



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**6th Sunday after
Pentecost**

June 30, 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

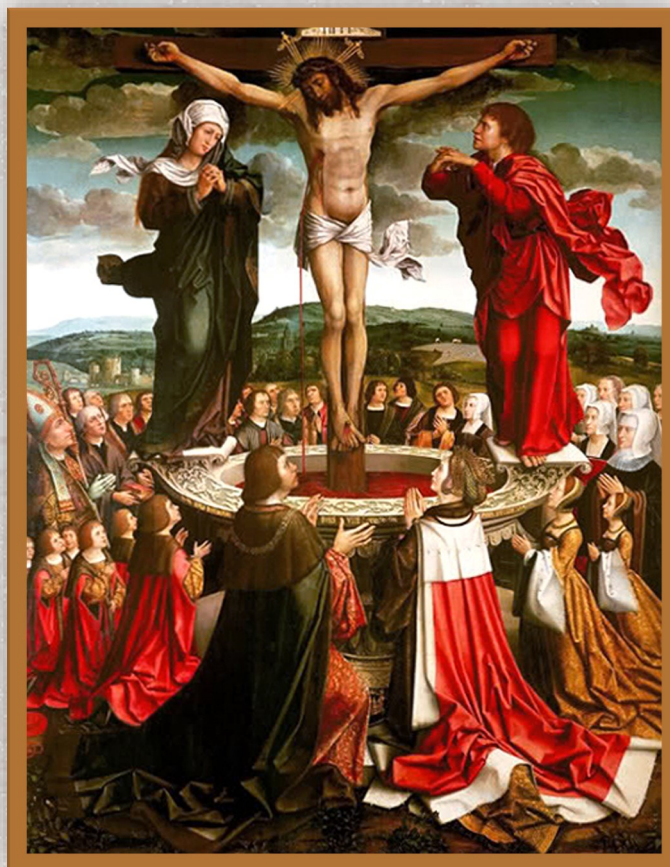
Confession Schedule

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

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 (pg. 59)

Recessional: To Jesus' Heart All Burning (pg. 96)

Monday, July 1, 2024 *Parish 5th Anniversary*

Precious Blood of Jesus, 1st Class—Red

12PM LM Robert L. Toffolo (Lisa Toffolo)

6:30PM HM 5th Anniversary of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

Tuesday, July 2, 2024

Visitation of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Processus & Martinian

12PM LMO + Patricia Brown (M/M Lawrence Wallace)

7PM LM + William Miller (Miller-Boldt Family)

Wednesday, July 3, 2024

St. Irenaeus, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Qian Avila (Katie O'Brien)

Thursday, July 4, 2024 *Independence Day*

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

9AM LM + Herbert Fletcher (Mark Schurdak Family)

8PM NO Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM NO Compline

Friday, July 5, 2024 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria

12PM LM + Deceased Members of Redic/Lane Families (Bill & Gerry Redic)

7PM LM + Hampton Mabry (Mark Schurdak Family)

Saturday, July 6, 2024 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM Marianne Biddle (Mark Schurdak Family)

Sunday, July 7, 2024

7th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Samuel Kasap (Jim Stiveson)

Processional: Jesus My Lord, My God, My All

Recessional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Offertory \$9,525.00

Parish Appeal..... \$1,660.00

Food Pantry/Poor Box \$96.00

Peter's Pence..... \$147.00

Faith Direct Report (May 1 – 15, 2024)

Offertory \$10,398.85

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

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

Sunday Attendance: 8AM 442; 11AM 295; Total 737

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.

The topic of the next meeting on July 6th is "St. Anne & St. Joachim - Grandparenthood".

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 Room 101 of the Parish Center after the Low Mass. Come and meet your fellow parishioners!



Second Collection Today

There is a diocesan second collection today 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)

2025 Wedding Dates

The parish will open the 2025 wedding schedule beginning tomorrow (July 1, 2024). If you are planning a wedding in 2025, please email the parish office (office@mpboj.com) to begin the procedure, since the diocese requires that you notify the parish at least six months in advance of the wedding date. Congratulations to all who are willing to commit to this sacrament!

Pro-Life Billboards

The Respect Life Group is 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.

Schedule Changes for the 4th of July

Mass on Thursday, July 4th will be at 9 a.m. There is no noon Mass that day, nor the usual evening Holy Hour of Adoration and Compline.

