



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**5th Sunday after
Pentecost**

June 23, 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

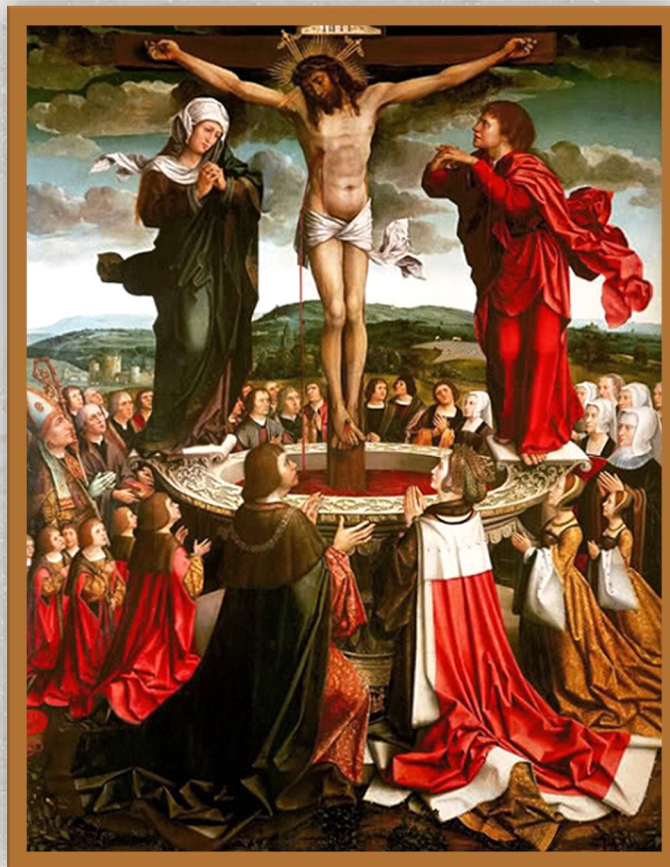
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com

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, June 23, 2024

5th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM In Thanks for Our Parish

Processional: Come Holy Ghost (pg. 57)

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

Monday, June 24, 2024

Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Dave & Mandy Capan-36th Wedding Ann. (Family)

Tuesday, June 25, 2024

St. William, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Joseph & Helen Keane (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

7PM LM + Henry John Houpt, Jr. (Mary Christine Dragan)

Wednesday, June 26, 2024

Ss. John & Paul, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM An End to Abortion (Ethan Suquet)

Thursday, June 27, 2024

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Salvatore Vitellaro (Katie O'Brien)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, June 28, 2024

Vigil of Ss. Peter & Paul, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Irene Otuyce (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Saturday, June 29, 2024

Ss. Peter & Paul, 1st Class—Red

9AM LMO Joseph Ventura (Katie O'Brien)

Sunday, June 30, 2024

6th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Patrick J. Lenihan (David Lenihan)

Processional: Faith of Our Fathers

Recessional: To Jesus' Heart All Burning

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, June 16, 2024

Offertory \$12,007.25

Parish Appeal..... \$145.00

Peter's Pence..... \$20.00

Fathers' Day Remembrance \$105.00

Faith Direct Report (February 16 – 29, 2024)

Offertory \$17,151.40

Parish Appeal 2024..... \$1,231.00

Parish Improvement..... \$704.00

Food Pantry..... \$380.00

ICK-Provincial Appeal..... \$80.00

Campaign for Human Development..... \$45.00

Sunday Attendance: 8AM 502; 11AM 294; Total 796

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.

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.

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!

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. Meet and visit with fellow parishioners!

Upcoming Events

June 27 – 29 (Thurs. – Sat.): St. Veronica’s Guild training session (see details opposite)

Fifth Anniversary Mass and Reception July 1

Monday, July 1st marks the Fifth Anniversary of the establishment of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in 2019. A Solemn Mass will begin at 6:30 p.m., followed by a Wine and Cheese Reception in the Parish Hall. Earlier this month, Canon Avis sent a Flocknote requesting “In order to adequately prepare for the reception, please reply if you are planning to attend, with the number of those attending.” If you have not yet RSVPed, please do so today.

Pro-Life Billboards

The Respect Life Group will be seeking donations over the next couple of months for five ProLife billboards. Our goal for the billboards is \$3500. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to MPBOJ, & kindly note "ProLife BB" on the memo line. Thank you in advance for your donation in advancing the Pro-Life message!

