

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 22, A.D. 2023**

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

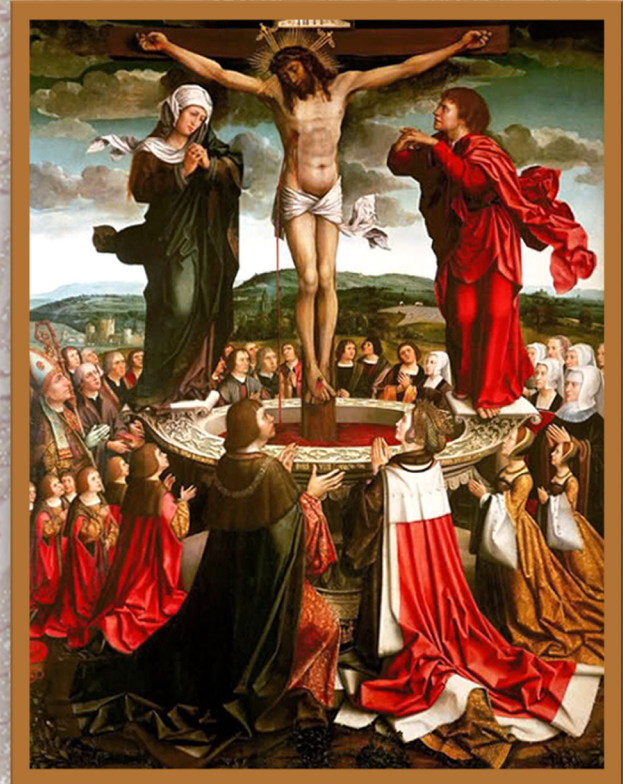
Confession Schedule

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

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule.
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration
as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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mpboj.com**

Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
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Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 22, 2023

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—White

8AM *Pro populo*
11AM Spiritual & Temporal welfare of Jude O'Connor
(Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

Monday, January 23, 2023

St. Raymond of Penafort, 3rd Class—White

12PM In Thanksgiving for answered prayers
(D'Souza Family)

Tuesday, January 24, 2023

St. Timothy, 2nd Class—White

12PM + John Zigarovich (David & Susan Zigarovich)
7PM Christian Francis (Jan Bolea)

Wednesday, January 25, 2023

Conversion of St. Paul, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Peter
12PM + Pauline Davis (James Family)

Thursday, January 26, 2023

St. Polycarp, 3rd Class—Red

12PM + William & Helen Sherwin (Sue Sherwin)

Friday, January 27, 2023

St. John Chrysostom, 3rd Class—White

12PM + Joseph & Marie Schaller (Walt & Pat Schaller)

Saturday, January 28, 2023

St. Peter Nolasco, 3rd Class—White

9AM Spiritual & Physical welfare of Magdalena Farah
19th Birthday (Farah Family)

Sunday, January 29, 2023

St. Francis De Sales, 1st Class—White

8AM + Prof. Stig Friberg (Beverly Bendiksen)
11AM *Pro populo*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 15, 2023

Offertory (Sunday, December 11th)	\$8,546.00
Parish Share	\$61.00
Parish Improvement	\$3,747.00
Food Pantry	\$50.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$772.00
Christmas Charities	\$10.00

Faith Direct Report (December 16—31, 2022)
(paid in December)

Offertory	\$9,598.10
Parish Share	\$400.00
Parish Improvement	\$143.00
ICRSS Seminary Fund	\$1,000.00

(paid in January)

Offertory	\$13,718.40
Parish Share	\$385.00
Parish Improvement	\$591.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$120.00

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 <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

Update Parish Records

If you move, change your phone number or your email address, please be sure to contact the parish office (office@mpboj.com) to update your parish record.

Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

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.

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.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS—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 your own materials without permission from Canon Avis. Parish events are also publicized on the bulletin boards in the side entrance and the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize, please provide a copy of the poster/notice to Canon Avis for permission to post.

Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, February 4, 2023. All adult women are welcome. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

SURSUM CORDA (Young Adult Group)—Open to all young adults ages 18 to 35. Sursum Corda meets monthly, as announced in the bulletin. To sign up for event emails, text the word Corda to 84576. For more information please email sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Donation Summaries

In an effort to save personnel time and postage expense, the parish will not send 2022 end-of-year donation summaries to parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you need a summary for tax purposes, please contact the parish office by email (office@mpboj.com) or by phone (412.761.1508) to request a statement. Faith Direct will automatically provide end-of-year statements to those who utilize our on-line giving option. As always, your financial support of the parish during 2022 is most appreciated. We were able to make quite a number of improvements this past year, thanks to those who give so generously to Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish! May God bless you abundantly.

