



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Fifth Sunday
After Easter
May 14, 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

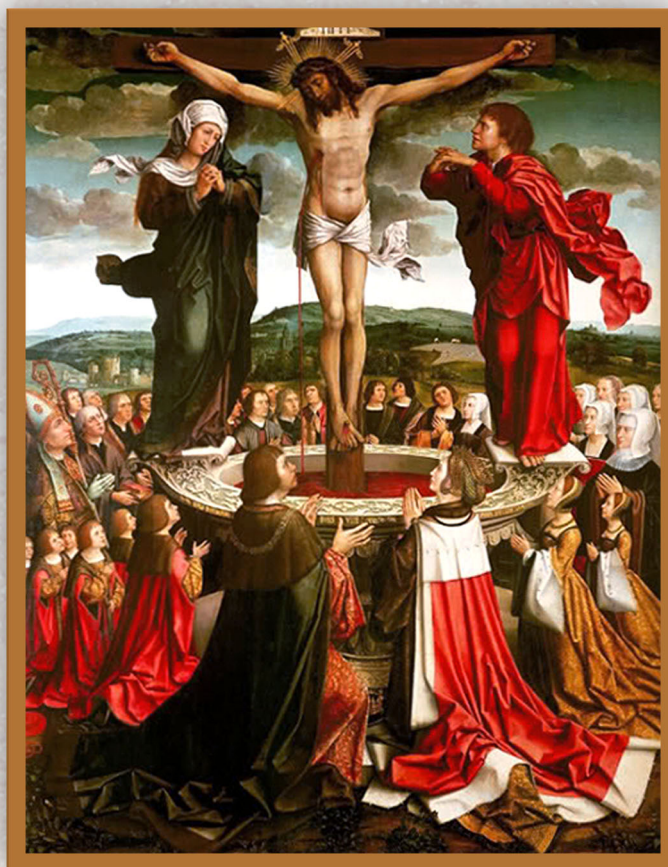
Confession Schedule

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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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 14, 2023 *Happy Mother's Day!*

5th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Children
 (Mark Sikora Family)

Processional: *Good Christian Men, Rejoice and Sing* pg. 51
 Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*
 Recessional: *Jesus Is Risen* pg. 72

Monday, May 15, 2023

St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Rogations
 12PM LM + Our Parents (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Tuesday, May 16, 2023

St. Ubald, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Rogations
 12PM LM + William & Lea Filtz (Ann Novak)

Rogation Procession and Mass—Violet
 7PM LM For All Living & Deceased Canons of
 ICKSP (Jeannine Goelz)

Wednesday, May 17, 2023 *Infant King Novena begins*

Vigil of Ascension, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of Rogations
 12PM LM + Antonio Fragelli (Tom & Carol Nypaver)

Thursday, May 18, 2023 *Holyday of Obligation*

Ascension of Our Lord, 1st Class—White

12PM LM + Edward R. Falvo Jr. (Falvo Family)
 7PM HM *Pro populo*

Friday, May 19, 2023

St. Peter Celestine, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Benjamin & Arlie Urso— Wedding Anniversay
 (Family)

Saturday, May 20, 2023

St. Bernadine of Sienna, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM + Clyde & Mary English
 (Connie & Andy Szafranec)

Sunday, May 21, 2023

Sunday after Ascension, 2nd Class—White

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM Our Parents-Spiritual & Physical Well-being
 (Marianne & Andrew Pumford)

Processional: *Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise* pg. 65
 Kyriale: *Mass I, Credo IV*

Recessional: *Alleluia, Sing to Jesus* pg. 50

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Offertory	\$11,218.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$234.00
Mother's Day	\$1,082.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$5.00
Food Pantry.....	\$555.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 491; 11AM 453; 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 <https://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 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, June 10, 2023 and the topic will be *Cultivating Christian Charity*. All adult women are welcome. Please 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. 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 with any questions.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of the newly formed Respect Life Group, operating in three divisions; Legislation, Education, Advocacy. The working subcommittees will meet on the following days:

Legislation: Thursday, May 25 @ 6:30pm-School, Room 102
 Education: Thursday, May 25 @ 6:30pm-School, Room 101
 Advocacy: Sunday, May 28 after 8:00am Mass-School, Room 102
 All are welcome to attend these meetings, **no RSVP needed**.

The next quarterly meeting with the entire group will be on June 24th after the 9AM Mass (the anniversary of the reversal of Roe v Wade). If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767

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 22, 2023** to participate. Please email Jeannine at volunteer@mpboj.com or call 724-272-1851.

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 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.

