



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**2nd Sunday After  
Easter**

**April 14, A.D. 2024**

### ***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**

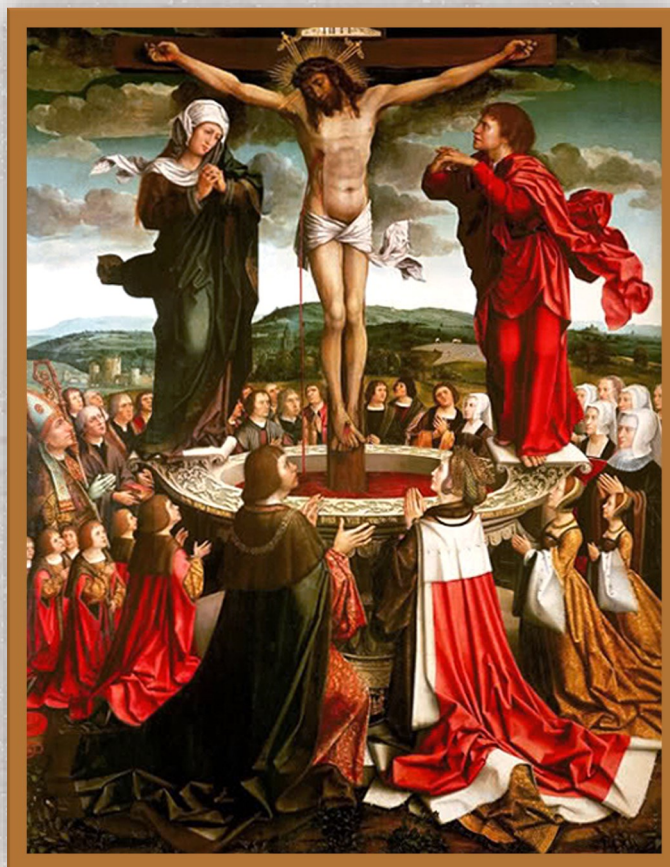
### ***Confession Schedule***

**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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**Email: office@mpboj.com**  
**Website: mostpreciousbloodparish.org or 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, April 14, 2024**

#### **Second Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*  
11AM HM + George “Skip” Bradburn (Michael Bradburn)  
Processional: At the Lamb’s High Feast (pg. 53)  
Recessional: Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (pg. 58)

### **Monday, April 15, 2024**

#### **Votive Mass of Most Holy Trinity, 4th Class—White**

12PM LMO Maureen Cavanaugh Berry-Health (Jim Stiveson)

### **Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

#### **Votive Mass of the Holy Angels, 4th Class—White**

12PM LM + Matt Hair (Jacob Wilson)  
7PM LM O’Connor Family (D’Souza Family)

### **Wednesday, April 17, 2024 *Infant King Novena begins***

#### **St. Anicetus, 4th Class—Red**

12PM LM + Maria Rikk (Christian Mothers)

### **Thursday, April 18, 2024**

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

12PM LM Living Family Members (Donna Hastings)  
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration  
9PM Compline

### **Friday, April 19, 2024**

#### **Votive Mass of Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red**

12PM LM Our Godchildren-Emilia, Nathan, Michael  
(Connie & Andy Szafraniec)

### **Saturday, April 20, 2024**

#### **Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White**

9AM LM + Ashley Shannon (Diane & Jim Mousseau)

### **Sunday, April 21, 2024**

#### **Third Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

8AM LMO Living & Dec. of Talarico & Rattay Families  
(Lou & Judy Talarico)  
11AM HM *Pro populo*  
Processional: Jesus is Risen  
Recessional: Christ is Risen From the Dead  
LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, April 7, 2024*

Offertory .....	\$16,546.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$2,531.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$30.00
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$35.00
Food Pantry.....	\$135.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 502; 11AM 405; Total 907*

## 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](http://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. All adult women are welcome. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) for more information.

The RLG is seeking volunteers to connect with elderly parishioners @ MPBOJ who haven’t been attending Mass, to assess if they require a ride to Mass on Sundays or have other needs.

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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

## Second Collection for Seminary Today

Today’s second collection benefits the Institute of Christ the King’s seminary, where your donations fund the formation costs of the seminarians. Special envelopes are available at both entrances to the church for this collection. **If you are writing a check, please make sure it is made payable to “Institute of Christ the King”.**



Our future priests appreciate your generosity, and pray daily for their benefactors.

## Mass Intentions Being Accepted

The Parish is now accepting Mass intention requests for the remainder of calendar year 2024. No Sunday Masses are available, but there are daily Masses available beginning in early July.

Each family may request three Masses during this period. All Mass requests must be made on the revised Mass Intention Request Forms, available at the Church entrances. Please do not phone or email the Parish Office to request a Mass.

The parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

## Eagle Scout Project Benefitting the Little Sisters of the Poor

In your charity, please consider supporting John Paul Farah with his Eagle Scout project. Beginning Easter week, John Paul will be collecting non-perishable food items and monetary donations for the Little Sisters of the Poor. Donations can be left in the designated donation box at the rear of the church. Donations will be collected for one month. For further information please contact John Paul Farah at 412-853-7921.

## Pilgrimage Trips from the Institute

Visit the parish website, at [MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com), for information on three pilgrimage trips that the Institute is offering in the next several months, to Spain, Italy, and Mexico: [MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com)

## Parish Directory

The parish still has dozens of copies of the January 2023 Parish Directory. Since they are becoming slightly outdated, if you are a parishioner and do not have one, please visit the parish office for a copy, free of charge!

