



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**2nd Sunday after
Epiphany**

January 19, A.D. 2025

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

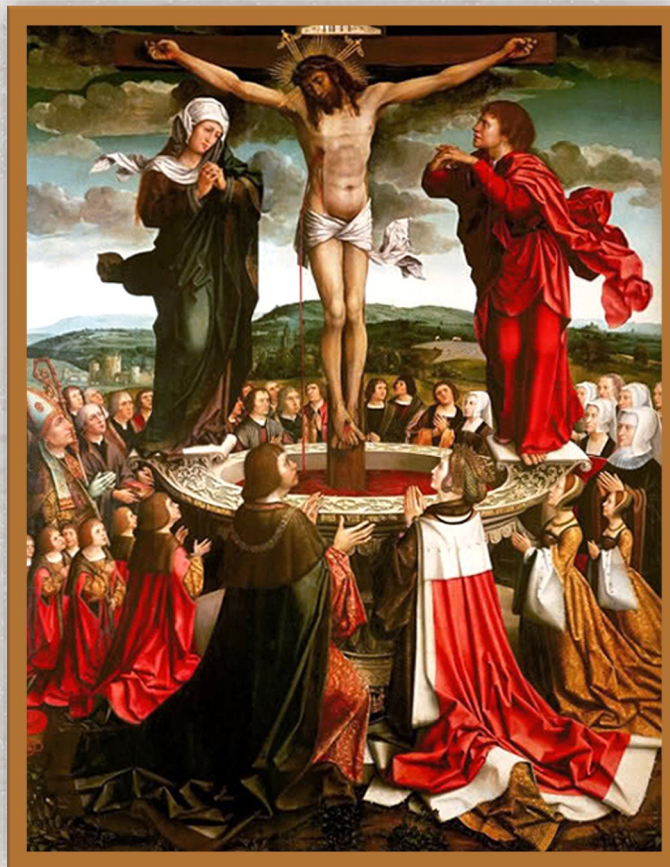
Confession Schedule

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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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, January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—White*

8AM LMO Lutz Family (Paul & Hannah Allen)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (pg. 87)

Recessional: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (pg. 66)

Monday, January 20, 2025

Ss. Fabian & Sebastian, 3rd Class—Red*

12PM LM Living & Deceased Members of the Paras Family (M. Zeher)

Tuesday, January 21, 2025

St. Agnes, 3rd Class—Red*

12PM LM +Repose of the Soul of Carmela Fardo (Rattay Family)

7PM LM Elizabeth Paras (Paras Family)

Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Ss. Vincent & Anastasius, 3rd Class—Red*

12PM LM +Deceased Friends of Donna Hastings (Donna Hastings)

Thursday, January 23, 2025

St. Raymond of Peñafort, 3rd Class—White*

Commemoration of St. Emerentiana

12PM LM Healing of Joan Fabiani (Charles J. Shannon)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, January 24, 2025

St. Timothy, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM Rachel Schipper & Family (Aja Bencsics)

Saturday, January 25, 2025

Conversion of St. Paul, 3rd Class-White*

Commemoration of St. Peter

9AM LM Bethany Ayer (Patrizio Family)

Sunday, January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO + Joseph & Wanda Shutak (Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Bethlehem of Noblest Cities* (pg. 56)

Recessional: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (pg. 87)

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

* The collect, secret and postcommunion of the Mass "For Church Unity" (a.k.a. "For the Removal of Schism") are added to the Mass. See *Church Unity Octave* article on right column of this page.

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 12, 2025

Offertory\$7,798.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$1,500.00

Poor Box\$20.00

Christmas Charities\$20.00

Attendance: 8AM 480; 11AM 384; Total 864

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 info.

Our Baby Blessing Box at MPBOJ is currently seeking donations of infant sleepers or onesies, binkies/teethers/small toys, diaper crème, wipes, diapers all sizes, but especially size 5 and bigger. Donation Bins are located at the entrances to the church.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, February 1st, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic is "On Confirmation"**. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

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.

Donation Statements for 2024

In an effort to save time and expense, the parish no longer sends end-of-year donation summaries to all of those parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you would like to have a printed summary mailed to you, please contact the parish office (phone 412-761-1508 or email office@mpboj.com). Those who utilize Faith Direct will receive a summary directly from the company.

