



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**16th Sunday After
Pentecost**
September 17, 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

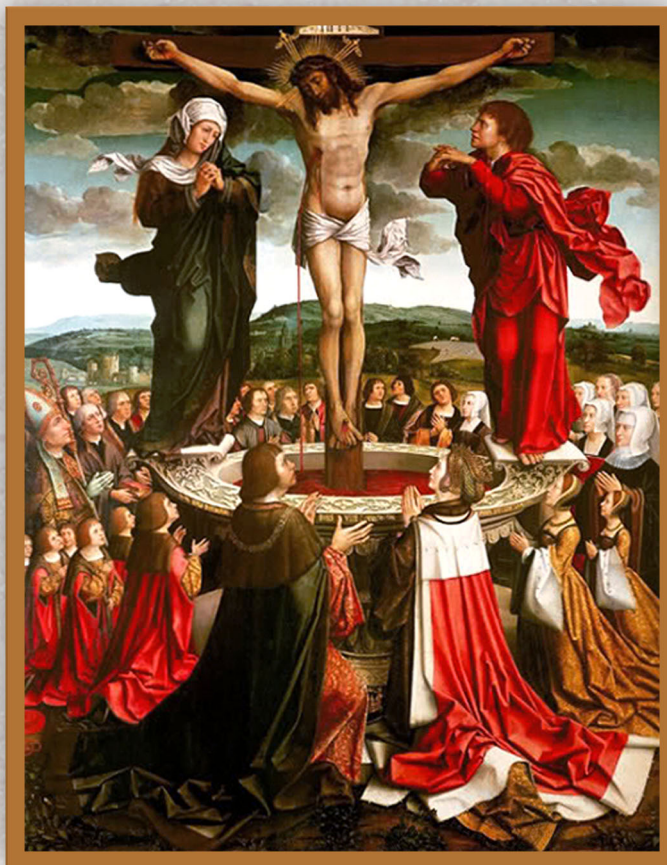
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com

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 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

Monday, September 18, 2023

St. Joseph of Cupertino, 3rd Class—White

12 PM LM Brookelyne Schnurpel

(Mike & Bethany Konopelski)

Tuesday, September 19, 2023

St. Januarius & Companions, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM In thanksgiving to Divine Physician

(Rita Louise W.)

7PM LM + Fr. James Dolan (Bob Pacacha)

Wednesday, September 20, 2023

Ember Wednesday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Eustace & Companions

12PM LM Living & deceased of Sobocinski Family

(Sobocinski Family)

Thursday, September 21, 2023

St. Matthew the Apostle, 2nd Class—Red

12PM LMO + Tom Kukovica (Marianne Warner)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, September 22, 2023

Ember Friday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Thomas of Villanova

12PM LM + Michael Falvo (Falvo Family)

Saturday, September 23, 2023

Ember Saturday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Linus

9AM LM + Susan Hirth (Brian & Laura Hirth)

Sunday, September 24, 2023

17th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Paul William Warnagiris

(M/M Christopher Warnagiris)

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

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

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, Sept 10, 2023

Offertory \$9,576.00

Parish Appeal..... \$499.00

Bishop's Education Fund..... \$443.00

Catholic Communications \$5.00

Mission Coop..... \$1,000.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 644; 11AM 316 Total 960

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 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. Lunch with Sursum Corda - **Today at 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 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 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 21st** from 6:30pm - 9:00pm at The Westin (1000 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222).

Volunteers Needed

Little Sisters of the Poor are in need of volunteers to visit residents, especially those who have no family. Schedules are very flexible. For those who would like to get involved with this ministry of visiting the elderly, please contact Ray Haskins at 412-400-0521 or ray_haskins@hotmail.com.

Celebrate Life Luncheon

PCUC (People Concerned for the Unborn Child) *Celebrate Life Luncheon* is scheduled for **Sunday, Oct 15th** at the Lemont. Social Hour and Auction Preview at Noon—Lunch at 1pm. For more information visit <https://www.pcuc.org/celebrate-life-luncheon-2/> or contact Claudia Berthold at 724-799-5904.

General Safety & Indemnity

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a welcoming, safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, the parish follows a general Safety and Indemnity Policy. When visiting the parish, whether for Mass or any social events in or on parish property, parents accept full responsibility for their children's safety, by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and involved in parish related activities where a parish program manager oversees the children (e.g., Children's Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on campus for the duration of the program and until the parent has regained custody at the conclusion of the parish activity/program.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Concerning Dryness in Meditation

(Book 2, Chapter 9)



Should it happen sometimes, my child, that you have no taste for or consolation in your meditation, I entreat you not to be troubled, but seek relief in vocal prayer, bemoan yourself to our Lord, confess your unworthiness, implore His Aid, kiss His Image, if it be beside you, and say in the words of Jacob, "I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me;" or with the Canaanite woman, "Yes, Lord, I am as a dog before Thee, but the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their master's table." Or you can take a book, and read attentively till such time as your mind is calmed and quickened; or sometimes you may find help from external actions, such as prostrating yourself folding your hands upon your breast, kissing your Crucifix,--that is, supposing you are alone. But if, after all this, you are still unrelieved, do not be disturbed at your dryness, however great it be, but continue striving after a devout attitude in God's Sight. What numbers of courtiers appear a hundred times at court without any hope of a word from their king, but merely to pay their homage and be seen of him. Just so, my child, we ought to enter upon mental prayer purely to fulfil our duty and testify our loyalty. If it pleases God's Divine Majesty to speak to us, and discourse in our hearts by His Holy Inspirations and inward consolations, it is doubtless a great honor, and very sweet to our soul; but if He does not vouchsafe such favors, but makes as though He saw us not,--as though we were not in His Presence,--nevertheless we must not quit it, but on the contrary we must remain calmly and devoutly before Him, and He is certain to accept our patient waiting, and give heed to our assiduity and perseverance; so that another time He will impart to us His consolations, and let us taste all the sweetness of holy meditation. But even were it not so, let us, my child, be satisfied with the privilege of being in His Presence and seen of Him.

