



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**15th Sunday After  
Pentecost**  
September 10, 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

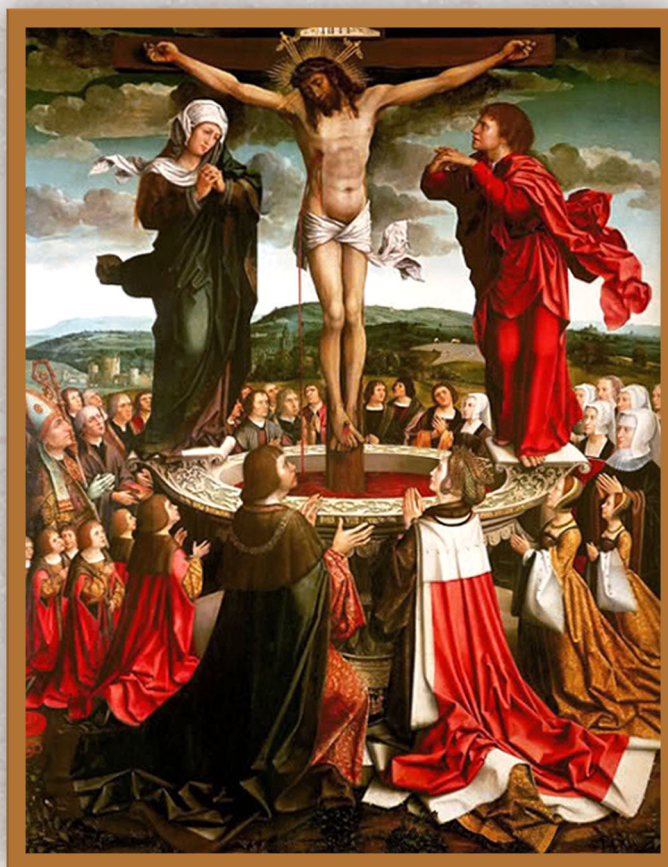
### **Confession Schedule**

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, September 10, 2023

15th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Betty & Glenn Ludwick  
(Diane & Jim Mousseau)

Processional: *Faith of Our Fathers* pg. 59

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

### Monday, September 11, 2023

Ss. Protus & Hyacinth, 4th Class—Red

12 PM LM + Clyde M. Novak (Ann Novak)

### Tuesday, September 12, 2023

Holy Name of Mary, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Deanna Shannon (Charles Shannon)

7PM LM + Harry J. Lenihan Jr. (David Lenihan)

### Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Votive Mass of St. Joseph, 4th Class—White

12PM LM + Frank & Alice Hete (Bernard & Carmen Hete)

### Thursday, September 14, 2023

Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 2nd Class—Red

12PM LMO Lane Family (Zink Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### Friday, September 15, 2023

Seven Sorrows of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

*Commemoration of St. Nicomedes*

12PM LM + John J. Orazi (Karl D. Raszewski II)

7PM LMO Living & Deceased of Confraternity of  
Christian Mothers

### Saturday, September 16, 2023

Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, 3rd Class—Red

*Commemoration of Ss. Euphemia, Lucy & Geminian*

9AM LM Alice Steigerwald & Donna Turcsanyi  
(Mary Eileen Cokley)

### Sunday, September 17, 2023

16th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Maria Eyler (Michael & Cristina Eyler)

Processional: *Come Holy Ghost* pg. 57

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

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ;  
HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, Sept 3, 2023*

Offertory .....	\$10,113.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$320.00
Bishop's Education Fund.....	\$10.00
Catholic Relief.....	\$20.00
Funeral.....	\$100.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 462; 11AM 341 Total 803*

### **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 **October 7th** and the topic will be *Spiritual Motherhood*. 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. 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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) or 863.450.5143. Lunch with Sursum Corda - Sunday, September 17th 1:30pm - Cinderlands, 2601 Smallman St, Pittsburgh, PA .

