



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**9th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 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

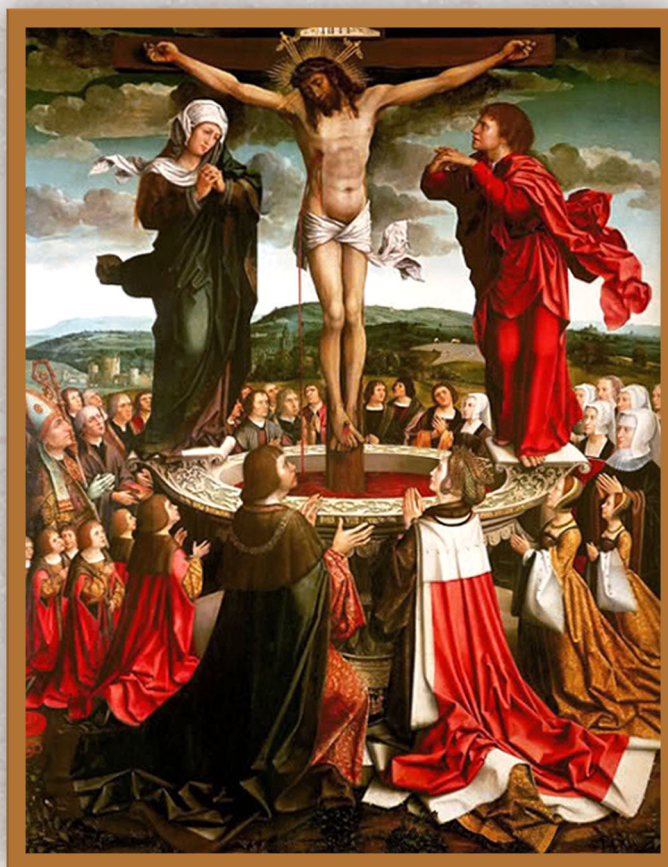
Confession Schedule

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM Spiritual & Temporal well-being of my
Children & Godchildren (Marlene Glyptis)

Processional: *At the Name of Jesus* pg. 54

Recessional: *Holy God, We Praise Thy Name* pg. 68

Monday, July 31, 2023

St. Ignatius of Loyola, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + George & Mary Fiedler
(Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

Tuesday, August 1, 2023

Saint Peter in Chains—White

Commemoration of the Holy Macchabees

12PM LM + Carolyn G. Mozlack (Robin Mauser)
7PM LM Paul Kovalchik (Marsh Family)

Wednesday, August 2, 2023

St. Alphonsus Liguori, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Jean LeVeque (Mark LeVeque)

Thursday, August 3, 2023 *First Thursday*

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

12PM LM + Rosalia Curtis (Gary Yochum)
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, August 4, 2023 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Dominic

12PM LM + Joseph & Marie Schaller
(Walter & Pat Schaller)
7PM LM + Al Brunn (Lottie & Chris Del Signore)

Saturday, August 5, 2023 *First Saturday*

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

9:00AM LM + Calvin Sundy (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

Sunday, August 6, 2023

Transfiguration of Our Lord, 2nd Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM + Ronald Henderson
(Connie & Andy Szafraniec)

Processional: *To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King* pg. 89

Recessional: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* pg. 84

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, July 23, 2023

Offertory	\$7,983.00
Parish Appeal	\$650.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$470.00
Food Pantry	\$20.00
Peter's Pence	\$20.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 486; 11AM 346; Total 832

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 Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The next meeting is **Saturday, August 12th** and the topic will be *Cultivating Christian Charity*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact 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. 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 Jose Pinero at sursumcorda@mpboj.com or 863.450.5143.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working sub-committees: *Legislation, Education, Advocacy*. See their July Newsletter for valuable information. Please contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 with questions.

Parish Landscaping

Thank you to our industrious landscaping volunteers, who have certainly made a tremendous impact to the parish grounds! We are always looking for landscape volunteers to assist with Pruning, Watering, Weed Control, Shrub Trimming and general landscape maintenance around the Parish grounds. If you are able to offer time during the week or weekend, please contact Julie Roytas, our Landscaping Coordinator. The team regularly meets on site Thursday mornings from 8AM to Noon. If that doesn't work for you, there are other opportunities to assist during the week. If you are able to help out, please email Julie at julier.lom@hotmail.com for information about joining the MPBOJ Landscape Team or to let her know your availability. Julie can also be reached on cell at 412-818-1393.

GOSPA MISSIONS RETREAT

JOIN US, **August 19th**, in reviving our Faith with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, opportunity for confession, Rosary, & dynamic speakers! Morning refreshments & lunch will be provided. There will be religious items & books for purchase from the Gospa Missions ministry, Amazing Grace Books & Gifts. Please Register at: <https://gospa.org/pages/summer-retreat-2023>

The Diocesan Survey – A Vision for the Parish

As our Envisioning Team begins the work of pastoral planning, the Team will be charged with determining how the parish will look and operate differently for the next three to five years, based on the survey results. The Team will work with Canon Avis to create a parish vision that summarizes the way in which we will bring our mission to life. It will only be accomplished through much prayer, discernment, and work. All parishes in the diocese will use a common template to publish their individual results, with aggregate results for the diocese available Sunday, August 27th in the parish bulletins.

