



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**3rd Sunday After  
Easter**

**April 21, 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**

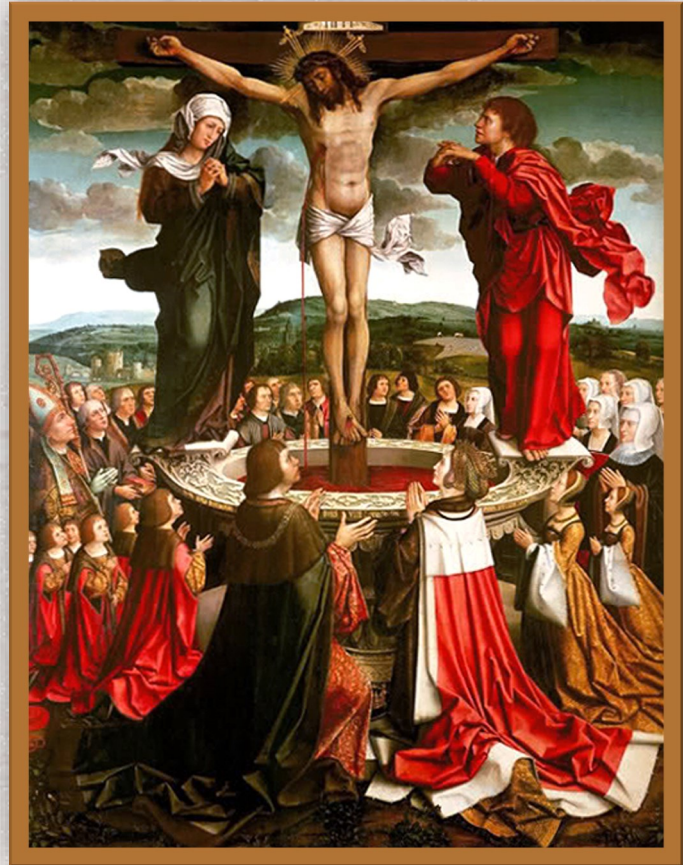
### ***Confession Schedule***

**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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**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 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 (pg. 72)

Recessional: Christ is Risen From the Dead (pg. 55)

### **Monday, April 22, 2024**

#### **Ss. Soter & Caius, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LMO Teresa O'Rourke-BD (O'Rourke Family)

### **Tuesday, April 23, 2024**

#### **St. George, 4th Class—Red**

12PM LM +Ezekiel & Eileen Losco (Dr & Mrs R. Capone)

7PM LM +Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre (Eric Frankovitch)

### **Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

#### **St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM +Mike Barrow (Laurie Walz)

### **Thursday, April 25, 2024**

#### **St. Mark the Evangelist, 2nd Class—Red**

12PM LMO Patrick & Erica Callahan-Wedding Ann. (Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### **Friday, April 26, 2024**

#### **Ss. Cletus & Marcellinus, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM Kelly Children & future spouses (Nicole Kelly)

### **Saturday, April 27, 2024**

#### **St. Peter Canisius, 3rd Class—White**

9AM LM + Adolf Kudlinski & Family (Kuszel Family)

### **Sunday, April 28, 2024**

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

8AM LMO Tom & Carol Nypaver-40th Wedding  
Anniversary (Nypaver Children)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing

Recessional: Jesus is Risen

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, April 14, 2024*

Offertory ..... \$7,850.00

Parish Appeal..... \$1,365.00

Parish Improvement..... \$90.00

Good Friday/Holy Land..... \$30.00

Food Pantry..... \$10.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 540; 11AM 368; Total 908*

## 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).

The Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh (CHEP) group offers free informal social & exercise opportunities for K-12 traditional Catholic homeschooling families and co-ops alike. We meet every week in the region between Pittsburgh and Greensburg, at an indoor facility during inclement weather, and at local parks when weather permits. For more information, contact us at:

[catholichomeschoolers@protonmail.com](mailto:catholichomeschoolers@protonmail.com)

## 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 daily Masses are 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.