Church Unity Octave

Each year from the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter at Rome (January 18th) to the Feast of the Conversion of Saint Paul (January 25th), we have the Church Unity Octave. The Octave was founded in 1908 by Fr. Paul Wattson, an Anglican minister who explained the devotion as a week of prayer for the unity of all under the authority of the Holy See. Fr. Wattson was received into the Church the following year, and was ordained a Catholic priest in 1910. The Octave was first approved by Pope St. Pius X. In 1916 Pope Benedict XV extended this devotion throughout the universal Church. As part of the observance the following prayers are added to the Mass during those eight days.

Collect: O God, Who settest straight what has gone astray, and gatherest together what is scattered, and keep-est what Thou hast gathered together, we beseech Thee in Thy mercy to pour down on Christian people the grace of union with Thee, that putting aside disunion and attaching themselves to the true shepherd of Thy Church, they may be able to render Thee due service. Through our Lord...

Secret: Hallow these gifts which we offer up to Thee, O Lord, for union among the Christian people; and by means of these grant us the grace of union and peace within Thy Church. Through our Lord...

Post-Communion: Even as this, Thy holy Communion, which we have taken, foreshows the union of the faithful in Thee, O Lord, so, we beseech Thee, may it bring about reunion in Thy Church. Through our Lord...

Second Collection for St. Anthony, DePaul Schools

The second collection today benefits the diocesan St. Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for Hearing & Speech.

Men's Night Friday Jan. 31

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31st, the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish center. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring snack food, drinks, or a few dollars to defray expenses. The basketball court, bowling alley, and pool table will be open. Please RSVP to Mike Konopelski via email: mike.konopelski@gmail.com. Contact Mike with any questions.

OLSH Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Info Night

Discover how to make a high quality Catholic education possible for your child at our annual Scholarship & Tuition Assistance Information Night on Wed. Jan. 22 at 6:00 pm in the OLSH auditorium. Meet OLSH business manager Cathy Neubert and admissions director Jessica Sellman and learn more about what you can do to maximize your investment in an OLSH education! RSVP requested (not required); contact Admissions at 412-262-3300 or admissions@olsh.org.

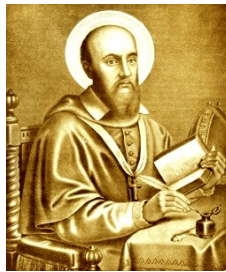
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Counsels to Widows

(Book 3, Chapter 40—Part 2)

The lamp which is fed with aromatic oil sends forth a yet sweeter odor when it is extinguished; and so those women whose married love was true and pure, give out a stronger perfume of virtue and chastity when their light (that is, their husband) is extinguished by death. Love for a husband while living is a common matter enough among women, but to love him so deeply as to refuse to take another after his death, is a kind of love peculiar to her who is a widow indeed. Hope in God, while resting on a husband, is not so rare, but to hope in Him, when left alone and desolate, is a very gracious and worthy thing. And thus it is that widowhood becomes a test of the perfection of the virtues displayed by a woman in her married life.



The widow who has children requiring her care and guidance, above all in what pertains to their souls and the shaping of their lives, cannot and ought not on any wise to forsake them. Saint Paul teaches this emphatically, and says that those who "provide not for their own, and specially for those of their own house, are worse than an infidel; "but if her children do not need her care, then the widow should gather together all her affections and thoughts, in order to devote them more wholly to making progress in the love of God. If there is no call obliging her in conscience to attend to external secular matters (legal or other), I should advise her to leave them all alone, and to manage her affairs as quietly and peacefully as may be, even if such a course does not seem the most profitable. The fruit of disputes and lawsuits must be very great indeed before it can be compared in worth to the blessing of holy peace; not to say that those legal entanglements and the like are essentially distracting, and often open the way for enemies who sully the purity of a heart which should be solely devoted to God.

