



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

### External Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 2, 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

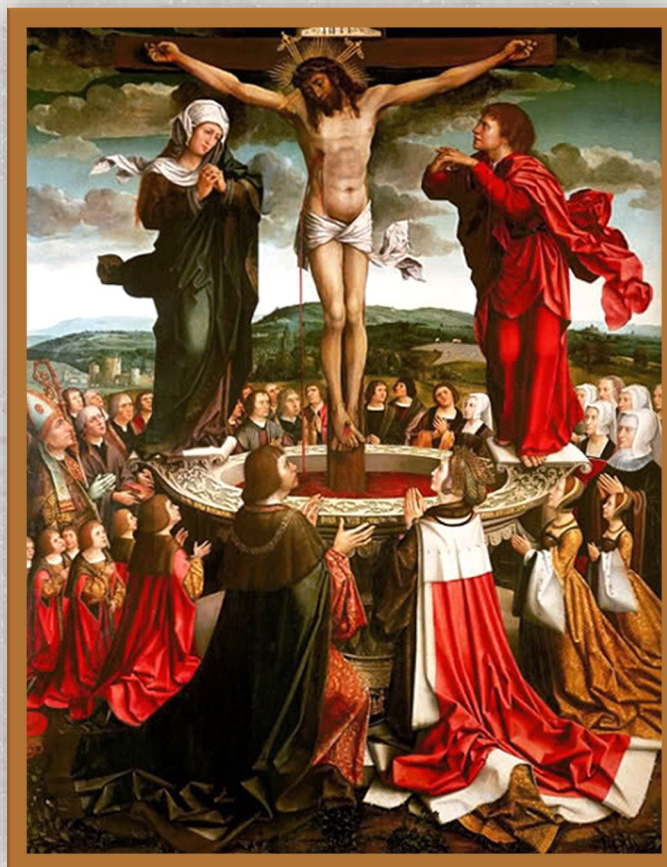
#### **Confession Schedule**

Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am  
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am  
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm  
Saturday: 8-8:45am

*Please consult the Liturgical Schedule on page 2 for particular modifications to this standard 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



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## Liturgical Schedule

### 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 (pg. 74)

Recessional: Hail True Victim (pg. 111)

### Monday, June 3, 2024

**Feria (from 2nd Sunday after Pentecost), 4th Class—Green**

12PM LM + Fr. Alvin Gutierrez (Sue Sherwin)

### Tuesday, June 4, 2024

**St. Francis Caracciolo, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM + Fr. Ralph Gillis (Jacob Wilson)

7PM LM + Edward & Eleanor Laffey (Lynne Badstibner)

### Wednesday, June 5, 2024

**St. Boniface, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM + Family & Friends (Donna Hastings)

### Thursday, June 6, 2024 *First Thursday*

**Votive Mass of Jesus Eternal High Priest, 3rd Cl.—White**

*Commemoration of St. Norbert*

12PM LM + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Kelch Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### Friday, June 7, 2024 *First Friday*

**The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1st Class—White**

12PM LMO + Raymond, Tillie & Bob Pasierb (Nick Logan)

7PM LM Nalleena T. Urso (Family)

### Saturday, June 8, 2024

**Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White**

9AM LM + William Gloff (Gloff Family)

### Sunday, June 9, 2024

**External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, 2nd Class—White**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Eli J. Olson (Susan Fischer)

Processional: To Jesus' Heart All Burning

Recessional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, May 26, 2024*

Offertory ..... \$13,229.25

Memorial Day Remembrance ..... \$464.00

Fathers' Day Remembrance ..... \$20.00

Catholic Relief Services ..... \$10.00

*Faith Direct Report (May 1 – 15, 2024)*

Offertory ..... \$10,398.85

Parish Appeal 2024 ..... \$3,380.00

Parish Improvement ..... \$1,130.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 475; 11AM 348; Total 823*

### 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](http://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](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) or 724-650-5767 for more information.

**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](mailto: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 José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

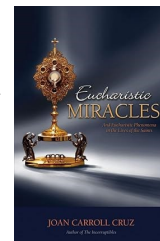
**Join us today for our Sursum Corda Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at Cadillac Ranch, 1060 Settlers Ridge Center Dr.**

### *Special Collection for the Sister Adorers*

As we enter into the month of the Sacred Heart, we turn to ask you to assist our Sister Adorers in their house of formation in Naples, Italy. Your generosity is greatly needed to help contribute toward the necessities of daily life for our Sisters during their important years of formation as they prepare to profess their vows and enter into Institute apostolates around the world. *Next Sunday* there will be a special collection for the Sister Adorers, the feminine branch of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

### *Eucharistic Miracles Book*

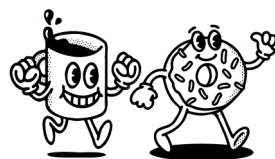
A generous benefactor has purchased copies of **Eucharistic Miracles** by Joan Carroll Cruz for the feast of Corpus Christi. One copy per household is available in the entrances of the church.



### *Thanks to All the Picnic Workers*

The Memorial Day Parish Picnic was a most enjoyable outing for everyone—adults and children alike! This special event would not have been possible without the selfless efforts of many, particularly those who planned, prepared for, and worked during the event. An enormous “Thank You” especially to those who stayed until the very end, to make sure all was cleaned up before heading home.

### *Coffee and Donuts Return!*



Today begins the “Summer Coffee & Donuts” season, served in the air-conditioned comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass. This weekly event will continue through August.

### *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](http://sevensistersapostolate.org). Please contact Mary Catherine D’Souza for more information or to volunteer:

[marycatherinemullins@gmail.com](mailto:marycatherinemullins@gmail.com).