Coaching Opportunities

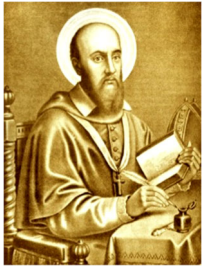
Saint Joseph High School, Natrona Heights, is looking for a Head Varsity Coach for Soccer and Varsity Asst. Coaches/Head JV Coaches for the Boys and Girls Basketball teams. Applicants should contact Sally Ackerman at sackerman@SaintJosephHS.com. More information is available at SaintJosephHS.com.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

A short Method of Meditation. And first, the Presence of God, the First Point of Preparation

(Book 2, Chapter 2)



It may be, my child, that you do not know how to practice mental prayer, for unfortunately it is a thing much neglected now-adays. I will therefore give you a short and easy method for using it, until such time as you may read sundry books written on the subject, and above all till practice teaches you how to use it more perfectly. And first of all, the Preparation, which consists of two

points: first, placing yourself in the Presence of God; and second, asking His Aid. And in order to place your self in the Presence of God, I will suggest four chief considerations which you can use at first.

First, a lively earnest realization that His Presence is universal; that is to say, that He is everywhere, and in all, and that there is no place, nothing in the world, devoid of His Most Holy Presence, so that, even as birds on the wing meet the air continually, we, let us go where we will, meet with that Presence always and everywhere. It is a truth which all are ready to grant, but all are not equally alive to its importance. A blind man when in the presence of his prince will preserve a reverential demeanor if told that the king is there, although unable to see him; but practically, what men do not see they easily forget, and so readily lapse into carelessness and irreverence. Just so, my child, we do not see our God, and although faith warns us that He is present, not beholding Him with our mortal eyes, we are too apt to forget Him, and act as though He were afar: for, while knowing perfectly that He is everywhere, if we do not think about it, it is much as though we knew it not. And therefore, before beginning to pray, it is needful always to rouse the soul to a steadfast remembrance and thought of the Presence of God. This is what David meant when he exclaimed, "If I climb up to Heaven, Thou art there, and if I go down to hell, Thou art there also!" And in like manner Jacob, who, beholding the ladder which went up to Heaven, cried out, "Surely the Lord is in this place and I knew it not" meaning thereby that he had not thought of it; for assuredly he could not fail to know that God was everywhere & in all things. Therefore, when you make ready to pray, you must say with your whole heart, "God is indeed here."

The second way of placing yourself in this Sacred Presence is to call to mind that God is not only present in the place where you are, but that He is very specially present in your heart and mind, which He kindles and inspires with His Holy Presence, abiding there as Heart of your heart, Spirit of your spirit. Just as the soul animates the whole body, and every member thereof, but abides especially in the heart, so God, while present everywhere, yet makes His special abode with our spirit. Therefore David calls Him "the Strength of my heart;" and Saint Paul said that in Him "we live and move and have our being." Dwell

upon this thought until you have kindled a great reverence within your heart for God Who is so closely present to you.

The third way is to dwell upon the thought of our Lord, Who in His Ascended Humanity looks down upon all men, but most particularly on all Christians, because they are His children; above all, on those who pray, over whose doings He keeps watch. Nor is this any mere imagination, it is very truth, and although we see Him not, He is looking down upon us. It was given to Saint Stephen in the hour of martyrdom thus to behold Him, and we may well say with the Bride of the Canticles, "He looketh forth at the windows, shewing Himself through the lattice."

The fourth way is simply to exercise your ordinary imagination, picturing the Savior to yourself in His Sacred Humanity as if He were beside you just as we are wont to think of our friends, and fancy that we see or hear them at our side. But when the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar is there, then this Presence is no longer imaginary, but most real; and the sacred species are but as a veil from behind which the Present Savior beholds and considers us, although we cannot see Him as He is.

Make use of one or other of these methods for placing yourself in the Presence of God before you begin to pray;—do not try to use them all at once, but take one at a time, and that briefly and simply.

CONFIRMATION DATE SET!

On October 15th, Bishop David Zubik will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 10AM at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. High Mass to follow at 11AM. The Sacrament will be administered to those Confirmandi who have completed their assessment interview with Canon Avis. If Confirmandi and their family wish to prepare for this Sacrament, please email a request to office@mpboj.com at your earliest convenience. You will receive an email that your Confirmation package has been prepared and is available for pickup at the side entrance of the Church before and after daily and weekend Masses.

CHANT BOOT CAMP! AUGUST 4-6, 2023

Know kids who loves to sing, then sign them up for Chant Boot Camp! Current and New Singers Welcome! The schedule for this year is as follows:

Friday, August 4: High School Intensive: incoming 9th grade through graduated 12th grade will meet for a short, intensive rehearsal session.

Saturday, August 5: Campers have the option of attending the 9:00 a.m. Mass together. Camp will run from 10 a.m. -5 p.m. (Please pack a brown bag lunch). Family potluck dinner will follow.

Sunday, August 6: campers will sing for the Feast of the Transfiguration High Mass. Camp officially ends after Sunday Mass.

Chant Boot Camp is free for MPBOJ parishioners and returning choristers, but registration is required. Please email Mrs. Sharon Burchill at orotuna@yahoo.com to register (include chorister's name and age) or for more information.



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 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.



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