



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**11th Sunday After
Pentecost
August 13, 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

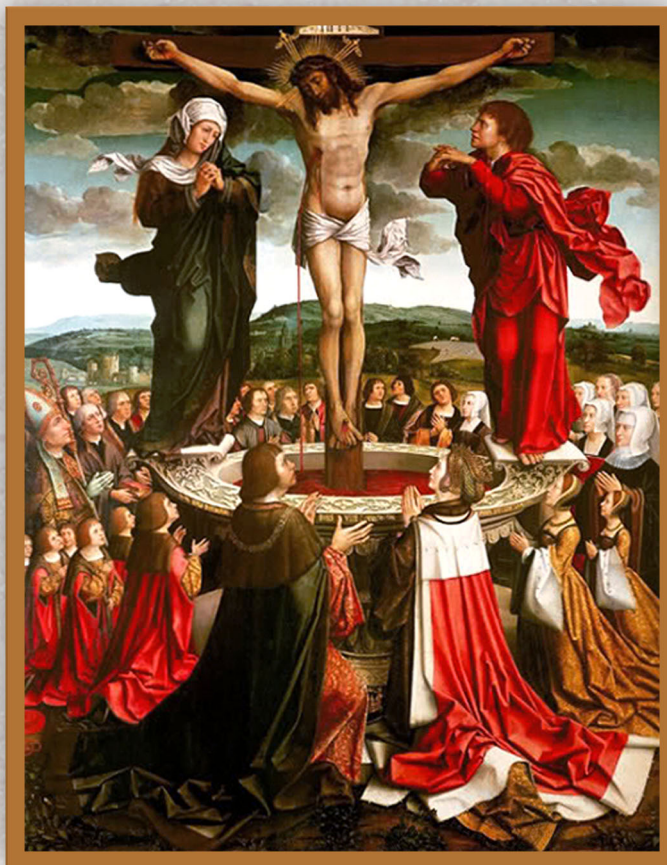
Confession Schedule

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, August 13, 2023

11th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM + Henchar & Eichert Families
 (Alice Steigerwald)

Processional: *Jesus My Lord, My God, My All* pg. 74

Recessional: *To Jesus' Heart All Burning* pg. 96

Monday, August 14, 2023

Vigil of the Assumption, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Eusebius

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Daniel Evans
 (Thomas & Lori Evans)

Tuesday, August 15, 2023 Holy Day of Obligation

Assumption of Our Lady, 1st Class—White

12PM LM + John & Margaret Capitani & Margaret
 Kraushaar (Judith & Lou Talarico)

7PM HM *Pro populo*

Wednesday, August 16, 2023

St. Joachim, 2nd Class—White

12PM LM + Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

Thursday, August 17, 2023 Infant King Novena Begins

St. Hyacinth, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Aaron & Margaux-10yr. Wedding Anniversary
 (Pisula Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, August 18, 2023

St. Agapitus, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM + Vera LeVeque (Mark LeVeque)

Saturday, August 19, 2023

St. John Eudes, 3rd Class—White

9:00AM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Madeline
 Pavlik (Mylott Family)

Sunday, August 20, 2023 Mission Coop - 2nd Collection

12th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM + Keith Lewis (Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Capone)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

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

Recessional: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* pg. 78

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, Aug 6, 2023

Offertory	\$9,355.00
Parish Appeal	\$1,616.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$245.00
Food Pantry	\$197.00
Catholic Communication.....	\$10.00
Peter's Pence	\$5.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 440; 11AM 408; Total 848

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 usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The next meeting is set for **September 9th** and the topic will be *Making A Good Confession*. 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. NEXT EVENT Lunch with Sursum Corda, **TODAY** at 1:30pm, - Federal Gallery, 200 Children's Way, Pittsburgh, PA 15212

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. Contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 NEXT EVENT-Please join RLG for the Women's Choice Network Fall Fundraising Banquet, September 21st at 6:30pm at The Westin, 1000 Penn Ave, Pgh, PA. RLG has filled one table and would like to fill a second table. Tickets are \$30. Please contact Nikki Bruni at 412.926.9413 by **Sept 9th** for details.

Parish Landscaping

Green-Thumbs STILL needed! Looking for landscape volunteers to assist with Pruning, Watering, Weed Control, Shrub Trimming and general landscape maintenance around the Parish grounds. With warm weather upon us and new plantings striving to take root, NOW is a critical time to deliver what these new flowers and plants need. If you are able to offer time during the week, or weekend, please contact us at your earliest convenience. Our parish landscape team, led by Julie Roytas, meets on site Thursday mornings at the Church from 8AM to Noon. Many other opportunities to assist at other times of the day or week. Please email Julie at juli-er.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 Bishop William Waltersheid, Canon Matthew Talarico and Faithful, **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>

Mission Coop Sunday



Second Collection for Mission Coop Sunday. This year Father Maurice Agbaw-Ebai will be visiting Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish on August 20th, talking at both Masses. Father Agbaw-Ebai is on mission for the Diocese of Mamfe, Cameroon and is also a member of full-time faculty at St. John's Seminary in Boston, MA. Information about Father Agbaw-Ebai and his published works

are available at <https://www.sjs.edu/faculty/rev-maurice-agbaw-ebai> and <https://www.bc.edu/content/dam/bc1/schools/wcas/Faculty%20CV%27s/CV%20Rev%20Maurice%20A.%20Agbaw-Ebai%2071422.pdf>

