



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Good Shepherd  
Sunday  
April 23, 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

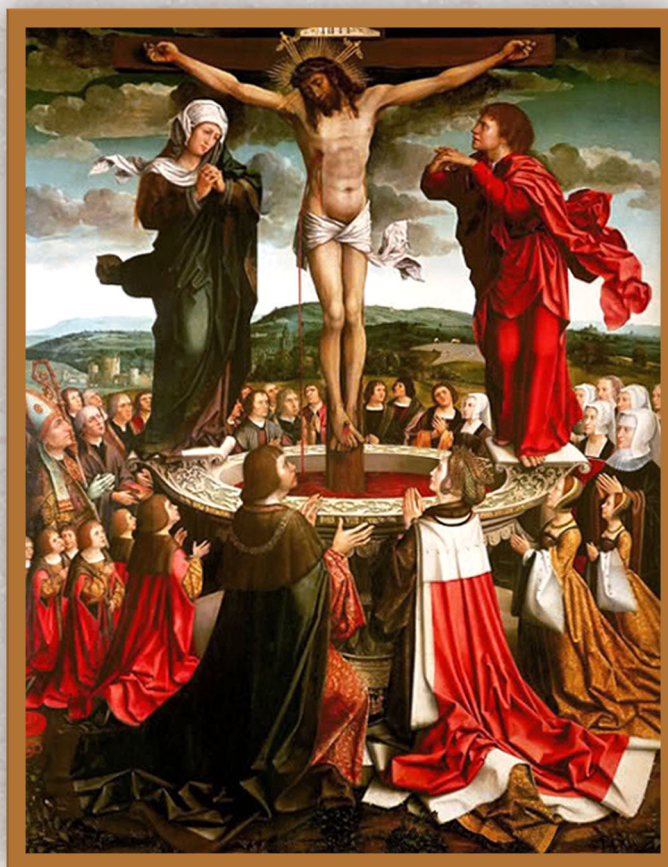
### **Confession Schedule**

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, April 23, 2023**

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

8AM LM Thomas Nypaver -Birthday (wife, Carol)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *At The Lamb's High Feast* pg. 53

Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*

Recessional: *Come Ye Faithful, Raise The Strain* pg. 58

### **Monday, April 24, 2023**

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

12PM LM Spiritual Temporal Welfare of Sebastian Gazerik

### **Tuesday, April 25, 2023 *Infant King Novena ends***

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

*Commemoration of the Rogations or Major Litanies*

12PM LM + John & Helen Hydak (Louis & June Gorski)

7PM LM 9th Anniversary ((Lenart Family)

### **Wednesday, April 26, 2023**

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

12PM LM William & Michelle Cloonan-Anniversary

(Walter & Maggie Schulte)

### **Thursday, April 27, 2023**

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

12PM LM Ginny Kenna (Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### **Friday, April 28, 2023**

#### **St. Paul of the Cross, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Vitalis*

12PM LM Tom & Carol Nypaver-Anniversary

(Nypaver Children)

### **Saturday, April 29, 2023**

#### **St. Peter of Verona, 3rd Class—Red**

9AM LM + Daniel Dugan (Robert & Mary Bartek)

### **Sunday, April 30, 2023**

#### **3rd Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Dorothy Kenna ((Ginny Kenna)

Processional: *Jesus Is Risen* pg. 72

Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*

Recessional: *Christ Is Risen from The Dead* pg. 55

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, April 16, 2023*

Offerory .....\$8,740.00

Parish Improvement ..... \$1,699.00

Parish Appeal.....\$790.00

Good Friday Holy Land ..... \$130.00

Flowers..... \$10.00

Food Pantry ..... \$5.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development ..... \$5.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 560; 11AM 314; Total 874*

**Correction: Total Good Friday Collection on 4.9.23: \$2,4784**

### **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.

### **Second Collection**

The second collection today benefits the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest seminary. This semiannual appeal provides for the formation costs of the Institute's seminarians.

## **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, May 6, 2023 and the topic will be *The Domestic Church*. All adult women are welcome. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto: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. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Please contact [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) with any questions.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) at MPBOJ will meet on **June 24th** (anniversary of Roe v Wade Reversal) after the 9am Mass. The Gospel of Life is at the heart of the newly formed Respect Life Group operating in three divisions of *Education, Advocacy and Legislation*. Members may expect frequent updates on Abortion, Euthanasia, Fetal Research, Vaccines, 40 Days For Life, Baby Bottle/Diaper Drives and Legislation. More information and how to sign-up can be found in RLG flyers at the entrances of the Church. Please watch for updates in the bulletin each week. For more information, please contact [respect-life@mpboj.com](mailto:respect-life@mpboj.com).

### **Homeschool Graduation Mass**

There will be a Catholic Homeschool High School Graduation Traditional Latin High Mass, diploma ceremony, and reception Saturday, July 8, 2023 starting at 11:00 am at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. Families with 2023 high school graduates are invited to **register by Monday, May 1, 2023** to participate. Please email Jeannine at [volunteer@mpboj.com](mailto:volunteer@mpboj.com) or call 724-272-1851.

### **Little Sisters of the Poor**

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each mass on **April 30th** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue caring for the elderly poor at their Home in Brighton Heights. Donations may also be made online at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org). If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several CNA and RN positions open.

