



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**21st Sunday After
Pentecost
October 22, 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

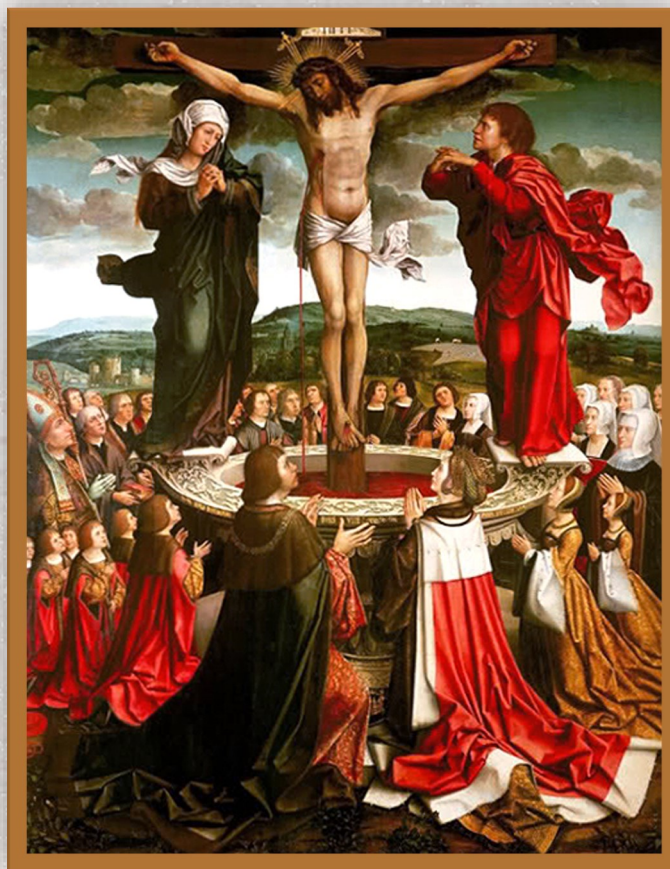
Confession Schedule

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 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Karen-Birthday (Family)

Processional: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (pg. 78)

Recessional: *Come Holy Ghost* (pg. 57)

Monday, October 23, 2023

St. Anthony Mary Claret, 3rd Class—White

12 PM LM Ambyre, Helena & Dylan Daniel
(M/M Jeffrey Novak)

Tuesday, October 24, 2023

St. Raphael the Archangel, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Dr. Robert & Liz Blume and Family
(Ginny Kenna)

7PM LM + Helen Zannoni (Mark Schurdak Family)

Wednesday, October 25, 2023

St. Chrysanthus & Daria, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Lou & Judy Talarico- 44th Wedding
Anniversary (Talarico Children)

Thursday, October 26, 2023

St. Evaristus, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM + Marianne Schrama (Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, October 27, 2023

Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Richard Clarke- Birthday (Family)

Saturday, October 28, 2023

SS. Simon & Jude, 2nd Class—Red

9AM LMO Reese Theresa Hamrick & Family
(D'Souza Family)

Sunday, October 29, 2023 *Plenary Indulgence*

Christ the King, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Daniel K.

McPherson (Farah Family)

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

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, October 15, 2023

Offertory \$7,722.00

Parish Appeal..... \$370.00

Parish Improvement..... \$2,137.65

Food Pantry..... \$5.00

Faith Direct Report (September 16-30, 2023)

Offertory \$14,509.05

Parish Appeal..... \$415.00

Parish Improvement..... \$604.00

World Mission \$60.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 448; 11AM 496; Total 944

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:

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 4**. All adult women are welcome. 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 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.

Respect Life Conference Nov. 18

The Respect Life Group will be hosting a conference in the school gym on **Saturday, Nov. 18** from 11 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Guest speakers are: **Dr. José & Stacy Trasancos** (COG for Life), **Dr. Alan Keyes**, and **Theresa Farnan**. Suggested donation for the event is: \$10 per person or \$25 per family. See the flyer available at the church entrances for more information.