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!



From Sept 27th – Nov 5th,
you're invited to join other
Christians for 40 Days for Life

23,525 babies saved!
251 workers converted!
142 abortion centers closed!

– 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Campaign Director Nikki Bruni at nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com.

Kickoff Mass!

40 Days For Life Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, **Sept 26th** at 6:30pm, followed by a candle-lit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood. Fr. Mario Majano from the Archdiocese of Washington DC will share his stunning pro-life testimony. Please join us as we bring the Light of Christ into the streets of Pittsburgh!

Parish Day of Prayer on the Sidewalk

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish has adopted **Sunday, Oct 8th** to provide the prayer witness at Planned Parenthood from 9am – 5pm. Please see sign-up sheets in both entrances to sign up, or call or text Nikki at 412-926-9413.

Annual Hayride & Bonfire

Our annual *Hayride and Bonfire at Youhtowne* is tentatively planned for Sunday, **Oct 22nd**, from 3:30pm to 6:30pm. We are in need of a family to manage this fun-filled event. If interested and able, please contact our parish office at 412-761-1508 before September 30th. The families who have run this event for many years are willing to coach all necessary details.

Help Restore Sacred Heart Retreat Center!

A new chapter in the Institute's life in the United States has begun. Divine Providence has given us the future Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. Please consider joining us in this great new mission for the good of souls in honor of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Savior! Learn more about the future retreat center and how you can help at institute-christ-king.org/retreatcenter or by scanning the QR code. Please also see inserts in today's bulletin.



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:

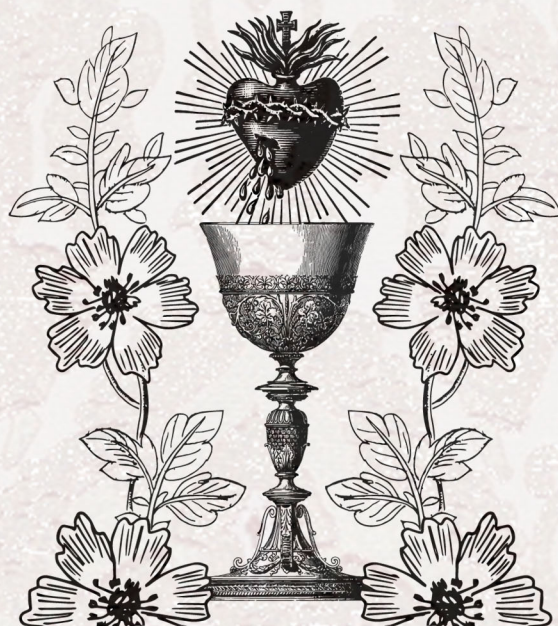
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

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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Pledge Card

"Out of God's gifts we make gifts to God, and from us He receives what He first gave to us,"
St. Augustine

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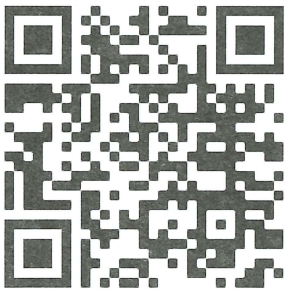
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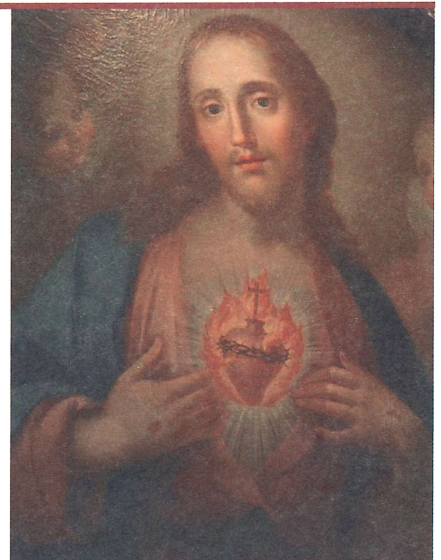
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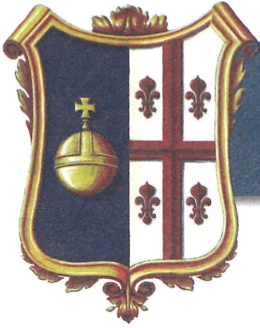
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SUGGESTED GIVING PLANS

Over a 3 Year Pledge Period

Total Gift	Yearly	Quarterly	Monthly	Weekly *	Daily
\$ 270,000	\$ 90,000	\$ 22,500	\$ 7,500	\$ 1,731	\$ 246.58
180,000	60,000	15,000	5,000	1,154	164.38
90,000	30,000	7,500	2,500	577	82.19
36,000	12,000	3,000	1,000	231	32.88
18,000	6,000	1,500	500	115	16.44
9,000	3,000	750	250	58	8.22
5,400	1,800	450	150	35	4.93
3,600	1,200	300	100	23	3.29
2,700	900	225	75	17	2.47
1,800	600	150	50	12	1.64
720	240	60	20	5	0.66

* Gifts have been rounded to the nearest dollar amount.

Pledging a gift allows you to consider a more substantial commitment than what may be possible with a one-time gift. With your help over these next 3 years, the Institute will be able to pay off and restore this historic religious building as the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, to welcome souls from across the United States!

Gifts of stock are welcome!

Please contact the Institute's financial office for assistance.

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Thank you! May the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus reward you eternally.