Prayer should be the widow's chief occupation: she has no love left save for God—she should scarce have ought to say to any save God; and as iron, which is restrained from yielding to the attraction of the magnet when a diamond is near, darts instantly towards it so soon as the diamond is removed, so the widow's heart, which could not rise up wholly to God, or simply follow the leadings of His Heavenly Love during her husband's life, finds itself set free, when he is dead, to give itself entirely to Him, and cries out, with the Bride in the Canticles, "Draw me, I will run after Thee." I will be wholly Thine, and seek nothing save the "savor of Thy good ointments."

A devout widow should chiefly seek to cultivate the graces of perfect modesty, renouncing all honors, rank, title, society, and the like vanities; she should be diligent in ministering to the poor and sick, comforting the afflicted, leading the young to a life of devotion, studying herself to be a perfect model of virtue to younger women. Necessity and simplicity should be the adornment of her garb, humility and charity of her actions, simplicity and kindness of her words, modesty and purity of her eyes—Jesus Christ Crucified the

only Love of her heart.

Briefly, the true widow abides in the Church as a little March violet, shedding forth an exquisite sweetness through the perfume of her devotion, ever concealing herself beneath the ample leaves of her heart's lowliness, while her subdued coloring indicates her mortification. She dwells in waste, uncultivated places, because she shrinks from the world's intercourse, and seeks to shelter her heart from the glare with which earthly longings, whether of honors, wealth, or love itself, might dazzle her. "Blessed is she if she so abide," says the holy Apostle.

Much more could I say on this subject, but suffice it to bid her who seeks to be a widow indeed, read Saint Jerome's striking Letters to Salvia, and the other noble ladies who rejoiced in being the spiritual children of such a Father. Nothing can be said more, unless it be to warn the widow indeed not to condemn or even censure those who do resume the married life, for there are cases in which God orders it thus to His Own greater Glory. We must ever bear in mind the ancient teaching, that in Heaven virgins, wives, and widows will know no difference, save that which their true hearts' humility assigns them.

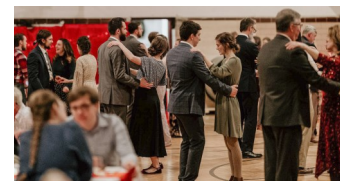
Little Sisters of the Poor Collecting Next Sunday

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after both Masses on Jan. 26th to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. They are counting on your continued support. Donations can also be given online at littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org, by scanning the QR code, or by asking a Sister or volunteer for an envelope. During this Year of Hope, the sisters remember you in their daily prayers.



Saint Valentine's Day Dance

The Christian Mothers are happy to announce it is time for the third annual St. Valentine's Day Couples Dance! The dance will be held in the parish center on Saturday February 15th from 6:30-10:00 pm. Live entertainment provided by the Duquesne Jazz Quartet. Tickets are \$35/person and will be sold after both Sunday Masses and during Catechism. Last day to purchase tickets is February 9th. Cash or check accepted.



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Sponsored by the Office of Marriage, Family,
and Respect Life of the Diocese of Steubenville

Seen: A Catholic Infertility Ministry Mini-Retreat

Feb 8th, 2025

at Franciscan University
Steubenville, OH

For more information and to register, go to:
<https://diosteub.givecloud.co/infertility-retreat>

In collaboration with
Springs in the Desert
Catholic Infertility Ministry



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, may 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, 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 the publication date. Submit to bulletin@mpboj.com.

Mass Intentions: The Parish Mass Intention Registry is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted at specific periods in the year and announced in the bulletin. Instructions and forms are available during those periods.

Parish News: The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. Please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.

Parish Materials/Events: At both 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 explicit permission from the Pastor. Parish events publicized on the bulletin boards at both entrances. 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.

On Line Contributions: Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in making on-line contributions via Faith Direct, please visit: membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

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.

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

Sacramental Information

Penance: The parish offers the sacrament of penance forty-five minutes prior to each Mass. Confessionals are located on the Epistle (right-hand) side of the church, with a sign indicating where to stand for the line. There is an accessible confessional located on the right side of the double confessional, where the kneeler can be lifted for easy access. Both sides of the double confessional may be occupied at the same time. Start your confession when you hear the priest's blessing.

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 registration instructions.

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 Records/Letters of Good Standing: To obtain sacramental records or a letter in good standing, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508 for instructions.

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. If 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. When children are registered and/or 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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