



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Third Sunday  
After Easter  
April 30, 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

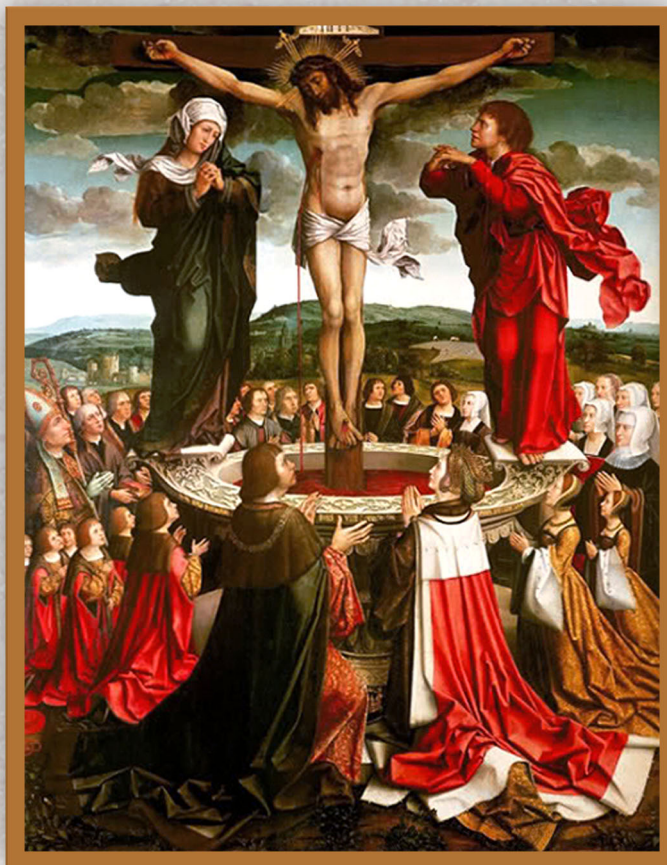
### **Confession Schedule**

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.*

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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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***Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity***



## Liturgical Schedule

### Sunday, April 30, 2023

3rd Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*  
 11AM HM + Dorothy Kenna (Ginny Kenna)  
 Processional: *Jesus Is Risen* pg. 72  
 Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*

Recessional: *Christ Is Risen from The Dead* pg. 55

### Monday, May 1, 2023

St. Joseph the Worker, 1st Class—White

12PM LM + Rose Konopelski (Louis & June Gorski)

### Tuesday, May 2, 2023

St. Athanasius, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Sr. Martha Thomas Baier (DMT)  
 7PM LM Grandchildren & Godchildren of Jeannine  
 Goelz

### Wednesday, May 3, 2023

Finding of the True Cross, 4th Class—Red

*Comm. of Ss. Alexander I, Eventius, Theodulus & Juvenal*  
 12PM LM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

### Thursday, May 4, 2023 *First Thursday*

V.M. of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White

*Commemoration of St. Monica*  
 12PM LM Canon Talarico-Private Intentions  
 (The Faithful of The Shrine of Christ the King)  
 8PM Holy Hour of Adoration  
 9PM Compline

### Friday, May 5, 2023 *First Friday*

V.M. of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

*Commemoration of St. Pius V*  
 12PM LM + Robert Licurse Crystal Manke  
 7PM LM + Br. Jim Townsend  
 (Shawn & Correna Spinneweber)

### Saturday, May 6, 2023 *First Saturday*

V.M. of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM + Merl & Melba Henderson  
 (Connie & Andy Szafranec)

### Sunday, May 7, 2023

4th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LM + John & Mary Pusateri  
 (Michael & Jill Garfold)  
 11AM HM *Pro populo*  
 Processional: *Regina Caeli Jubila* pg. 85  
 Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*  
 Recessional: *Regina Caeli Jubila* pg. 85

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, April 23, 2023*

Offertory .....	\$11,683.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$1,150.00
ICRSS Seminary Appeal .....	\$6,623.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$555.00
Food Pantry.....	\$31.00
Funeral Offering .....	\$100.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 564; 11AM 354; Total 918*