### *Upcoming Events*

*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

### *What is First Thursday?*

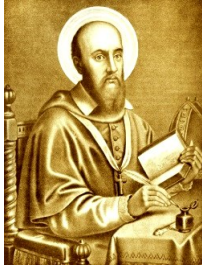
Have you noticed that the designation “*First Thursday*” appears in the Liturgical Schedule most months, and wondered what it signifies? That label indicates that the Mass which will be said that day is the “Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest”, which is for the sanctification of the clergy.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### How to Possess a Rich Spirit Amid Real Poverty (Book 3, Chapter 16)

But if you are really poor, my child, for God's Sake be so in spirit; make a virtue of necessity, and turn that precious stone poverty to its true value. The brilliancy thereof is not perceived in this world, but nevertheless it is very great.



Patience then! you are in good company. Our Dear Lord, Our Lady, the Apostles, numberless Saints, both men and women, were poor, and although they might have been rich, disdained to be so. How many great ones of this world have gone through many difficulties to seek holy poverty amid hospitals and cloisters! What pains they took to find it, let Saint Alexis, Saint Paula, Saint Paulinus, Saint Angela, and many another witness; whereas to you, my child, it has come unasked—you have met poverty without seeking it—do you then embrace it as the beloved friend of Jesus Christ, Who was born, lived and died in poverty, and cherished it all His Life.

There are two great privileges connected with your poverty, through which you may acquire great merit. First, it is not your own choice, but God's Will alone, which has made you poor. Now, whatever we accept simply because it is God's Will is acceptable in His Sight, so long as we accept it heartily and out of love—the less of self the more of God—and a singlehearted acceptance of God's Will purifies any suffering very greatly.

The second privilege is, that this poverty is so very poor. There is a be-praised, caressed poverty, so petted and cared for, that it can hardly be called poor like the despised, contemned, neglected poverty which also exists. Now, most secular poverty is of this last kind, for those who are involuntarily poor, and cannot help themselves, are not much thought of, and for that very reason their poverty is poorer than that of religious, although religious poverty has a very special and excellent grace, through the intention and the vow by which it is accepted.

Do not complain then of your poverty, my child,—we only complain of that which is unwelcome, and if poverty is unwelcome to you, you are no longer poor in spirit. Do not fret under such assistance as is needful; therein lies one great grace of poverty. It were overambitious to aim at being poor without suffering any inconvenience, in other words, to have the credit of poverty and the convenience of riches.

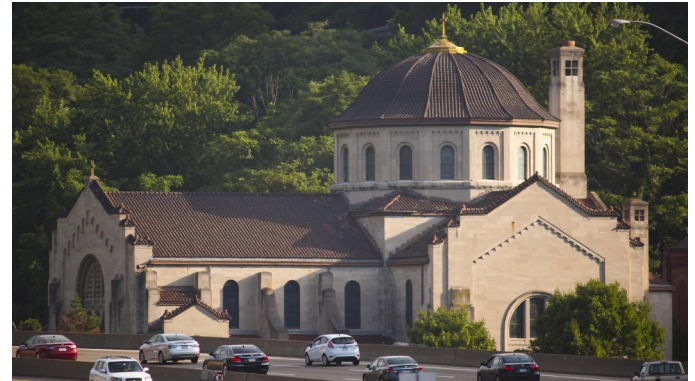
Do not be ashamed of being poor, or of asking alms. Receive what is given you with humility, and accept a refusal meekly. Frequently call to mind Our Lady's journey into Egypt with her Holy Child, and of all the poverty, contempt and suffering they endured. If you follow their example you will indeed be rich amid your poverty.

### The Curé of Ars, the Musical

Saint Genesisius 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 13<sup>th</sup>**, **Friday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**, and **Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>**. The suggested donation is **\$5 per person**, with free admission for clergy, religious, seminarians, and children 10 and under. For more information, contact Jude Young at [judeyoung4321@gmail.com](mailto:judeyoung4321@gmail.com) or 412-491-4415.

## An Anniversary

This Wednesday, June 5th, marks a noteworthy 30th anniversary. On that date in 1994—the Feast of St. Boniface—the Latin Mass Community of the Diocese of Pittsburgh took up residence at St. Boniface Church of the newly-created Holy Wisdom Parish in the East Street Valley.



St. Boniface Church would be our beloved home for the next 25 years, until the establishment of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish at this church in 2019.

If you are unfamiliar with the history of the Latin Mass group in Pittsburgh, you can read online the saga of events from 1970 to 1999, here: [bit.ly/LatinMassHistory](http://bit.ly/LatinMassHistory).

## 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](http://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.

NAVIGATING TROUBLED TIMES

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Our Lady & the Eucharist

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or call us at 724-538-3171.

## 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.



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### General Information

**Bulletin Announcements:** Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication, via email to [bulletin@mpboj.com](mailto: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](http://MPBOJ.com)) for more information.

**Parishioner Materials/Events:** 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 any materials without permission from the Pastor. 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 [office@mpboj.com](mailto:office@mpboj.com) for approval.

**Rosary:** The Rosary is publicly recited one-half hour before most parish Masses.

### 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](mailto:archives@diopitt.org)). If the sacrament was received after July 1, 2019 at MPBOJ, contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

**Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:** For those seeking to join the Catholic faith, or who wish spiritual direction, please call the Parish Office for information.

### Safety Awareness

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, please be mindful of our urban neighborhood and the constant traffic. When visiting the parish for Mass or a social event, parents should ensure their children's safety by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. Where children are registered and involved in a parish related activity overseen by a parish program manager (e.g., Children's Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on site for the duration of the program.

*Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all of your donations and contributions, which allows the parish to self-finance publication of this Bulletin.*

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