Second Collection Next Sunday

There will be a diocesan second collection next Sunday, June 30th, for Peter’s Pence. “The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter’s Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.” (USCCB)

**Are you open to the Holy Spirit’s call to help women and preborn babies?
Here are ways you can be involved!**

- Intentionally pray *daily* for all human life
- Become a Prayer Warrior with 40-Days-For-Life
- Become active in Respect Life
- Become a Sidewalk Advocate Volunteer
- Donate to and/or volunteer at a Pregnancy Resource Center
- Join or help establish a *Walking with Moms in Need* Ministry



Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will Psalm 40: 7-8

**Fellowship Weekend: June 23rd
Donuts & Beverage Get-together in Room 101**

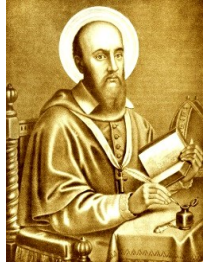
Following 8 am Mass



Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales
Real Friendship
(Book 3, Chapter 19)

Do you, my child, love every one with the pure love of charity, but have no friendship save with those whose intercourse is good and true, and the purer the bond which unites you so much higher will your friendship be. If your intercourse is based on



science it is praiseworthy, still more if it arises from a participation in goodness, prudence, justice and the like; but if the bond of your mutual liking be charity, devotion and Christian perfection, God knows how very precious a friendship it is! Precious because it comes from God, because it tends to God, because God is the link that binds you, because it will last for ever in Him. Truly it is a blessed thing to love on earth as we hope to love in Heaven, and to

begin that friendship here which is to endure for ever there. I am not now speaking of simple charity, a love due to all mankind, but of that spiritual friendship which binds souls together, leading them to share devotions and spiritual interests, so as to have but one mind between them. Such as these may well cry out, "Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in unity!" Even so, for the "precious ointment" of devotion trickles continually from one heart to the other, so that truly we may say that to such friendship the Lord promises His Blessing and life for evermore.

To my mind all other friendship is but as a shadow with respect to this, its links mere fragile glass compared to the golden bond of true devotion. Do you form no other friendships. I say "form," because you have no right to cast aside or neglect the natural bonds which draw you to relations, connections, benefactors or neighbors. My rules apply to those you deliberately choose to make. There are some who will tell you that you should avoid all special affection or friendship, as likely to engross the heart, distract the mind, excite jealousy, and what not. But they are confusing things. They have read in the works of saintly and devout writers that individual friendships and special intimacies are a great hindrance in the religious life, and therefore they suppose it to be the same with all the world, which is not at all the case. Whereas in a well-regulated community every one's aim is true devotion, there is no need for individual intercourse, which might exceed due limits—in the world those who aim at a devout life require to be united one with another by a holy friendship, which excites, stimulates and encourages them in well-doing. Just as men traversing a plain have no need to hold one another up, as they have who are amid slippery mountain paths, so religious do not need the stay of individual friendships; but those who are living in the world require such for strength and comfort amid the difficulties which beset them. In the world all have not one aim, one mind, and therefore we must take to us congenial friends, nor is there any undue partiality in such attachments, which are but as the separation of good from evil, the sheep from the goats, the bee from the drone—a

necessary separation.

No one can deny that our Dear Lord loved Saint John, Lazarus, Martha, Magdalene, with a specially tender friendship, since we are told so in Holy Scripture; and we know that Saint Paul dearly loved Saint Mark, Saint Petronilla, as Saint Paul Timothy and Thecla. Saint Gregory Nazianzen boasts continually of his friendship with the great Saint Basil, of which he says: "It seemed as though with two bodies we had but one soul, and if we may not believe those who say that all things are in all else, at least one must affirm that we were two in one, and one in two—the only object that both had being to grow in holiness, and to mold our present life to our future hopes, thereby forsaking this mortal world before our death." And Saint Augustine says that Saint Ambrose loved Saint Monica by reason of her many virtues, and that she in return loved him as an Angel of God.

What need to affirm so unquestionable a fact! Saint Jerome, Saint Augustine, Saint Gregory, Saint Bernard, and all the most notable servants of God, have had special friendships, which in nowise hindered their perfection. Saint Paul, in describing evil men, says that they were "without natural affection," i.e. without friendship. And Saint Thomas, in common with other philosophers, acknowledges that friendship is a virtue, and he certainly means individual friendships, because he says that we cannot bestow perfect friendship on many persons. So we see that the highest grace does not lie in being without friendships, but in having none which are not good, holy and true.



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Saint Veronica Altar Guild Workshop

Create An Exquisite Violet Damask Cope

Join Susan-Jayne Caballero, Owner & Creative Director of Sacra Indumenta LLC, as she teaches vestment making at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish (3250 California Ave Pittsburgh, PA 15212). Participants have a unique occasion to be in service to God and the liturgy!

Cost: \$45 per person (A daily catered lunch is included with registration)

RSVP at altarguildpittsburgh@institute-christ-king.org

Space is limited! Reserve your seat now - only 30 spots available!



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Thursday, June 27th

Workshop: 11:30 AM - 6:30 PM

• Lunch: 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM

• Break: 3:30 - 4 PM

Friday, June 28th

Workshop: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

• Mass: 12 PM

• Lunch: 1 - 2 PM

• Break: 4 - 4:30 PM

Saturday, June 29th

Workshop: 9 AM - 6:30 PM

• Mass: 9 AM

• Lunch: 1 - 2 PM

• Break: 4 - 4:30 PM

*The workshop is set to take place in Room 102 of the school building, with lunch being served in Room 101.


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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
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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 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.

Parishioner Materials/Events: At the Church entrance, 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 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.

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