



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**5th Sunday After
Easter**

May 5, 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

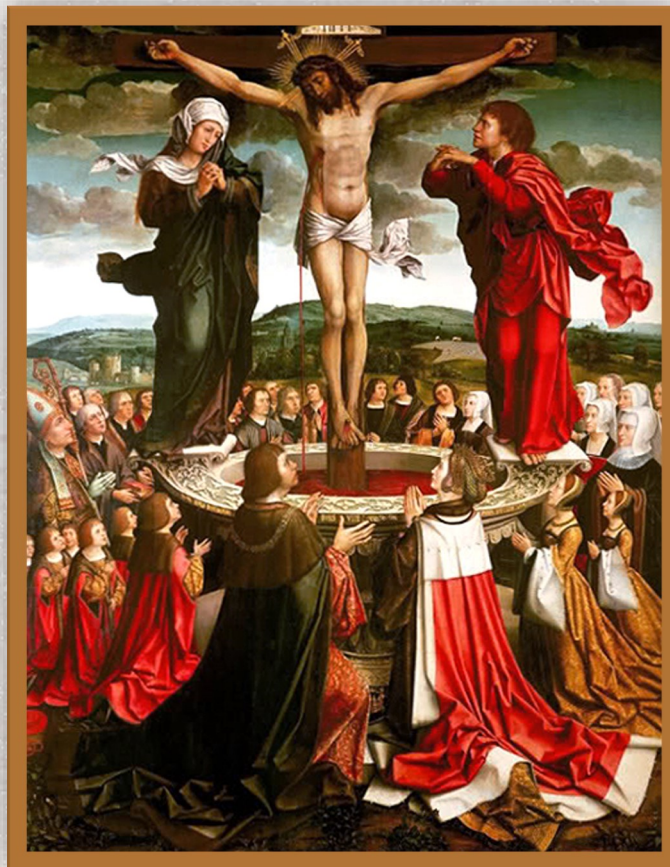
Confession Schedule

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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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, May 5, 2024 *May Crowning* Fifth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
11AM HM + Patricia Luteran (Lori Cunningham)
Processional: Regina Caeli Jubila (pg. 85)
Recessional: Jesus is Risen (pg. 72)

Monday, May 6, 2024

St. John before the Latin Gate, 4th Class—Red
12PM LM + George Hertrich (Margaret Hertrich)

Tuesday, May 7, 2024

St. Stanislaus, 3rd Class—Red
12PM LM Liv & Dec members of Szanfraniec Family
(Connie & Andy Szanfraniec)
7PM LM David Kelch (Kelch Family)

Wednesday, May 8, 2024

Vigil of the Ascension, 2nd Class—White
12PM LM Our Children & Godchildren (Ryan & Mary Keane)

Thursday, May 9, 2024 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Ascension of Our Lord, 1st Class—White
12PM LMO + Father James Dolan (Michael & Cristina Eyler)
7PM HM Liv & Dec members of Paras & Zeher
Families (David Paras)
Recessional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (pg. 50)

Friday, May 10, 2024

St. Antoninus, 3rd Class—White
Commemoration of Ss. Gordian & Epimachus
12PM LM + Kathy Muccino (Diane & Jim Mousseau)

Saturday, May 11, 2024

Ss. Philip & James, 2nd Class—Red
9AM LMO + Dolores M. Dvorak (O'Connell Family)

Sunday, May 12, 2024 *Mother's Day*

Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd Class—White
8AM LMO *Pro populo*
11AM HM George & Jill Wright-Anniversary (Family)
Processional: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise
Recessional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Offertory	\$9,310.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$20.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$455.00
Food Pantry.....	\$10.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$10.00

Faith Direct Report (April 1 – 15, 2024)

Offertory*	\$10,137.65
Parish Appeal 2024.....	\$3,570.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,130.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$35.00

*includes Holy Thursday & Easter Sunday

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 615; 11AM 306; Total 921

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. All adult women are welcome.
Please contact 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 for more information.

****The Quarterly meeting for the RLG is May 16th at 6PM in the school building. Refreshments will be served. Collaboration and exchange of ideas will take place around the pro-life bulletin boards during this meeting. ****

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 José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

- Join us today for our Sursum Corda Cinco de Mayo Luncheon at 1:30 p.m. at Plaza Azteca Mexican Restaurant in Robinson Township

- Also, join us on Friday, May 10th for our next Sursum Corda conference, at 6:30 p.m. in the parish school building. Dinner and drinks are provided. The conference topic for the evening is "Holy Matrimony."

Holy Day of Obligation Thursday

Thursday, May 9th is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered at noon and 7 p.m.

Mass Intentions Are Now Closed

All Mass intentions for the remainder of calendar year 2024 have now been reserved. Watch for an announcement in early fall, when the Mass intention calendar for 2025 will be opened to accept your requests.

Men's Night May 17th

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, May 17th, the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish school building. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided,



ed, but attendees are encouraged to bring snack food, drinks, or a few dollars to defray expenses. The basketball court, bowling alley, and pool table will be open. Please RSVP to Mike Konopelski via email to mike.konopelski@gmail.com.

Parish Picnic – Tickets On Sale

This year's Memorial Day Picnic will be on Sunday, May 26th, from 2 until 10 p.m., at a new location—Holy Trinity Serbian Picnic Grounds in Castle Shannon. Tickets are \$10 for individuals and \$20 for families, and may be purchased by going to mpbojtickets.com or by scanning the QR code at right. Tickets will also be sold at church, after both Sunday Masses from today until the 26th.

