

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

External Solemnity of the Sacred Heart

June 9, 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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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, 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 (pg. 96) Recessional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (pg. 84)

Monday, June 10, 2024

St. Margaret of Scotland, 3rd Class—White

12PM Living & Deceased of Henderson Family (Connie & Andy Szafraniec)

Tuesday, June 11, 2024

St. Barnabas, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM + Rex & Wanda Alspaugh (Haggerty Family)

7PM LM + Angelo & Ellen Nora Santimauro (Bill McCloy)

Wednesday, June 12, 2024

St. John of San Facundo, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Basilides & Companions

12PM LM + Theresa Garfold (Garfold Family)

Thursday, June 13, 2024

St. Anthony of Padua, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Alicia Stull-Birthday (Patrizio Family)

8PM NO HOLY HOUR 9PM NO COMPLINE

Friday, June 14, 2024

St. Basil the Great, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Our Children & their Spouses (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Saturday, June 15, 2024

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Vitus, Modestus & Crescentia 9AM LM + Maria Rikk (Christian Mothers)

Sunday, June 16, 2024

4th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Zigarovich Children (David & Susan Zigarovich)

11AM **HM** Pro populo

Processional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus Recessional: To Jesus' Heart All Burning

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

Our Weekly Offerings

| Sunday, June 2, 2024 | |
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| Offertory | \$13,458.25 |
| Parish Appeal | \$2,437.00 |
| Food Pantry | \$10.00 |
| Memorial Day Remembrance | |
| Fathers' Day Remembrance | \$31.00 |
| Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 426; 11 | |

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

Our Baby Blessing Box at MPBOJ is supporting mothers in need. We are currently seeking donations of size 3 and 5 diapers and wipes. Donation Bins are located at the entrances to the church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

RLG Fellowship Weekend July 23: Donuts & Beverage Gettogether in Room 101 following the 8 a.m. Mass

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.

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 for Sursum Corda's first ever picnic at Brookline Memorial Park Shelter on Saturday, June 22nd @ 3 p.m.! Light food and drinks will be provided, and the park has numerous options available for sports. Young adult families and children are most welcome - there is a playground adjacent to the shelter! Brookline Memorial Park Shelter, 1400 Brookline Blvd.

Save the date! Our annual Field Day will be on Saturday, July 13th - a day of sports and cookout with our fellow Sursum Cordians from other Institute apostolates. Last year we challenged the Columbus Institute apostolate to capture the flag/volleyball and it was a big success. This year we will be adding the Cleveland and Detroit Sursum Corda groups as well for a four-way meeting!

Canons on Retreat This Week

Canons Avis and Bourgeois will be away this week at the Institute's annual Provincial Retreat. Though the rest of the weekly liturgical schedule is unchanged, there will be no Holy Hour or Compline on Thursday, June 13. Please keep all the canons of the Institute's U.S. Province in your prayers as they make their annual silent retreat. May God grant them many graces!

Special Collection for the Sister Adorers

In this 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. *Today* there is a second collection for the Sisters Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest, the

feminine branch of the Institute. Please be as generous as you can and be sure to make all checks payable to *Institute of Christ the King*. For more information on The Sisters Adorers, please visit their website at <u>adoratrices.icrss.org/en/</u>.

Coffee and Donuts

"Summer Coffee & Donuts" are served in the air-conditioned comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass. This is a terrific opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners. Please consider stopping by!

Did You Get Your Book?

Copies of the book **Eucharistic Miracles** by Joan Carroll Cruz were purchased for every family in our parish by a generous benefactor. If you didn't get yours last week, please pick one up as you leave church today.



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

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Friendship: Evil and Frivolous Friendship (Book 3, Chapter 17)

Foremost among the soul's affections is love. Love is the ruler of every motion of the heart; drawing all to itself, and making us like to that we love. Beware, then, my child, of harboring any evil affection, or you too will become evil. And friendship is the



most dangerous of all affections, because any other love may exist without much mental communication, but as friendship is founded thereon, it is hardly possible to be closely bound by its ties to any one without sharing in his qualities.

All love is not friendship, for one may love without any return, and friendship implies mutual love. Further, those who are bound by such affection must be conscious that it is reciprocal,—otherwise there may be love but

not friendship; and moreover, there must be something communicated between the friends as a solid foundation of friendship. Friendship varies according to these communications, and they vary according to that which people have to communicate. If men share false and vain things, their friendship will be false and vain; if that which is good and true, their friendship will be good and true, and the better that which is the staple of the bond, so much the better will the friendship be. That honey is best which is culled from the choicest flowers, and so friendship built upon the highest and purest intercommunion is the best. And just as a certain kind of honey brought from Pontus is poisonous, being

made from aconite, so that those who eat it lose their senses, so the friendship which is based on unreal or evil grounds will itself be hollow and worthless.

Mere sensual intercourse is not worthy of the name of friendship; and were there nothing more in married love it would not deserve to bear the name; but inasmuch as that involves the participation of life, industry, possessions, affections, and an unalterable fidelity, marriage, when rightly understood, is a very real and holy friendship.

Whatever is founded on mere sensuality, vanity, or frivolity, is unworthy to be called friendship. I mean such attractions as are purely external; a sweet voice, personal beauty, and the cleverness or outward show which have great weight with some. You will often hear women and young people unhesitatingly decide that such an one is very delightful, very admirable, because he is good-looking, well-dressed, sings, or dances, or talks well. Even charlatans esteem the wittiest clown amongst them as their best man. But all these things are purely sensual, and the connections built on such foundation must be vain and frivolous, more fitly to be called trifling than friendship. They spring up chiefly among young people, who are easily fascinated by personal attractions, dress, and gossip—friendships in which the tailor and hairdresser have the chief part. How can such friendships be other than short-lived, melting away like snow wreaths in the sun!

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 (<u>diopitt.org/eucharisticprocessionschedule</u>) 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.

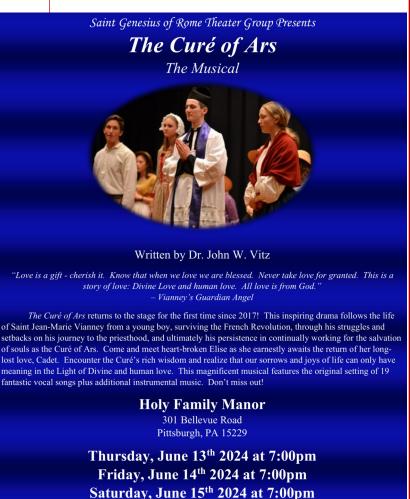
Confessional Construction Update

Last week, the parish received the three doors for the new wheelchair-accessible confessional. With their arrival, this major construction project enters its final phase. Once this confessional is completed, the two other confessionals (which were put together in 2019 from parts found in the basement) will be rebuilt in a style matching the new one. In case you haven't seen them, the parish website (MPBOJ.com) has several photos of this project as it has progressed.



The Curé of Ars, the Musical

Saint Genesius 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 this week at **Holy Family Manor**, 301 Bellevue Road, at 7:00 p.m. 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, contact Jude Young at judeyoung4321@gmail.com or 412-491-4415.



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. 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 re-

quest 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.

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@mpboi.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). 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.

If you are interested in partially underwriting the cost, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

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