Parish Hayride & Bonfire

The annual *Parish Hayride and Bonfire* is TODAY from 3 to 7 p.m. 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.

World Mission Sunday - Oct. 22

There is a second collection today for World Mission Sunday.

Open Period for 2024 Mass Intentions

The Parish Mass Intention Registry will open for a three-week period beginning Monday, October 30, 2023. Each family/parishioner may request one Sunday Mass and two weekday Masses for calendar year 2024, with preference for Sunday Masses given to those who were unable to obtain a Sunday Mass during 2023. To make a Mass intention request, please utilize the *Mass Intention Request Forms* located at the church entrances. Please do not call or visit the Parish Office, since we need the actual form for tracking. The last date for submission of Mass intentions during this period is November 20th, so please complete and submit your forms early!

Hallelujah! Messiah Sing-Along

On **Monday, October 23 at 7 p.m.** at Our Lady of Fatima Church, 2270 Brodhead Rd., Aliquippa. Listen to or sing along with selections of Handel's *Messiah*, performed by the Beaver Valley Choral Society's Principal Choir & Orchestra. Featured soloist is mezzo-soprano (and our parishioner) Caroline Friend.

Wisdom of Blessed Columba Marmion

Discussion and conferences on "The Spirituality of Blessed Columba Marmion: Holiness in Everyday Life" at St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, led by Father Columba Thomas, OP. Open discussion Fri. Oct. 27, 7 PM in St. Gregory Chapel; presentation in three chapters by Fr. Columba Thomas on Sat. Oct. 28 in the Basilica Crypt: 9AM, 1 & 3:30 PM.

Tempus Fugit

October 21 marks five years since the canons of the Institute arrived in Pittsburgh to assume the job of caring for the then-quasi-parish of St. John XXIII at St. Boniface Church. Eight months later (July 1, 2019) this parish was established.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Aspirations, Ejaculatory Prayer, and Holy Thoughts

(Book 2, Chapter 13 – Part 2)

When Saint Fulgentius, Bishop of Ruspe, heard Theodoric, King of the Goths, harangue a general assembly of Roman nobles, and behold their splendor, he exclaimed, "O God, how glorious must Thy Heavenly Jerusalem be, if even earthly Rome be thus!" And if this world can afford so much gratification to mere earthly lovers of vanity, what must there be in store hereafter for those who love the truth?

We are told that Saint Anselm of Canterbury, (our mountains may glory in being his birthplace) was much given to such thoughts. On one occasion a hunted hare took refuge from imminent death beneath the Bishop's horse, the hounds clamoring round, but not daring to drag it from its asylum, whereat his attendants began to laugh; but the great Anselm wept, saying, "You may laugh forsooth, but to the poor hunted beast it is no laughing matter; even so the soul which has been led astray in all manner of sin finds a host of enemies waiting at its last hour to devour it, and terrified, knows not where to seek a refuge, and if it can find none, its enemies laugh and rejoice." And so he went on his way, sighing.

Constantine the Great wrote with great respect to Saint Anthony, at which his religious expressed their surprise. "Do you marvel," he said, "that a king should write to an ordinary man? Marvel rather that God should have written His Law for men, and yet more that He should have spoken with them Face to face through His Son." When Saint Francis saw a solitary sheep amid a flock of goats; "See," said he to his companion, "how gentle the poor sheep is among the goats, even as was Our Lord among the Pharisees;" and seeing a boar devour a little lamb, "Poor little one," he exclaimed, weeping, "how vividly is my Savior's Death set forth in thee!"