We will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup and more. If you are willable to help, contact Mike at mike.konopelski@gmail.com.



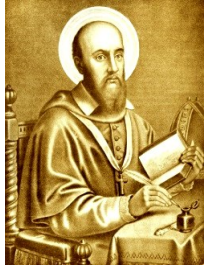
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Purity

(Book 3, Chapter 12)

Purity is the lily among virtues--by it men approach to the Angels. There is no beauty without purity, and human purity is chastity. We speak of the chaste as honest, and of the loss of purity as dishonor; purity is an intact thing, its converse is corruption. In a word, its special glory is in the spotless whiteness of soul and body.



No unlawful pleasures are compatible with chastity; the pure heart is like the mother of pearl which admits no drop of water save that which comes from Heaven,--it is closed to every attraction save such as are sanctified by holy matrimony. Close your heart to every questionable tenderness or delight, guard against all that is unprofitable though it may be lawful, and strive to avoid unduly fixing your heart even on that which in it-

self is right and good.

Every one has great need of this virtue: those living in widowhood need a brave chastity not only to forego present and future delights, but to resist the memories of the past, with which a happy married life naturally fills the imagination, softening and weakening the will. Saint Augustine lauds the purity of his beloved Alipius, who had altogether forgotten and despised the carnal pleasures in which his youth was passed. While fruits are whole, you may store them up securely, some in straw, some in sand or amid their own foliage, but once bruised there is no means of preserving them save with sugar or honey. Even so the purity which has never been tampered with may well be preserved to the end, but when once that has ceased to exist nothing can ensure its existence but the genuine devotion, which, as I have often said, is the very honey and sugar of the mind.

The unmarried need a very simple sensitive purity, which will drive away all over-curious thoughts, and teach them to despise all merely sensual satisfactions. The young are apt to imagine that of which they are ignorant to be wondrous sweet, and as the foolish moth hovers around a light, and, persisting in coming too near, perishes in its inquisitive folly, so they perish through their unwise approach to forbidden pleasures. And married people need a watchful purity whereby to keep God ever before them, and to seek all earthly happiness and delight through Him Alone, ever remembering that He has sanctified the state of holy matrimony by making it the type of His own union with the Church.

The Apostle says, "Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:" by which holiness he means purity. Of a truth, my child, without purity no one can ever see God; nor can any hope to dwell in His tabernacle except he lead an uncorrupt life; and our Blessed Lord Himself has promised the special blessing of beholding Him to those that are pure in heart.

First Holy Communion Class

Have a look: the back page of today's bulletin features a photo of our parish's largest-ever First Communion class. Please keep these 27 young Catholics (and their families) in your prayers as they commence on their lives assisted by the graces of the Holy Eucharist. A visit to the parish website (mostpreciousbloodparish.org or mpboj.com) presents a full gallery of photos by Allison Girone.

Upcoming Events

Saturday, May 18 (10 a.m.): Vigil of Pentecost Mass – reception of converts into the Church; 7pm Matins of Pentecost

Sunday, May 19: Pentecost

Sunday, May 26: Memorial Day Picnic

Saturday, June 1: Father Stephen Wetzel, 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 (6:30 p.m.): Five year anniversary of establishment of the parish – Solemn High Mass and reception

Baby Blessing Box

Our parish Respect Life Group is happy to announce that our "Baby Blessing Box" is now in place at the corner of California Ave. and Antrim St., by the school, and ready to be filled with baby items for needy moms—items such as diapers, travel wipes, formula, small blankets, onesies, sleepers, etc. Be involved in our parish pro-life work by bringing items to church where you will find receptacles in both church entrances. Thank you!

Regarding Vigils

On May 18, the Saturday Mass will be the "Vigil of Pentecost," one of 17 feasts with a dedicated Vigil Mass, and will begin at 10 a.m. In the current era, the term "Vigil Mass" is sometimes used to refer to a Saturday Mass which fulfills the Sunday obligation. Such a Mass is more properly called an "anticipated" Mass.

In 1953, Pope Pius XII permitted local bishops to allow anticipated Sunday Masses to be celebrated on Saturdays, but no earlier than 4 p.m. In the 1970s, the Apostolic See granted the request of the U.S. bishops to allow their faithful to fulfill their Sunday obligation by attending Mass "in the afternoon hours of Saturday and the days before holy days of obligation."

Canon Law states that "A person who assists at a Mass celebrated anywhere in a Catholic rite either on the feast day itself or in the evening of the preceding day satisfies the obligation of participating in the Mass" (c.1248 §1). Evening (*vespere*), not afternoon, is the language of the law, and as such, anticipated Sunday Masses on Saturdays are not to be celebrated before "evening." Although there is no strict, legal definition for when evening begins, the traditional understanding is 4 p.m. Thus, the Mass for the Vigil of Pentecost, offered at 10 a.m. on Saturday, does not fulfill the obligation to assist at Mass on Pentecost.

Young Adult Retreat

2024

Dates & Time
Friday, July 5 at 2:30 pm
Monday, July 8 at 12 pm

Location
Colombiere Conference & Retreat Center (45 minutes NW of Detroit)

Pricing (after April 1st)
\$280 for 3 Nights
\$220 Commuter Rate (includes meals)

Who?
Young Adults Ages 18-35



<https://form.jotform.com/ickspsursum-corda-annual-retreat-2024>



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.

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the year, announced in the bulletin in advance of each such 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, 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.

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.

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.

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.