## Help Needed: Ushers and ERTs

Our parish is very ably served by our Ushers and Emergency Response Team members (ERTs), vigilantly ensuring good order, safety and security at the church and school. That said, we can always use more volunteers for these jobs. The work is not difficult, is done while you are already at church, and helps to serve our Lord. If you are willing to assist, please speak to our ERT/Usher Coordinator, George Wright, or contact him by email ([usher-ert@mpboj.com](mailto:usher-ert@mpboj.com)). *Training and certification are available at no cost to the ERTs, for AED/CPR/First Aid.*

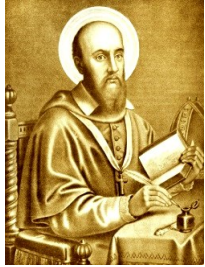
## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### Gentleness Towards Ourselves

(Book 3, Chapter 9)

One important direction in which to exercise gentleness, is with respect to ourselves, never growing irritated with one's self or one's imperfections; for although it is but reasonable that we should be displeased and grieved at our own faults, yet ought we to guard against a bitter, angry, or peevish feeling about them.



Many people fall into the error of being angry because they have been angry, vexed because they have given way to vexation, thus keeping up a chronic state of irritation, which adds to the evil of what is past, and prepares the way for a fresh fall on the first occasion. Moreover, all this anger and irritation against one's self fosters pride, and springs entirely from self-love, which is disturbed and fretted by its own imperfection.

What we want is a quiet, steady, firm displeasure at our own faults. A judge gives sentence more effectually speaking deliberately and calmly than if he be impetuous and passionate (for in the latter case he punishes not so much the actual faults before him, but what they appear to him to be); and so we can chasten ourselves far better by a quiet steadfast repentance, than by eager hasty ways of penitence, which, in fact, are proportioned not by the weight of our faults, but according to our feelings and inclinations. Thus one man who specially aims at purity will be intensely vexed with himself at some very trifling fault against it, while he looks upon some gross slander of which he has been guilty as a mere laughing matter. On the other hand, another will torment himself painfully over some slight exaggeration, while he altogether overlooks some serious offence against purity; and so on with other things. All this arises solely because men do not judge themselves by the light of reason, but under the influence of passion.

Believe me, my child, as a parent's tender affectionate remonstrance has far more weight with his child than anger and sternness, so, when we judge our own heart guilty, if we treat it gently, rather in a spirit of pity than anger, encouraging it to amendment, its repentance will be much deeper and more lasting than if stirred up in vehemence and wrath.

For instance:—Let me suppose that I am specially seeking to conquer vanity, and yet that I have fallen conspicuously into that sin;—instead of taking myself to task as abominable and wretched, for breaking so many resolutions, calling myself unfit to lift up my eyes to Heaven, as disloyal, faithless, and the like, I would deal pitifully and quietly with myself. "Poor heart! so soon fallen again into the snare! Well now, rise up again bravely and fall no more. Seek God's Mercy, hope in Him, ask Him to keep you from falling again, and begin to tread the pathway of humility afresh. We must be more on our guard henceforth." Such a course will be the surest way to making a steadfast substantial resolution against the special fault, to which should be added any external means suitable, and the advice of one's director.

If any one does not find this gentle dealing sufficient, let him use sterner self-rebuke and admonition, provided only, that whatever indignation he may rouse against himself, he finally works it all up to a tender loving trust in God, treading in the footsteps of that great penitent who cried out to his troubled soul: "Why art thou so vexed, O my soul, and why art thou so disquieted within me? O put thy trust in God, for I will yet thank Him, Which is the help of my countenance, and my God."

So then, when you have fallen, lift up your heart in quietness, humbling yourself deeply before God by reason of your frailty, without marveling that you fell;—there is no cause to marvel because weakness is weak, or infirmity infirm. Heartily lament that you should have offended God, and begin anew to cultivate the lacking grace, with a very deep trust in His Mercy, and with a bold, brave heart.

## Easter Tea Party

Please join us for the Confraternity of Christian Mother's annual Easter Tea Party **this Saturday, April 20th**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Enjoy tea, lunch, dessert, raffle basket drawings, music by the *Schola Cantorum*, plus kid activities. Tickets are \$20 (\$10 for 4th ticket or more per family). This annual event is not only a delightful social event—it is also a fundraiser for our parish. All women and girls, including family and friends, are welcome! Questions? Contact Dominique Patrick at [niquewilson99@gmail.com](mailto:niquewilson99@gmail.com).

### Memorial Day Picnic – Volunteers Needed

This year's Memorial Day Picnic will be on Sunday, May 26th at a new location—Holy Trinity Serbian Picnic Grounds in Castle Shannon. *We will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup and more.*

If you are willing and able to help, contact Mike Konopelski at [mike.konopelski@gmail.com](mailto:mike.konopelski@gmail.com).

### Gospa Missions Retreat August 3rd

Early Bird registration is offered until April 30 for a discounted price of \$30. Register at [gospa.org](http://gospa.org) or call (724) 538-3171.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION — LIMITED SEATING — ENDS APRIL 30

## NAVIGATING TROUBLED TIMES

The Two Pillars: Our Lady & The Eucharist

Saturday, August 3, 2024  
Highfield Community Center  
229 Highfield Road  
Butler, PA 16001

WITH SPEAKERS:



Father Joseph  
Tuscan, OFM Cap.



Father Joe  
Freedy



Sister Faustina  
Maria



Paul Ruggieri  
Catholic Author  
of Answers for  
Troubled Times



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or call us at 724-538-3171.

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## 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](mailto:businessmanager@mpboj.com) for approval.

### 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).

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

**MASS INTENTIONS**—The *Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently **OPEN** for a period of three weeks, to accept intentions for the remainder of 2024. See details inside this bulletin. Forms are 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](http://MPBOJ.com)) for more information.



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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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