemoration of St. Angela Merici

9AM LM Sean-Michael Nypaver-Ordination to the
Priesthood (Nypaver Family)

Sunday, June 2, 2024

External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO + Fred & Alberta Yochum (Son)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All

Recessional: Hail True Victim

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, May 19, 2024

Offertory \$7,468.00

Parish Appeal..... \$136.00

Parish Improvement..... \$10.00

Catholic Relief Services \$1,355.00

Memorial Day Remembrance..... \$30.00

Faith Direct Report (April 16 – 30, 2024)

Offertory \$14,968.90

Offertory (Ascension)..... \$255.00

Parish Appeal 2024..... \$1,011.00

Parish Improvement..... \$734.00

Catholic Relief..... \$35.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 439; 11AM 339; Total 778

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

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this 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 May/June RLG newsletter is available in the church entrances, please feel free to take a copy.

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 June 1 meeting topic: "St. Anthony, Hammer of Heretics."

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.

Join us on Sunday, June 2nd for our Sursum Corda Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at Cadillac Ranch, 1060 Settlers Ridge Center Dr.

Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh

The Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh (CHEP) group was formed to offer free informal social & exercise opportunities for K-12 traditional catholic homeschooling families and co-ops alike but is open to all people of good faith. We meet every week in the region between Pittsburgh and Greensburg. For more information, please contact us at: catholichomeschoolers@protonmail.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 jenssi@comcast.net before Saturday, June 1. The Mass will be at 11:00 am on Saturday June 22nd.

Two Priestly Ordinations

Deacon Stephen Michael Wetzel, FSSP, a native of Delmont, will be ordained to the Holy Priesthood later this month. Deacon Wetzel is the son of parishioners James & Theresa Wetzel.

You are cordially invited to attend Father Wetzel's **First Mass of Thanksgiving** at our parish on **Saturday, June 1st at 1 p.m.** Following Mass, Father Wetzel will give First Blessings in the church. All are then invited to a Dinner Reception in the Parish Center Gym. **To attend the dinner, please RSVP by Friday, May 24th to swetzel@olgseminary.org.**

Congratulations, best wishes and prayers as well for **Deacon Sean-Michael Nypaver**, who will be ordained to the priesthood on June 1st for the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia. Deacon Nypaver is the son of Tom & Carol Nypaver of our parish.

Parish Picnic Today

The Memorial Day Picnic is today, from 2 until 10 p.m., at a new location—Holy Trinity Serbian Picnic Grounds in Castle Shannon. Address is 1450 Hamilton Rd, Pittsburgh, PA 15234. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families, and may be purchased by going to mpbojtickets.com or by scanning the QR code. Tickets will be sold at church after both Masses today.



Please bring a side dish to share:

If your last name begins with A-I, bring a starch dish

If your last name begins with J-Q, bring a fruit or vegetable dish

If your last name begins with R-Z, bring a dessert

No Coffee or Donuts Today

There will be no coffee or donuts after the Low Mass today. They will return next Sunday, June 2nd and continue through August.

Memorial Day Mass at 9 a.m.

Please note that Mass on Memorial Day, Monday May 27th is at **9 a.m.**; there is no noon Mass.

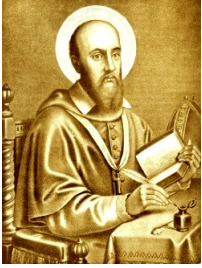
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How to Exercise Real Poverty, Although Actually Rich

(Book 3, Chapter 15)

The painter Parrhasius drew an ingenious and imaginative representation of the Athenians, ascribing sundry opposite qualities to them, calling them at once capricious, irascible, unjust, inconstant, courteous, merciful, compassionate, haughty, vain-glorious, humble, boastful, and cowardly;—and for my part, dear daughter, I would fain see united in your heart both riches and poverty, a great care and a great contempt for temporal things.



Do you take much greater pains than is the wont of worldly men to make your riches useful and fruitful? Are not the gardeners of a prince more diligent in cultivating and beautifying the royal gardens than if they were their own? Wherefore?

Surely because these gardens are the king's, to whom his gardeners would fain render an acceptable service. My child, our possessions are not ours,—God has given them to us to cultivate, that we may make them fruitful and profitable in His Service, and so doing we shall please Him. And this we must do more earnestly than worldly men, for they look carefully after their property out of self-love, and we must work for the love of God. Now self-love is a restless, anxious, over-eager love, and so the work done on its behalf is troubled, vexatious, and unsatisfactory;—whereas the love of God is calm, peaceful, and tranquil, and so the work done for its sake, even in worldly things, is gentle, trustful, and quiet. Let us take such a quiet care to preserve, and even when practicable to increase, our temporal goods, according to the duties of our position,—this is acceptable to God for His Love's Sake.

But beware that you be not deceived by self-love, for sometimes it counterfeits the Love of God so cleverly that you may mistake one for the other. To avoid this, and to prevent a due care for your temporal interests from degenerating into avarice, it is needful often to practice a real poverty amid the riches with which God has endowed you.

To this end always dispose of a part of your means by giving them heartily to the poor; you impoverish yourself by whatever you give away. It is true that God will restore it to you, not only in the next world, but in this, for nothing brings so much temporal prosperity as free almsgiving, but meanwhile, you are sensibly poorer for what you give. Truly that is a holy and rich poverty which results from almsgiving.

Love the poor and poverty,—this love will make you truly poor, since, as Holy Scripture says, we become like to that we love. Love makes lovers equal. "Who is weak and I am not weak?" says St. Paul? He might have said, Who is poor and I am not poor? for it was love which made him like to those he loved; and so, if you love the poor, you will indeed share their poverty, and be poor like them.