Parish Offertory Envelopes

The parish greatly appreciates the generous donations received each week from parishioners and visitors alike. If you are a parishioner who makes donations using a check, please consider using your collection envelopes so the office can easily record your donations for tax purposes. When you submit a check without an envelope, staff must take an extra step to identify your envelope number so your donation is accurately recorded. The parish is very fortunate and grateful for the financial support received each week.

Holy Hour of Adoration

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, January 26th, at 8pm.



Aquinas Academy Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Preschool - Grade 12 Admissions Open House on Saturday, February 4, from 11 am to 1 pm. Come and see how an Aquinas Academy education can help your child achieve his or her highest potential. Visiting families will be given a student led tour of the campus, a presentation by Leslie Mitros, Head of School, and opportunities to meet teachers, coaches, parents, and other students. The tour will end in the cafeteria where families can enjoy a light reception. Register online at www.AquinasAcademy.info or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722x15, austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org.

Men's Night—January 28th

At 6pm on Saturday, January 28th the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish school building. 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 e-mail to mike.konopelski@gmail.com. Contact Mike with any questions.

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

The Confraternity of Christian Mothers is hosting a Saint Valentine's Day Dance in Celebration of Sacramental Catholic Marriage. The dance is open to all members of MPBOJ parish age 21+ and will be held in the school gym on Saturday, February 11th. Doors open at 6:30 pm, with dancing from 7 pm-10 pm. Dance instruction provided by parishioner and professional dance instructor, Zach Foreman. Heavy appetizers, wine, punch, as well as non alcoholic beverages will be served. Tickets are \$30 each, and will be sold after Sunday Masses beginning January 22nd through February 5th.

“Armi pii, armi santi!”

The city neighborhood where our parish is located can be a very bustling place at times, and parking can be quite a challenge. Parking too close to an intersection, parking in on-street handicap designated spaces, and partially blocking driveways can make it pretty difficult to navigate and provoke discontent. Being a courteous driver is an act of heroism and there is a prayer in the Sicilian dialect to help us: “*Armi pii, armi santi, fatimi truvari un postu vacanti.*” “*Holy Souls, Holy Saints, help me find an empty space.*” There is also short prayer to St. Frances Cabrini, the unofficial patron of parking spaces: “*Mother Cabrini, Mother Cabrini, please find a spot for my little machiney.*”



**Pray the
Rosary Daily!**

St. Francis de Sales Novena

January 20-28

The Institute's U.S. province is happy to announce a special novena in honor of St. Francis de Sales which will occur from January 20-28 in preparation for the celebration of our holy patron's feast day on January 29. During the days of this novena, prayers to St. Francis de Sales and sermons on his spirituality will be made available on the Institute's social media and Flocknote platforms. Please plan ahead to share in this spiritual wealth for the edification of souls! The following prayer will be said after the Masses to honor and ask the intercession of this great saint.

O Blessed Francis de Sales, who in thy mortal life did excel in all virtues, especially in love of God and of neighbor, I earnestly entreat thee to take me under thy immediate protection, to obtain from God my perfect conversion, and that of all sinners. Teach me, O Father, to fix my eyes on heaven, that I may generously trample under foot every obstacle that presents itself in my way, and attain that degree of glory which God in His mercy holds out to me. Obtain also that particular favor for which I now pray. (*mention intention*)

V. Assist us, O Lord, we beseech Thee, through the merits of St. Francis de Sales.

R. That what our endeavors cannot obtain may be given us by his intercession.

Let us pray. O God, by whose gracious will blessed Francis, Thy confessor and bishop, became all things to all men, for the salvation of their souls; grant, we beseech Thee that being filled with the sweetness of Thy love, we may, by the aid of his merits, attain unto the joys of everlasting life. Through Christ our Lord. *R.* Amen.

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 Watson, 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...

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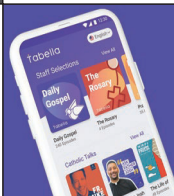
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