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. RLG's current newsletter may be found at both entrances of the church. Our next quarterly meeting will be Thursday, **Sept 28** at 6:30pm in the school, Rm 101; All are welcome to attend these meetings NO RSVP needed. Please contact Brenda Briola at [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) or 724-650-5767 for more information.

### **Parish Landscaping**

Do you have a few hours to offer the parish each week, planting, pruning and caring for the parish grounds? Folks with a desire to join the Landscape Team are encouraged to contact Julie Roytas at [julier.lom@hotmail.com](mailto:julier.lom@hotmail.com) or 412-818-1393. Our parish landscape team meets at the Church on Thursday mornings from 8AM to Noon. Opportunities to assist on other days or times are available.

### **Fall Fundraising Banquet**

The Women's Choice Network will host a Fall Fundraising Banquet on Thursday, **Sept 21<sup>st</sup>** from 6:30pm - 9:00pm at The Westin (1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222). The MPBOJ Respect Life Group has filled one table & would like to fill a second. Tickets are \$30. Please contact Nikki Bruni at 412-926-9413 by **Sept 15th** if interested in attending.

### **Congratulations Msgr. DiNardo**



Monsignor Lawrence DiNardo was named Chaplain to His Holiness, Pope Francis, and received the title of Monsignor on August 13, 2023. We are grateful and blessed by Msgr. DiNardo's instrumental service to our parish and the Diocese of Pittsburgh. On **Sept 17<sup>th</sup>**, there will be a Brunch Reception to honor Msgr. DiNardo at Christ Our Savior Parish at 10am in Norbert Hall.

For those interested in attending, please **RSVP before Sept 12<sup>th</sup>** by calling the Christ Our Savior parish office at 412-761-1552.

### **Confraternity of St. Nicholas**

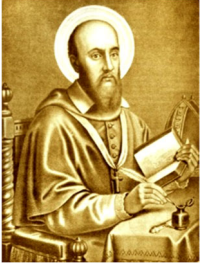
As local governments consider legislation which may alter the safeguards of children and their natural gender, we have recourse to the Confraternity of St. Nicholas. Please consider joining the confraternity and adding your prayerful impact. Please visit [www.confraternityofstnicholas.org](http://www.confraternityofstnicholas.org) and enroll TODAY! Pray for your children. Pray with your children. Create strong values in your children that radiate the Catholic Faith. ST. NICHOLAS, PRAY FOR OUR CHILDREN!

## ***Introduction to the Devout Life***

*By St. Francis de Sales*

### ***Some Useful Hints as to Meditation***

*(Book 2, Chapter 8)*



Above all things, my child, strive when your meditation is ended to retain the thoughts and resolutions you have made as your earnest practice throughout the day. This is the real fruit of meditation, without which it is apt to be unprofitable, if not actually harmful—inasmuch as to dwell upon virtues without practicing them leads to puff us up with unrealities, until we begin to fancy ourselves all that we have meditated upon and resolved to be; which is all very well if our resolutions are earnest and substantial, but on the contrary hollow and dangerous if they are not put in practice. You must then diligently endeavor to carry out your resolutions, and seek for all opportunities, great or small. For instance, if your resolution was to win over those who oppose you by gentleness, seek through the day any occasion of meeting such persons kindly, and if none offers, strive to speak well of them, and pray for them. When you leave off this interior prayer, you must be careful to keep your heart in an even balance, lest the balm it has received in meditation be scattered. I mean, try to maintain silence for some brief space, and let your thoughts be transferred gradually from devotion to business, keeping alive the feelings and affections aroused in meditation as long as possible. Supposing some one to have received a precious porcelain vessel, filled with a most costly liquid, which he is going to carry home; how carefully he would go, not looking about, but watching steadfastly lest he trip or stumble, or lest he spill any of the contents of his vessel. Just so, after meditation, do not allow yourself forthwith to be distracted, but look straight before you. Of course, if you meet any one to whom you are bound to attend, you must act according to the circumstances in which you find yourself, but even thus give heed to your heart, so as to lose as little as possible of the precious fruits of your meditation. You should strive, too, to accustom yourself to go easily from prayer to all such occupations as your calling or position lawfully require of you, even although such occupations may seem uncongenial to the affections and thoughts just before forming part of your prayer. Thus the lawyer should be able to go from meditation to his pleading, the tradesman to his business, the mistress of a family to the cares of her household and her wifely duties, so calmly and gently as not to be in any way disturbed by so doing. In both you are fulfilling God's Will, and you should be able to turn from one to the other in a devout and humble spirit. It may be that sometimes, immediately after your preparation, your affections will be wholly drawn to God, and then, my child, you must let go the reins, and not attempt to follow any given method; since, although as a general rule your considerations should precede your affections and resolutions, when the Holy Spirit gives you those affections at once, it is unnecessary to use the machinery which was intended to bring about the same result. In short, whenever such affections are kindled in your heart, accept them, and give them place in preference to all other considerations. The only object in placing the affections after the points of consideration in meditation, is to make the different parts of meditation clearer, for it is a gen-