*Faith Direct Report (March 16-31, 2023)*

Offertory .....	\$16,684.45
Parish Appeal.....	\$605.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$596.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$234.00
Good Friday-Holy Land.....	\$257.00

*Faith Direct Report (April 1-15, 2023)*

Offertory .....	\$8,858.78
Parish Appeal.....	\$3,380.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,015.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$10.00
Good Friday-Holy Land.....	\$10.00

### **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.

### **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, May 6, 2023 and the topic will be *The Domestic Church*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto: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. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Please contact [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) with any questions.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) at MPBOJ will meet on **June 24th** (anniversary of Roe v Wade Reversal) after the 9am Mass. The Gospel of Life is at the heart of the newly formed Respect Life Group operating in three divisions of *Legislation, Education and Advocacy*. Members may expect frequent updates on Abortion, Euthanasia, Fetal Research, Vaccines, 40 Days For Life, Baby Bottle/Diaper Drives and Legislation. More information and how to sign-up can be found in RLG flyers at the entrances of the Church. Please watch for updates in the bulletin each week. For more information, please contact [respect-life@mpboj.com](mailto:respect-life@mpboj.com).

### **Homeschool Graduation Mass**

There will be a Catholic Homeschool High School Graduation Traditional Latin High Mass, diploma ceremony, and reception Saturday, July 8, 2023 starting at 11:00 am at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. Families with 2023 high school graduates are invited to **register by Monday, May 1, 2023** to participate. Please email Jeannine at [volunteer@mpboj.com](mailto:volunteer@mpboj.com) or call 724-272-1851.

### **Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each Mass **today** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue caring for the elderly poor at their Home in Brighton Heights. Donations may also be made online at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org). If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several CNA and RN positions open.

## **Introduction to the Devout Life**

By St. Francis de Sales

### **Fifth Meditation - On Death (Part I, Chap. 13)**



#### *The Preparation*

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God. 2. Ask His Grace. 3. Suppose yourself to be on your deathbed, in the last extremity, without the smallest hope of recovery.

#### *Considerations*

1. Consider the uncertainty as to the day of your death. One day your soul will quit this body—will it be in summer or winter? in town or country? by day or by night? will it be suddenly or with warning? will it be owing to sickness or an accident? will you have time to make your last confession or not? will your confessor or spiritual father be at hand or will he not? Alas, of all these things we know absolutely nothing: all that we do know is that die we shall, and for the most part sooner than we expect.

2. Consider that then the world is at end as far as you are concerned, there will be no more of it for you, it will be altogether overthrown for you, since all pleasures, vanities, worldly joys, empty delights will be as a mere fantastic vision to you. Woe is me, for what mere trifles and unrealities I have ventured to offend my God? Then you will see that what we preferred to Him was nought. But, on the other hand, all devotion and good works will then seem so precious and so sweet:—Why did I not tread that pleasant path? Then what you thought to be little sins will look like huge mountains, and your devotion will seem but a very little thing.

3. Consider the universal farewell which your soul will take of this world. It will say farewell to riches, pleasures, and idle companions; to amusements and pastimes, to friends and neighbors, to husband, wife and child, in short to all creation. And lastly it will say farewell to its own body, which it will leave pale and cold, to become repulsive in decay.

4. Consider how the survivors will hasten to put that body away, and hide it beneath the earth—and then the world will scarce give you another thought, or remember you, any more than you have done to those already gone. “God rest his soul!” men will say, and that is all. O death, how pitiless, how hard thou art!

5. Consider that when it quits the body the soul must go at once to the right hand or the left. To which will your soul go? what side will it take? none other, be sure, than that to which it had voluntarily drawn while yet in this world.

#### *Affections and Resolutions*

1. Pray to God, and throw yourself into His Arms. O Lord, be Thou my stay in that day of anguish! May that hour be blessed and favorable to me, if all the rest of my life be full of sadness and trial.

