



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**19th Sunday After
Pentecost
October 8, 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, October 8, 2023

19th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
11AM HM Sister Bernadette Marie (Priscilla Fello)
Processional: *O Queen of the Holy Rosary* pg. 81
Recessional: *Jesus My Lord, My God, My All* pg. 74

Monday, October 9, 2023

St. John Leonardi, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Denis, Rusticus & Eleutherius
12 PM LM + Janice Sims (Wischnowski Family)

Tuesday, October 10, 2023

St. Francis Borgia, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Arthur & Mary LeVeque (Mark LeVeque)
7PM LM + John Mihm (Bob Pacacha)

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

Maternity of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

12PM LMO + Al & Dolly Schanck & Maggie Morgan
(Carol R. LeDonne)

Thursday, October 12, 2023

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, 4th Class—White

12PM LM + Sarah Ann Brunn (Albert Brunn Jr.)
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
9PM Compline

Friday, October 13, 2023

St. Edward, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + William Forester (Kadar Family)

Saturday, October 14, 2023

St. Callistus I, 3rd Class—Red

9AM LM Spiritual & temporal welfare of Simon
Farah-15th Birthday (Farah Family)

Sunday, October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO + Blake & Betty Kantz
(Brenda & Ken Briola)

10AM Confirmations
11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Come Holy Ghost* pg. 57
Recessional: *Faith of Our Fathers*, pg. 59

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, October 1, 2023

Offertory \$10,603.00
Parish Appeal..... \$395.00
Food Pantry..... \$10.00
Parish Improvement..... \$115.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 585; 11AM 285; Total 870

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 **November 4th** and the topic is to be determined. 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." NEXT LUNCH WITH SURSUM CORDA is today, **Oct 8th**, at 1:30pm. NEXT CONFERENCE: Friday **Oct 13th**, 6:30 pm at MPBOJ School. The talk will be on *The Vocation of Marriage*. For more information, contact Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

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. Please contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

Confirmations Next Sunday

Next Sunday, Bishop William Walterscheid will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on over 50 candidates at our parish. The Rite of Confirmation will begin at 10 a.m., with High Mass to follow beginning at 11 a.m. Bishop Walterscheid will attend Mass in choir. All Catechism classes are cancelled on Oct. 15.

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.

Aquinas Academy Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Pre-K - Grade 12 Admissions Open House on Saturday, **Oct 14th**, from 11am to 1pm. Come and see how an Aquinas Academy education can help form your child in faith and virtue and help him or her succeed in school and beyond. Visiting families will be given a student-led tour of the campus, a presentation by Leslie Mitros, Head of School, and opportunities to meet teachers, coaches, parents, and other students. The tour will end in the cafeteria where families can enjoy a light reception. Register online at www.AquinasAcademy.info or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722 ext. 15, austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org.

Parish Hayride & Bonfire

The annual *Parish Hayride and Bonfire* will be Sunday, **Oct 22nd** from 3pm to 7pm at Youthtowne in Clinton, PA. Hot dogs, buns and ingredients for s'mores will be provided, as well as paper products and utensils. Parishioners are encouraged to bring beverages and any food items to enjoy with your family. The kitchen will not be open—no covered dishes, please. The suggested donation is \$10 per individual or family. Sign-up sheets will be at both church entrances as well as in the school entrance during catechism today, **Oct 8th**. Please mark your calendars so you can enjoy this Fall event with your fellow parishioners. Any questions, feel free to email Ethan Suquet at suquetethan@gmail.com.

Black Hymnals

All in attendance at Sunday High Masses are welcome to use the Black Hymnals found at the Church entrances. The schedule of hymns is in the back of the hymnal, near the index.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Spiritual Retirement

(Book 2, Chapter 12)