A great man of our own day, Francis Borgia, then Duke of Candia, was wont to indulge in many devout imaginations as he was hunting. "I used to ponder," he said, "how the falcon returns to one's wrist, and lets one hood its eyes or chain it to the perch, and yet men are so perverse in refusing to turn at God's call." St. Basil the Great says that the rose amid its thorns preaches a lesson to men. "All that is pleasant in this life" (so it tells us mortals) "is mingled with sadness--no joy is altogether pure--all enjoyment is liable to be marred by regrets, marriage is saddened by widowhood, children bring anxiety, glory often turns to shame, neglect follows upon honor, weariness on pleasure, sickness on health. Truly the rose is a lovely flower," the Saint goes on to say, "but it moves me to sadness, reminding me as it does that for my sin the earth was condemned to bring forth thorns."

Another devout soul, gazing upon a brook wherein the starlit sky of a calm summer's night was reflected, exclaims, "O my God, when Thou callest me to dwell in Thy heavenly tabernacles, these stars will be beneath my feet; and even as those stars are now reflected here below, so are we Thy creatures reflected above in the living waters of Thy Divine Love." So another cried out, beholding a rapid river as it flowed, "Even thus my soul will know no rest until it plunge into that Divine Sea whence it came forth!" Saint Frances, as she knelt to pray beside the banks of a pleasant streamlet, cried out in ecstasy, "The Grace of my Dear Lord flows softly and sweetly even as these refreshing waters" And another saintly soul, looking upon the blooming orchards, cried out, "Why am I alone barren in the Church's garden!" So Saint Francis of Assisi, beholding a hen gathering her chickens beneath her wings, exclaimed, "Keep me, O Lord, under the shadow of Thy Wings" And looking upon the sunflower, he ejaculated, "When, O Lord, will my soul follow the attractions of Thy Love?" And gathering pansies in a garden which are fair to see, but scentless, "Ah," he cried out, "even so are the thoughts of my heart, fair to behold, but without savor or fruit!"

Thus it is, my child, that good thoughts and holy aspirations may be drawn from all that surrounds us in our ordinary life. Woe to them that turn aside the creature from the Creator, and thrice blessed are

they who turn all creation to their Creator's Glory, and make human vanities subservient to the truth. "Verily," says Saint Gregory Nazianzen, "I am wont to turn all things to my spiritual profit."

Read the pious epitaph written for Saint Paula by Saint Jerome; it is marvelous therein to see how she conceived spiritual thoughts and aspirations at every turn.

Now, in the practice of this spiritual retreat and of these ejaculatory prayers the great work of devotion lies: it can supply all other deficiencies, but there is hardly any means of making up where this is lacking. Without it no one can lead a true contemplative life, and the active life will be but imperfect where it is omitted: without it rest is but indolence, labor but weariness,—therefore I beseech you to adopt it heartily, and never let it go.



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.

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 today and Oct. 29th at the church entrances. Please fill the bottles with loose change or a check, and return to one of the volunteers on Nov. 5th. You can also donate at www.ebottle.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!*

No One Dies Alone

No One Dies Alone (NODA) is a program at UPMC Mercy that seeks to ensure that dying patients, who may otherwise be alone, have the gift of human presence in their final hours. This presence is provided by specially trained volunteers called "Compassionate Companions". If you are interested in serving as a "Compassionate Companion", please contact Fr. Igor Hohosha, Pastor of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (our neighbor on California Ave.) and Chaplain at UPMC Mercy, at 412-478-5685, or by email at hohoshai2@upmc.edu.

All Saints Day Party

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the All Saints Day party in the school gym **Sunday, November 5th**, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck, carnival style games and Saint themed treat bags. You're encouraged to dress as a saint and join in the fun. Children can prepare a Saint Report to be displayed at the party (can be a coloring page, poster, clay sculpture, diorama, etc). All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there! Please RSVP and sign up for the potluck at: mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/139918. Teen and adult volunteers are also needed to help with games.

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 businessmanager@mpboj.com for approval.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* reopens on October 30, for a period of three weeks, to accept 2024 intentions. See details inside this bulletin. Forms will be available at both church entrances

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, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.

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 *First 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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