### **Parish Landscaping**

With an early Spring comes the opportunity to prune, plant and beautify the grounds of the Parish. Our parish landscape team, led by Julie Roytas, meets weekly on Thursday mornings at the Church from 8am to Noon. Depending upon the availability of crews, projects can also be done on Saturdays after 9am Mass. Please email Julie at [julier.lom@hotmail.com](mailto:julier.lom@hotmail.com) for information about joining the MPBOJ Landscape Team or to let her know your availability. Julie can also be reached on cell at 412-818-1393.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### Fourth Meditation - On Sin (Part I, Chap. 12)



#### The Preparation

1. Place yourself in the Presence of God.
2. Ask Him to inspire your heart.

#### Considerations

1. Consider how long it is since you first began to commit sin, and how since that first beginning sin has multiplied in your heart; how every day has added to the number of your sins against God, against yourself and against your neighbor, by deed, word, thought and desire.
2. Consider your evil tendencies, and how far you have followed them. These two points will show you that your sins are more in number than the hairs of your head, or the sand on the seashore.
3. Apart from sin, consider your ingratitude towards God, which is in itself a sin enfolding all the others, and adding to their enormity: consider the gifts which God has given you, and which you have turned against the Giver; especially the inspirations you have neglected, and the promptings to good which you have frustrated. Review the many Sacraments you have received, and see where are their fruits. Where are the precious jewels wherewith your Heavenly Bridegroom decked you? with what preparation have you received them? Reflect upon the ingratitude with which, while God sought to save you, you have fled from Him and rushed upon destruction.

#### Affections and Resolutions

1. Humble yourself in your wretchedness. O my God, how dare I come before Thine Eyes? I am but a corrupt being, a very sink of ingratitude and wickedness. Can it be that I have been so disloyal, that not one sense, not one faculty but has been sullied and stained;--not one day has passed but I have sinned before Thee? Was this a fitting return for all my Creator's gifts, for my Redeemer's Blood?
2. Ask pardon;--throw yourself at the Lord's Feet as the prodigal son, as the Magdalene, as the woman convicted of adultery. Have mercy, Lord, on me a sinner! O Living Fountain of Mercy, have pity on me, unworthy as I am.
3. Resolve to do better. Lord, with the help of Thy Grace I will never again give myself up to sin. I have loved it too well;--henceforth I would abhor it and cleave to Thee. Father of Mercy, I would live and die to Thee.
4. In order to put away past sin, accuse yourself bravely of it, let there not be one sinful act which you do not bring to light.
5. Resolve to make every effort to tear up the roots of sin from your heart, especially this and that individual sin which troubles you most.
6. In order to do this, resolve steadfastly to follow the advice given you, and never think that you have done enough to atone for your past sin.

#### Conclusion

1. Thank God for having waited till now for you, and for rousing these good intentions in your heart.
2. Offer Him all your heart to carry them to good effect.
3. Pray that He would strengthen you.



### Seven New Catholics Welcomed!

During Easter Vigil on April 8th, a total of seven adults were received into the Church, each now having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion!

### May Crowning-May 7th!

We will honor Our Blessed Lady with a May Crowning on Sunday, May 7th, before the 11 am Mass. Children ages 5 and up, are invited to participate in this tradition. Please assemble at the school, room 102, at 10:30. Boys should wear pastel shirts with a tie. Girls should wear pastel dresses. As always, modesty and appropriate dress demonstrate our love and respect for God and for Mary. Thank you to Peggy Wrabley for coordinating this special event.



### GOSPA Missions Retreat

Join us, August 19, 2023, in reviving our Faith with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, opportunity for confession, Rosary and dynamic speakers! Morning refreshments and lunch will be provided. There will be religious items and books for purchase from the Gospa Missions ministry, Amazing Grace Books and Gifts. Location: Highfield Community Center, 229 Highfield Rd, Butler, PA 16001. Scheduled speakers include **His Excellency William Waltersheid**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh & Vicar for Evangelization; **Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico**, a native of Pittsburgh and US Provincial Superior for the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest; **Dr. Ray Guarendi**, clinical psychologist, author, and host of the radio show "*The Doctor Is In*" & the TV show "*Living Right with Dr. Ray*" on EWTN; and **Chris Reynolds**, a revert to the Catholic Faith and President of Gospa Missions and Abode for Children. Register online at [www.gospa.org](http://www.gospa.org) or call (724) 538-3171.

### Memorial Day Picnic Reminder

This year's Memorial Day Picnic will be at South Park Fairgrounds on Pentecost, Sunday, May 28. Many volunteers will be needed to help coordinate the event, set up, run activities, and clean up. If you are able to help, please notify Tom Smith at [tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com).



## 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 [temporalaffairs@mpboj.com](mailto:temporalaffairs@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

### 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:

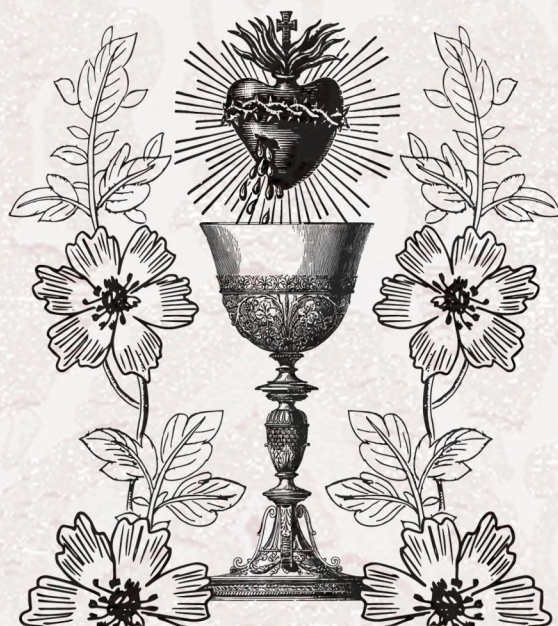
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

#### 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).



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