eral rule that when affections arise they are never to be checked, but always encouraged to flow freely. And this applies also to the acts of thanksgiving, of oblation and petition, which must not be restrained either, although it is well to repeat or renew them at the close of your meditation. But your resolutions must be made after the affections, and quite at the end of your meditation, and that all the more because in these you must enter upon ordinary familiar subjects and things which would be liable to cause distractions if they were intruded among your spiritual affections. Amid your affections and resolutions it is well occasionally to make use of colloquies, and to speak sometimes to your Lord, sometimes to your guardian Angel, or to those persons who are concerned in the mystery you are meditating, to the Saints, to yourself, your own heart, to sinners, and even to the inanimate creation around, as David so often does in the Psalms, as well as other Saints in their meditations and prayers.

### ***Catechism UPDATE!!***

Catechism classes begin TODAY with 243 students enrolled in 11 classes. With the growth, especially in the lower grades, we now must have two classes each for the First and Second Grades. Our thanks to Patty Petrosky and Delaney Stull for joining the faculty and teaching these two new sections. In an effort to alleviate the parking crunch that occurs between the end of classes and the start of High Mass every week, some changes to the weekly Catechism schedule are unfortunately necessary. Classes begin five minutes earlier, at 9:25, and are dismissed ten minutes earlier, at 10:15. By lengthening the gap from 30 to 45 minutes, we hope the parking pressure will be reduced. For our first day today, we will not have a Plenary Assembly in the gym, as has been the recent custom. Students should go directly to their classrooms for a full class session.

### ***Parking Update!***

ALL Catechism families attending 8AM Mass are asked to please vacate parking areas once Catechism classes have been dismissed at 10:15 AM. Folks arriving for 11AM Mass need access to those parking areas, often by 10:30AM or earlier. May God reward you for your Charity and thoughtfulness in this matter.

### ***Permit Parking***

Because access to the parking lot behind the school is a single-lane driveway with limited visibility & mobility, we need to assure that vehicles are not exiting and entering at the same time. For this reason parking behind the school is by 2023/2024 PERMIT ONLY during the Catechism school year. If you do not have a parking permit, please do not park vehicles in the rear parking lot of the school. Thank You

### ***Welcome Candidates!***

At the coordination of our Institute Provincial, Canon Matthew Talarico, MPBOJ will host three candidates for discernment to the Seminary. Messrs. Ian Avila, Joesph Ventura and Salvatore Vitellaro will arrive at the Priory on Monday Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. The twelve-month Candidate Program, funded by the ICKSP, is designed to develop fluency in French, Latin and spirituality of the Institute of Christ the King. While the candidates may be called upon to assist with temporal matters around at the parish, their primary directive is learning and discernment. With this in mind, please remember the candidates are not available for social invitation.

## 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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