Gospa Missions Retreat August 3rd

Navigating Troubled Times – The Two Pillars: Our Lady & The Eucharist
JOIN US at Highfield Community Center in Butler for a spiritually uplifting time together with our speakers: Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., Fr. Joe Freedy, Sister Faustina Maria, Paul Ruggieri, and Isaac Bruce. Join us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Rosary, religious store, lunch, & more! Fr. Tuscan will be bringing a glove of St. Padre Pio and a first-class relic of Blessed Solanus Casey for veneration! Sign Up Today at Gospa.org or call (724) 538-3171.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

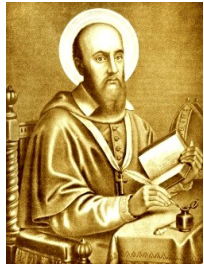
The Difference Between True and False Friendship

(Book 3, Chapter 20)

Take notice, my child, that the honey of Heraclum, which is so poisonous, altogether resembles that which is wholesome, and there is great danger of mistaking one for the other, or of mixing them, for the virtue of one would not counteract the harmfulness of the other. We must be on our guard not to be deceived in making friendships, especially between persons of the opposite sexes, for not unfrequently Satan deludes those who love one another. They may begin with a virtuous affection, but if discretion be lacking, frivolity will creep in, and then sensuality, till their love becomes carnal: even in spiritual love there is a danger if people are not on the watch, although it is not so easy to be deluded therein, inasmuch as the very purity and transparency of spiritual affection show Satan's stains more promptly. Consequently, when he seeks to interpose, he does it stealthily, and strives to insinuate impurity almost imperceptibly.

You may distinguish between worldly friendship and that which is good and holy, just as one distinguishes that poisonous honey from what is good—it is sweeter to the taste than ordinary honey, owing to the aconite infused—and so worldly friendship is profuse in honeyed words, passionate endearments, commendations of beauty and sensual charms, while true friendship speaks a simple honest language, lauding nought save the Grace of God, its one only foundation. That strange honey causes giddiness; and so false friendship upsets the mind, makes its victim to totter in the ways of purity and devotion, inducing affected, mincing looks, sensual caresses, inordinate sighings, petty complaints of not being loved, slight but questionable familiarities, gallantries, embraces, and the like, which are sure precursors of evil; whereas true friendship is modest and straightforward in every glance, loving and pure in caresses, has no sighs save for Heaven, no complaints save that God is not loved sufficiently. That honey confuses the sight, and worldly friendship confuses the judgment, so that men think themselves right while doing evil, and assume their excuses and pretexts to be valid reasoning. They fear the light and love darkness; but true friendship is clear-sighted, and hides nothing—rather seeks to be seen of good men. Lastly, this poisonous honey leaves an exceeding bitter taste behind; and so false friendship turns to evil desires, upbraidings, slander, deceit, sorrow, confusion and jealousies, too often ending in downright sin; but pure friendship is always the same—modest, courteous and loving—knowing no change save an increasingly pure and perfect union, a type of the blessed friendships of Heaven.

When young people indulge in looks, words or actions which they would not like to be seen by their parents, husbands or confessors, it is a sure sign that they are damaging their conscience and their honor. Our Lady was troubled when the Angel appeared to her in human form, because she was alone, and he spoke to her with flattering although heavenly words. O Savior of the world, if purity itself fears an Angel in human shape, how much more need that our impurity should fear men, although they take the likeness of an Angel, if they speak words of earthliness and sensuality!



Fifth Anniversary of Our Parish

Tomorrow, July 1st, marks the fifth anniversary of the establishment of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in 2019 by Bishop David Zubik. The photo at right is of the Mass offered on the evening of July 1st, 2019.

The first year proved to be far more memorable than anyone expected, with the Covid-19 disruptions that began in March 2020—no public Masses for 77 days, and with confessions heard in the garage of the Priory. A Solemn Mass tomorrow at 6:30 p.m. will give thanks for the

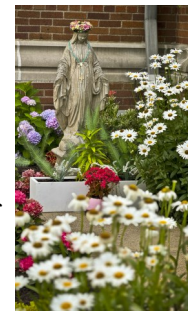
establishment of our parish, followed by a Wine & Cheese Reception in the Parish Hall.



An Appeal for Landscaping Help

From Julie Roytas of our parish Landscaping Team, which does such a magnificent job of beautifying the grounds of our parish:

“If anyone is interested in assisting with watering the flowers, please email me at julier.lom@hotmail.com or text me at 412-818-1393. We have four couples helping with this task but need more folks for when they are unavailable. Watering is not every day; however when it's a scorcher like recently they NEED much to drink. There is a lot of ground to cover, and with more people it will take less time. We want to THANK all those on the landscaping team who have been donating their time to beautify the Church and the Canons' home. You are greatly appreciated.”



Did You Get Your Book?

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

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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