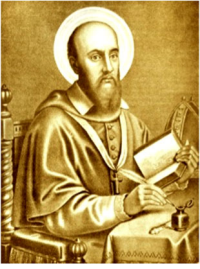
Next Rosary Rally

Please join us to honor the Immaculate Heart of Mary on Saturday, August 19th. Meet in the MPBOJ Church parking lot at 11:45am so that we may begin the Rosary at Noon. Please contact Mary Brodka at 724-816-5573 for more information.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

**The Third Point of Preparation, representing the
Mystery to be meditated to Your Imagination.**
(Book 2, Chapter 4)



FOLLOWING upon these two ordinary points, there ere is a third, which is not necessary to all meditation, called by some the local representation, and by others the interior picture. It is simply kindling a vivid picture of the mystery to be meditated within your imagination, even as though you were actually beholding it. For instance, if you wish to meditate upon our Lord on His Cross, you will place yourself in imagination on Mount Calvary, as though you saw and heard all that occurred there during the Passion; or you can imagine to yourself all that the Evangelists describe as taking place where you are. In the same way, when you meditate upon death, bring the circumstances that will attend your own vividly to mind, and so of hell, or any subjects which involve visible, tangible circumstances. When it is a question of such mysteries as God's Greatness, His Attributes, the end of our creation, or other invisible things, you cannot make this use of your imagination. At most you may employ certain comparisons and similitudes, but these are not always opportune, and I would have you follow a very simple method, and not weary your mind with striving after new inventions. Still, often this use of the imagination tends to concentrate the mind on the mystery we wish to meditate, and to prevent our thoughts from wandering hither and thither, just as when you shut a bird within a cage, or fasten a hawk by its lures. Some people will tell you that it is better to confine yourself to mere abstract thought, and a simple mental and spiritual consideration of these mysteries, but this is too difficult for beginners; and until God calls you up higher, I would advise you, my daughter, to abide contentedly in the lowly valley I have pointed out.

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION UPDATE !

Due to an unforeseen need at the Diocese, Bishop William Waltersheid will now be administering the Sacrament of Confirmation on October 15th. Bishop Zubik has a schedule conflict yet we are blessed to be able to continue our Confirmation preparations as originally planned. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered at 10:00am at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. High Mass to follow at 11:00am. The Sacrament will be administered to those Confirmandi who have completed their assessment interview with Canon Avis or Canon Bourgeois. As a reminder, interviews can only be scheduled once the required documentation is received in the office and parents have assessed the preparedness of their Confirmandi. To date, more than 52 Confirmandi are registered and preparing for their interview. Please make effective use of the next several weeks as interview schedules are now open and ready to be filled.

2023-24 Catechism Registration

The 2023-24 Catechism school year begins on Sunday, September 10. Please send in your registration payments **now**. A well-marked envelope, placed in the collection basket, will suffice. In preparation for the start of classes, the parish needs to confirm or update the information on file for every family with students in the program. If your contact information (i.e. home address, phone numbers, and email address) is unchanged, and you don't have any children newly entering or withdrawing from the program this fall, you only need to reply to the Flocknote that was sent out on August 2nd, or email the administrator directly (catechism@mpboj.com), stating "No changes". If you do have changes, or are uncertain if the information that the parish has on file is correct, you should plan to review and update your pre-filled printed form. Stop in the rear of the church between Masses today, where your information will be available for review. If you don't respond at all, the administrator will assume that your family has withdrawn from the program, and your children will not be on the class rosters for the first day of classes.

Men's Night

At 6pm on Saturday, August 26th 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 email to mike.konopelski@gmail.com. Contact Mike with any questions.

Gold Ring Found

A gold ring has been found on the Parish grounds. If anyone has information which may assist in the identification of the rightful owner, please call the office.

Save The Date

Little Lamb Resale is announcing its Pro-Life Month OPEN HOUSE to be held Sunday, October 22nd from 2pm to 4pm. Plenty of free parking on Sundays in Pittsburgh! Come and see what happens at LLR, meet the volunteers and pet our mascot, Clover, a real live lamb!



**Little
Lamb
RESALE**

951 Liberty Ave. Pittsburgh 412.330.0958

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:

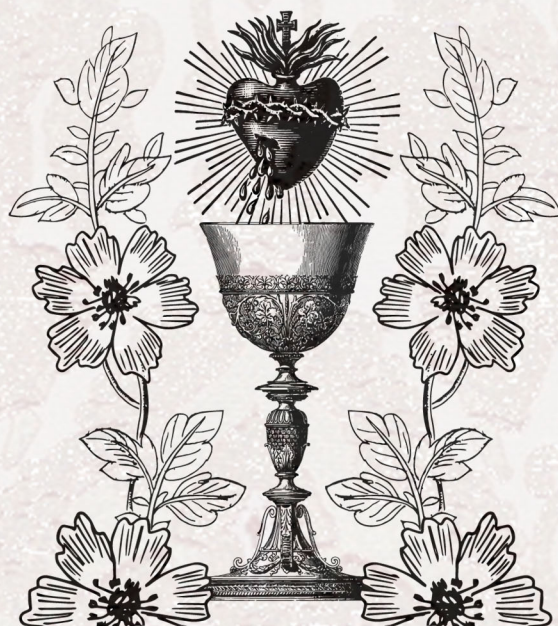
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

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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