

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*

**Feast of St. Francis de Sales
January 29, 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

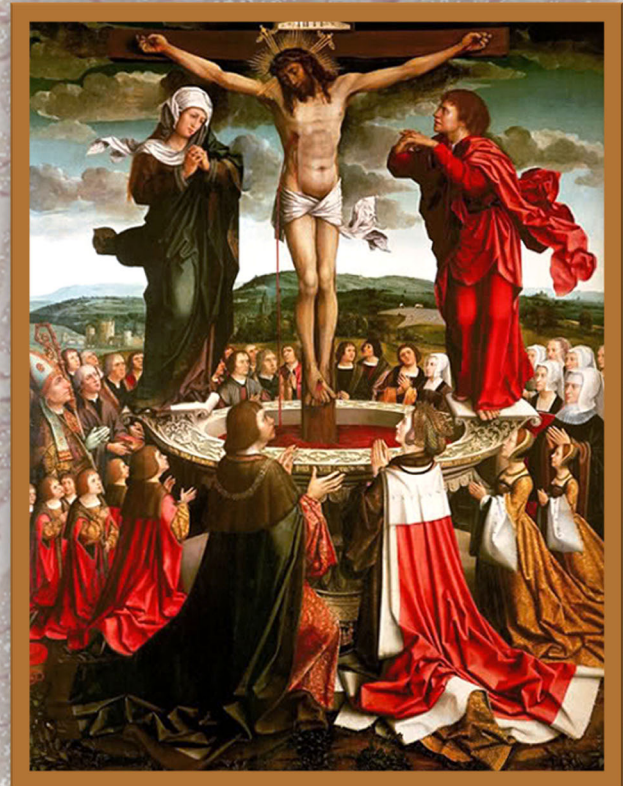
Confession Schedule

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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Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
1-800-932-0313
Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 29, 2023

St. Francis De Sales, 1st Class—White

Commemoration of the 4th Sunday after Epiphany
8AM + Prof. Stig Friberg (Beverly Bendiksen)
11AM *Pro populo*

Monday, January 30, 2023

St. Martina, 3rd Class—Red

12PM Special Intention (Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

Tuesday, January 31, 2023

St. John Bosco, 3rd Class—White

12PM + Paul Miller (David Witter)
7PM + Martin Albert Walz (Laurie Walz)

Wednesday, February 1, 2023

St. Ignatius of Antioch, 3rd Class—Red

12PM + Herman & Verna Marini (Herman Marini)

Thursday, February 2, 2023

Purification of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

12PM Canon William Avis (Dr. & Mrs. Ralph A. Capone)
7PM God daughter, Madison (Jan Bolea)

Friday, February 3, 2023 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Blaise

12PM + Maciej Kedzierski, 1-yr. Ann. (Lama Kedzierski-wife)
7PM Growth & Wellbeing of ICKSP & Members
(Dr. Ammie Maravelli)

Saturday, February 4, 2023 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Andrew Corsini

9AM St. Maria Goretti Foundation (Dave Rethage)

Sunday, February 5, 2023

Sunday in Septuagesima, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM +John & Margaret Capitani & Margaret Kraushaar
(Lou & Judy Talarico)
11AM *Pro populo*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 22, 2023

Offertory	\$7,418.00
Parish Share	\$301.00
Parish Improvement	\$394.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	\$16.00

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.

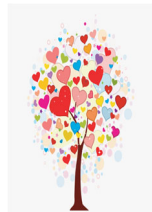
Update Parish Records

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.

Family Party—St. Valentine's Day

Plan to join fellow parishioners for a St. Valentine's party on Sunday, February 12th, following the High Mass at 1 pm in the school building. The event will begin with a potluck lunch, followed by Valentine making for nursing home residents, cookie decorating and rosary. Please sign-up for potluck

at: <https://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/110944> Hope to see you there!



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, February 2nd, 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.

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.

Register with the Parish

Attending Mass at Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is certainly a wonderful way to spend your Sunday, but if you want to belong to the parish family, you should consider officially registering as a member. Enrollment in the parish allows you to participate fully with parish life and includes important benefits, such as the ability to receive your sacraments at the parish, obtain a 'letter of good standing' if needed, or requesting an annual itemized statement of your offertory donations. Registration is especially important for children of registered parishioners who turn eighteen, since once you are an adult, you should independently become a member of the parish. Newly married members should also register as a couple with the parish, even if individually registered prior to the wedding. If you are interested in joining the parish family, registration forms can be found in the top shelf of the racks at the entrances to the church. Please consider this important step of commitment to our parish family.

"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."*

FEBRUARY 2

THE PURIFICATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

(Dom Guéranger, The Liturgical Year)

The Forty Days of Mary's Purification are now completed, and she must go up to the Temple, there to offer to God her Child Jesus. Before following the Son and his Mother in this, their mysterious journey, let us spend our last few moments at Bethlehem, in lovingly pondering over the mysteries at which we are going to assist.

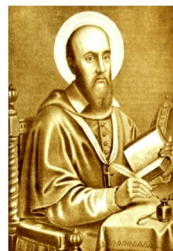
The Law commanded that a woman, who had given birth to a son, should not approach the Tabernacle for the term of forty days; after which time, she was to offer a sacrifice for her Purification. She was to offer up a lamb as a holocaust, and a turtle or dove as a sin-offering. But if she were poor, and could not provide a lamb, she was to offer, in its stead, a second turtle or dove.

By another ordinance of the Law, every first-born son was to be considered as belonging to God, and was to be redeemed by five sicles, each sicle weighing, according to the standard of the Temple, twenty obols. [Lev. xii.; Num. iii. 47. The Obol was about three half pence of English money.]

Mary was a Daughter of Israel - she had given Birth to Jesus - he was her First-born Son. Could such a Mother, and such a Son, be included in the Laws we have just quoted? Was it becoming that Mary should observe them? If she considered the spirit of these legal enactments, and why God required the ceremony of Purification, it was evident that she was not bound to them. They, for whom these Laws had been made, were espoused to men;- Mary was the chaste Spouse of the Holy Ghost, a Virgin in conceiving, and a Virgin in giving Birth to her Son; her purity had ever been spotless as that of the Angels - but it received an incalculable increase by her carrying the God of all sanctity in her womb, and bringing him into this world. Moreover, when she reflected upon her Child being the Creator and sovereign Lord of all things - how could she suppose that he was to be submitted to the humiliation of being ransomed as a slave, whose life and person are not his own? And yet! The Holy Spirit revealed to Mary, that she must comply with both these Laws. She, the holy Mother of God, must go to the Temple like other Hebrew mothers, as though she had lost something which needed restoring by a legal sacrifice. He, that is the Son of God and Son of Man, must be treated in all things as though he were a Servant, and be ransomed in common with the poorest Jewish boy. Mary adores the will of God, and embraces it with her whole heart.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Keep this maxim well in mind: God is our Father, because if He were not, Jesus would not have commanded us to say, "Our Father..." What have you to fear if you are children of such a Father without whose Providence not even one hair of our head would fall? Is it not extraordinary that, being children of such a Father, we have or could have any other preoccupation than that of loving Him and serving Him?



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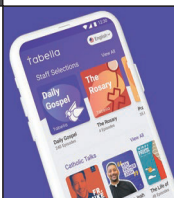
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