And if you love the poor, seek them out, take pleasure in bringing them to your home, and in going to theirs, talk freely with them, and be ready to meet them, whether in Church or elsewhere. Let your tongue be poor with them in converse, but let your hands be rich to distribute out of your abundance. Are you prepared to go yet further, my child? not to stop at being poor like the poor, but even poorer still? The servant is not so great as his lord; do you be the servant of the poor, tend their sickbed with your own hands, be their cook, their needlewoman. O my child, such servitude is more glorious than royalty! How touchingly Saint Louis, one of the greatest of kings, fulfilled this duty; serving the poor in their own houses, and daily causing three to eat at his own table, often himself eating the remains of their food in his loving humility. In his frequent visits to the hospitals he would select those afflicted with the most loathsome diseases, ulcers, cancer, and the like; and these he would tend, kneeling down and bare-headed, beholding the Savior of the world in them, and cherishing them with all the tenderness of a mother's love. Saint Elizabeth of Hungary used to mix freely with the poor, and liked to dress in their homely garments amid her gay ladies. Surely these royal personages were poor amid their riches and rich in poverty.

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven. In

the Day of Judgment the King of prince and peasant will say to them, "I was hungry, and ye gave Me meat, I was naked, and ye clothed Me; come, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Everybody finds themselves sometimes deficient in what they need, and put to inconvenience. A guest whom we would fain receive honorably arrives, and we cannot entertain him as we would; we want our costly apparel in one place, and it all happens to be somewhere else: all the wine in our cellar suddenly turns sour: we find ourselves accidentally in some country place where everything is wanting, room, bed, food, attendance: in short, the richest people may easily be without something they want, and that is practically to suffer poverty. Accept such occurrences cheerfully, rejoice in them, bear them willingly. Again, if you are impoverished much or little by unforeseen events, such as storm, flood, fire, drought, theft, or lawsuit; then is the real time to practice poverty, accepting the loss quietly, and adapting yourself patiently to your altered circumstances. Esau and Jacob both came to their father with hairy hands, but the hair on Jacob's hands did not grow from his skin, and could be torn off without pain; while that on Esau's hands being the natural growth of his skin, he would have cried out and resisted if any one had torn it off. So if our possessions are very close to our heart, and storm or thief tear them away, we shall break forth in impatient murmurs and lamentations. But if we only cleave to them with that solicitude which God wills us to have, and not with our whole heart, we shall see them rent away without losing our sense of calmness. This is just the difference between the clothing of men and beasts; the beast's clothing grows on its flesh, and man's is only laid on so that it may be laid aside at will.

The Curé of Ars, the Musical

Saint Genesis of Rome Theater Group presents Dr. John W. Vitz's *The Curé of Ars, The Musical*. Based on the life of Saint John Vianney, this magnificent musical features the original setting of 19 fantastic vocal songs. The performances will be held at **Holy Family Manor**, 301 Bellevue Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15229 at **7:00pm on Thursday, June 13th, Friday, June 14th, and Saturday, June 15th**. The suggested donation is **\$5 per person**, with free admission for clergy, religious, seminarians, and children 10 and under. For more information, please contact Jude Young at 412-491-4415 or judeyoung4321@gmail.com.

National Eucharistic Pilgrimage

The National Eucharistic Pilgrimage will be passing through the Diocese of Pittsburgh June 12-19 on its way to the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis. Fourteen young Catholic adults, including two priests, two seminarians, four religious, as well as four laywomen and two laymen, will accompany Our Eucharistic Lord through a number of our parishes. Please go to the Diocesan website (diopitt.org/eucharisticprocessionschedule) to see the pilgrimage itinerary. You are invited to participate in any of the Masses, Holy Hours and processions to honor and celebrate Jesus Christ truly present in the Holy Eucharist.

Upcoming Events

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

Seven Sisters Apostolate

Seven Sisters Apostolate is seeking two additional women to pray a holy hour for our priests weekly on either Wednesday or Saturday, beginning the week of June 7th. The holy hour can be prayed at any parish church, at any time on the committed day. One time Adoration substitutes are also needed: sevensistersapostolate.org. Please contact Mary Catherine D'Souza for more information or to volunteer: marycatherinemullins@gmail.com.

To All of Our Guests...

The Canons and faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you to our parish and to the Traditional Mass, celebrated in accordance with the classical Roman Liturgy. This personal parish was established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019, the feast of *The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*. Our parishioners come from all over the diocese for the prayerful tranquility of the Traditional Mass.

According to liturgical tradition, Holy Communion is received on the tongue, kneeling at the communion rail. Reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, so only practicing Catholics, free from mortal sin and who have observed the Eucharistic fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. Visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join in prayer, but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Those who need a low gluten Host should inform the usher, as they approach the Communion rail at the end of the distribution line for Holy Communion.

For more information about the parish, or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, please contact the Parish Office 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 Parish Office prior to the baby's birth, to begin arrangements.

Holy Matrimony: Couples planning to marry at the parish must contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance, to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation instructions.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: School age students receive First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation as part of our Catechism Program. Please see the parish website for information regarding registration.

Extreme Unction/Anointing of the Sick: If you need the assistance of a priest for someone who is dying, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, listen to the prompts and select option #1.

Funerals: The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

Sacramental Certificates: Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives Office (412-456-3158 or archives@diopitt.org). If the sacrament was received after July 1, 2019 at MPBOJ, contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

New Catholics Welcomed at the Vigil of Pentecost During the Vigil of Pentecost on April 18th, eight adults were received into the Church, each now having received the sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion, and three children received the sacrament of Baptism.