This is a matter, dear daughter, to which I am very anxious to win your attention, for in it lies one of the surest means of spiritual progress. Strive as often as possible through the day to place yourself in God's Presence by some one of the methods already suggested. Consider what God does, and what you are doing--you will see His Eyes ever fixed upon you in Love incomparable. "O my God," you will cry out, "why cannot I always be looking upon Thee, even as Thou looks on me? why do I think so little about Thee? O my soul, thy only resting-place is God, and yet how often dost thou wander?" The birds have nests in lofty trees, and the stag his refuge in the thick coverts, where he can shelter from the sun's burning heat; and just so, my child, our hearts ought daily to choose some resting-place, either Mount Calvary, or the Sacred Wounds, or some other spot close to Christ, where they can retire at will to seek rest and refreshment amid toil, and to be as in a fortress, protected from temptation. Blessed indeed is the soul which can truly say, "Thou, Lord, art my Refuge, my Castle, my Stay, my Shelter in the storm and in the heat of the day." Be sure then, my child, that while externally occupied with business and social duties, you frequently retire within the solitude of your own heart. That solitude need not be in any way hindered by the crowds which surround you-- they surround your body, not your soul, and your heart remains alone in the Sole Presence of God. This is what David sought after amid his manifold labors;--the Psalms are full of such expressions as "Lord, I am ever with Thee. The Lord is always at my right hand. I lift up mine eyes to Thee, O Thou Who dwellest in the heavens. Mine eyes look unto God." There are few social duties of sufficient importance to prevent an occasional retirement of the heart into this sacred solitude. When Saint Catherine of Sienna was deprived by her parents of any place or time for prayer and meditation, Our Lord inspired her with the thought of making a little interior oratory in her mind, into which she could retire in heart, and so enjoy a holy solitude amid her outward duties. And henceforward, when the world assaulted her, she was able to be indifferent, because, so she said, she could retire within her secret oratory, and find comfort with her Heavenly Bridegroom. So she counselled her spiritual daughters to make a retirement within their heart, in which to dwell. Do you in like manner let your heart withdraw to such an inward retirement, where, apart from all men, you can lay it bare, and treat face to face with God, even as David says that he watched like a "pelican in the wilderness, or an owl in the desert, or a sparrow sitting alone upon the housetop." These words have a sense beyond their literal meaning, or King David's habit of retirement for contemplation;--and we may find in them three excellent kinds of retreats in which to seek solitude after the Savior's Example, Who is symbolized as He hung upon Mount Calvary by the pelican of the wilderness, feeding her young ones with her blood. So again His Nativity in a lonely stable might find a foreshadowing in the owl of the desert, bemoaning and lamenting; and in His Ascension He was like the sparrow rising high above the dwellings of men. Thus in each of these ways we can make a retreat amid the daily cares of life and its business. When the blessed Elzear, Count of Arrian-en Provence, had been long separated from his pious and beloved wife Delphine, she sent a messenger to inquire after him, and he returned answer, "I am well, dear wife, and if you

would see me, seek me in the Wounded Side of our Dear Lord Jesus; that is my sure dwelling-place, and elsewhere you will seek me in vain." Surely he was a true Christian knight who spoke thus.



Now through **Nov 5th**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 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.

Parish Day of Prayer on the Sidewalk

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

Aquinas Academy's Distinguished Speaker Series

Aquinas Academy's Distinguished Speaker Series Presents "The Talk and Beyond: Raising Children in a Confused Culture" by Michael Moynihan on the campus of Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh on Tuesday, **October 10th**, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. It is not easy to raise children today. Parents worry about the confusing messages that children are picking up and wonder how they can help their children grow up with the freedom to live out their vocations, to make commitments that are in sync with God's plan for human love, marriage and family life. Parents want their children to be truly happy but see challenges and obstacles unlike what they faced when growing up. Come to hear Michael address this topic with wisdom, perspective and an optimistic spirit. How did we get here and what can we as parents do? Michael has a wealth of experience as the father of 11 children and an educator who has delved deeply into the intellectual roots of the cultural challenges we face. Come away with confidence that we parents, with God's help, are more than up for the challenge of raising children today. This talk is free and open to the public. A light reception will follow the talk. For more information and to register: www.AquinasAcademy.info.

Baby Bottle Campaign

The Baby Bottle campaign to benefit Women's Choice Network is about to begin. Volunteers with our Respect Life Group will hand out baby bottles after both Masses on October **22nd** and **29th** at the church entrances. Please fill the bottles with loose change or a check, and return to one of the volunteers on November **5th**. You can also donate at www.cbottle.org. The Women's Choice Network has been helping those facing unexpected pregnancies since 1985. They provide ultrasounds, pregnancy testing, prenatal support, and postnatal resources. In 2022, they helped 321 women to choose life! *Thank you for your charity!*

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 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 businessmanager@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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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.

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