2. Despise the world. Forasmuch as I know not the hour in which I must quit the world, I will not grow fond of it. O dear friends, beloved ones of my heart, be content that I cleave to you only with a holy friendship which may last for ever; why should I cling to you with a tie which must needs be broken?

I will prepare for the hour of death and take every precaution for its peaceful arrival; I will thoroughly examine into the state of my conscience, and put in order whatever is wanting.

#### *Conclusion*

Thank God for inspiring you with these resolutions: offer them to His Majesty: intreat Him anew to grant you a happy death by the Merits of His Dear Son's Death. Ask the prayers of the Blessed Virgin and the Saints. OUR FATHER, etc. Gather a bouquet of myrrh.

### **May Crowning-May 7th!**

We will honor Our Blessed Lady with a May Crowning on Sunday, May 7th, before the 11 am Mass. Children ages 5 and up, are invited to participate in this tradition. Please assemble at the school, room 102, at 10:30. Boys should wear pastel shirts with a tie. Girls should wear pastel dresses. As always, modesty



and appropriate dress demonstrate our love and respect for God and for Mary. Thank you to Peggy Wrabley for coordinating this special event.

### **GOSPA Missions Retreat**

Join us, August 19, 2023, in reviving our Faith with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, opportunity for confession, Rosary and dynamic speakers! Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. There will be religious items and books for purchase from the Gospa Missions ministry, Amazing Grace Books and Gifts. Location: Highfield Community Center, 229 Highfield Rd, Butler, PA 16001. Scheduled speakers include **His Excellency William Waltersheid**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh & Vicar for Evangelization; **Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico**, a native of Pittsburgh and US Provincial Superior for the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest; **Dr. Ray Guarendi**, clinical psychologist, author, and host of the radio show "*The Doctor Is In*" & the TV show "*Living Right with Dr. Ray*" on EWTN; and **Chris Reynolds**, a revert to the Catholic Faith and President of Gospa Missions and Abode for Children. Register online at [www.gospa.org](http://www.gospa.org) or call (724) 538-3171.

### **St Paul Street Evangelization Basic Training**

Want to know what authentic, non-confrontational, joyful evangelization looks and sounds like? Then make sure to attend our upcoming diocesan workshop conducted by **St. Paul Street Evangelization** on **Saturday, June 10, 8:00am-4:00pm**. The event starts with an 8:00am Mass celebrated by Bishop Waltersheid at **St. Mary of Mercy Church in downtown Pittsburgh**. This workshop has mobilized thousands of ordinary Catholics to get out there on the streets and help God save souls. This one-day Basic Evangelization Training with SPSE is for every practicing Catholic. Registration is \$25 for lay people and free for priests and religious. Lunch and all training materials are included. You can register online at <http://stpaulse.com/mercy-pa-bet>. "



## To All Our Guests...

The Canons and Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you and hope that your time in “The ‘Burgh” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please enjoy the beauty of this Personal Parish, established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019 on the *Feast of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*.

According to liturgical tradition and the Traditional Latin Mass of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join us in prayer but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and have observed the Eucharistic Fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. For those who need a low gluten Host, let an usher know as you approach the Communion rail toward the end of Communion.

To receive more information about the parish or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Priory at 412-761-1508. The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

Any and all contributions to the parish are warmly appreciated and tax deductible.

**PARISHIONER MATERIALS/REQUESTS**—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 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 [temporalaffairs@mpboj.com](mailto:temporalaffairs@mpboj.com) for approval.

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

**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.

### Sacramental Information

#### Infant Baptism:

Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the office prior to the baby's birth to make arrangements.

#### Holy Matrimony:

Couples planning to marry at the parish must call the office to schedule proper instruction at least six months in advance.

#### Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

#### Anointing of the Sick:

If you need the assistance of a priest for the dying, please contact the office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, please call and listen to the prompts and select option #1.

#### Certificates:

Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives. You may reach the Diocese Archive office at 412-456-3158, or [archives@diopitt.org](mailto:archives@diopitt.org).



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