## 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!

## Business Manager's Corner

While the parish could not survive without your generous support, even collecting your donations comes with a cost! Most parishioners donate on Sundays, using weekly collection envelopes they receive from our envelope provider. The service cost for the envelopes is a per packet amount and the parish expended \$3,046.23 during the last fiscal year. The parish on-line giving option, Faith Direct, charges a monthly flat fee of \$165 (\$1,980 annually), no matter the number of participants or the amounts collected. While Faith Direct donors can either make donations directly debited from a bank account or charged to a credit card, there is an additional "per item" expense, which is deducted from the donation, unless the donor elects to pay the "per item" processing cost. **Dollar for dollar, Faith Direct is the most cost-effective way to donate to the parish.**

## Easter Duty

Catholics are reminded of their traditional Easter Duty in Church law: all the baptized are obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season. (Code of Canon Law, c. 920). In the U.S.A. the time to fulfill the Easter Duty is from the 1st Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

Catholics are also obliged to confess one's grave sins once a year. (Code of Canon Law, c. 989) This precept is not confined to the Lenten and Easter Season, though many of the Faithful traditionally make use of this time of year to approach the Sacrament of Penance. One may fulfill this obligation anytime during the year.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

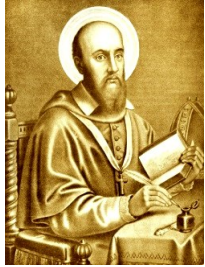
By St. Francis de Sales

### We Must Attend to the Business of Life Carefully, But Without Eagerness or Over-Anxiety (Book 3, Chapter 10)

The care and diligence due to our ordinary business are very different from solicitude, anxiety and restlessness. The Angels care for our salvation and seek it diligently, but they are wholly free from anxiety and solicitude, for, whereas care and diligence naturally appertain to their love, anxiety would be wholly inconsistent with their happiness; for although care and diligence can go hand in hand with calmness and peace, those angelic properties could not unite with solicitude or anxiety, much less with over-eagerness. Therefore, my child, be careful and diligent in all your affairs; God, Who commits them to you, wills you to give them your best attention; but strive not to be anxious and solicitous, that is to say, do not set about your work with restlessness and excitement, and do not give way to bustle and eagerness in what you do;—every form of excitement affects both judgment and reason, and hinders a right performance of the very thing which excites us.

Our Lord, rebuking Martha, said, "Thou art careful and troubled about many things." If she had been simply careful, she would not have been troubled, but giving way to disquiet and anxiety, she grew eager and troubled, and for that our Lord reproved her. The rivers which flow gently through our plains bear barges of rich merchandise, and the gracious rains which fall softly on the land fertilize it to bear the fruits of the earth;—but when the rivers swell into torrents, they hinder commerce and devastate the country, and violent storms and tempests do the like. No work done with impetuosity and excitement was ever well done, and the old proverb, "Make haste slowly," is a good one, Solomon says, "There is one that laboureth and taketh pains, and maketh haste, and is so much the more behind;" we are always soon enough when we do well. The bumble bee makes far more noise and is more bustling than the honey bee, but it makes nought save wax—no honey; just so those who are restless and eager, or full of noisy solicitude, never do much or well. Flies harass us less by what they do than by reason of their multitude, and so great matters give us less disturbance than a multitude of small affairs. Accept the duties which come upon you quietly, and try to fulfil them methodically, one after another. If you attempt to do everything at once, or with confusion, you will only cumber yourself with your own exertions, and by dint of perplexing your mind you will probably be overwhelmed and accomplish nothing. In all your affairs lean solely on God's Providence, by means of which alone your plans can succeed. Meanwhile, on your part work on in quiet co-operation with Him, and then rest satisfied that if you have trusted entirely to Him you will always obtain such a measure of success as is most profitable for you, whether it seems so or not to your own individual judgment.

Imitate a little child, whom one sees holding tight with one hand to its father, while with the other it gathers strawberries or blackberries from the wayside hedge. Even so, while you gather and use this world's goods with one hand, always let the other be fast in your Heavenly Father's Hand, and look round from time to time to make sure that He is satisfied with what you are doing, at home or abroad. Beware of letting go, under the idea



of making or receiving more—if He forsakes you, you will fall to the ground at the first step. When your ordinary work or business is not specially engrossing, let your heart be fixed more on God than on it; and if the work be such as to require your undivided attention, then pause from time to time and look to God, even as navigators who make for the haven they would attain, by looking up at the heavens rather than down upon the deeps on which they sail. So doing, God will work with you, in you, and for you, and your work will be blessed.

## Upcoming Events

Saturday, April 27 (11 a.m.): First Communion Mass

Sunday, May 5 (11 a.m.): May Crowning before Mass

Saturday, May 18 (10 a.m.): Vigil of Pentecost Mass

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost

Sunday, May 26: Memorial Day Picnic

Saturday, June 1: Father Stephen Wetzl, First Mass & reception

Sunday, June 2 (11 a.m.): Corpus Christi Mass & procession

Saturday, June 22 (11 a.m.): Homeschoolers Graduation Mass

June 27 – 29 (Thurs. – Sat.): St. Veronica's Guild training session

Monday, July 1 (6 p.m.): Five year anniversary of the parish – Solenn High Mass and reception

### 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.

A GOSP A MISSIONS RETREAT

## 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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