Men's Night

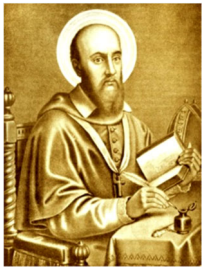
On Saturday, May 20th at 6pm the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish school building. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the Canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided, 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@gmail.com and contact Mike with questions.



Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Seventh Meditation - On Hell (Part I, Chap. 15)



The Preparation

1. Place yourself in God's Presence.
2. Humble yourself, and ask His Aid.
3. Picture to yourself a dark city, reeking with the flames of sulphur and brimstone, inhabited by citizens who cannot get forth.

Considerations

1. Even so the lost are plunged in their infernal abyss;—suffering indescribable torture in every sense and every member; and that because having used their members and senses for sin, it is just that through them they should suffer now. Those eyes which delighted in impure vicious sights, now behold devils; the ears which took pleasure in unholy words, now are deafened with yells of despair;—and so on with the other senses.

2. Beyond all these sufferings, there is one greater still, the privation and pain of loss of God's Glory, which is forever denied to their vision. If Absalom cared not to be released from exile, if he might not see his father's face, how much sorer will it be to be deprived forever of the blessed vision of God?

3. Consider how insupportable the pains of Hell will be by reason of their eternal duration. If the irritating bite of an insect, or the restlessness of fever, makes an ordinary night seem so long and tedious, how terrible will the endless night of eternity be, where nought will be found save despair, blasphemy and fury!

Affections and Resolutions

1. Read the Prophet's descriptions of the terrors of the Lord, and ask your soul whether it can face them—whether you can bear to lose your God forever?

2. Confess that you have repeatedly deserved to do so. Resolve henceforth to act differently, and to rescue yourself from this abyss. Resolve on distinct definite acts by which you may avoid sin, and thereby eternal death.

Conclusion

Give thanks, offer yourself, pray.

Third Annual Memorial Day Picnic

On Sunday, May 28th at 2:00 PM, join fellow parishioners for a get-together in South Park! As in previous years, festivities will take place at the Museum Building on the County Fairgrounds. "Cookout food" (hamburgers, hotdogs), water, drinks, plates, and utensils will be provided. If you are planning to attend, please bring a side dish to share (20-30 servings worth). In order to ensure that we have the right mix of sides, please plan a dish that corresponds with *Last Names* as follows:

- ◆ A-I: Starch side dish such as potato or macaroni salad
- ◆ J-Q: Fruit or vegetable side dish or salad
- ◆ R-Z: Dessert

To ensure we have enough supplies, please RSVP, either on the signup sheets at Church entrances or by sending an email to Tom Smith at tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com.

Gregory the Great Academy Highlander Camp

June 24th to July 1, 2023, for rising 7th and 8th graders, join us as the woods and hills of northeastern Pennsylvania become the Scottish Highlands! Registration is available at <https://gregorythegreatacademy.org/summercamp/>. Activities include: Mass & Confession, axe-throwing competition, archery competition, knife-throwing competition, Highland games, boat building, whitewater rafting, naval battles, sunrise hikes, natural history lessons, poem and song memorization. If you have any questions email Mr. Smith at csmith@gregorythegreatacademy.com.

Congratulations to our First Communicants

Earlier this month, *twenty-four* second graders received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. The parish congratulates them on this very special occasion in their Catholic lives!

LUCA BIANCO
JOAO EYLER
OLIVER GRUBER
AUDREY HETE
CANA KELCH
BRIANNA LAKE
AMBROSE MCGINLEY
CLAIRE MEYER
WILLIAM O'MARA
PATRICK OXENREITER
TITUS DWINELL
ANNA SFERRA
EMILIANA TOSCANO

LIAM DURICK
MADELINE GRISWOLD
JULIET HARTWELL
TY JAMES
STANISLAUS KOTWICA
FELICITY LAZUKA
DAVID MCNULTY
CELIA NUNES
PENELOPE OPPERMAN
JOSEPH PETRICH
BRIDGET LIGONS
ANASTASIA SOLOMON
CHARLIE VARGO

Visit by the Prior General



Sunday, June 11th, Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will have the joy of a visit by Msgr. Gilles Wach, Founder and Prior General of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest. A Solemn Mass will be offered by Monsignor at 11am followed by a reception in the school gym. Please make plans to attend this wonderful opportunity to meet Msgr. Gilles Wach.

Parish Survey Update

Thank you once again for your support and participation in the diocesan Disciple Make Index (DMI) parish survey, which closed on March 31, 2023. Due to the great volume of information gathered, the process of tallying the survey results is still underway. As soon as the final batches of paper surveys are entered, the parish will receive access to the results and summary report. These reports will enable our parish to review and analyze results and begin pastoral planning. The pastoral plan will focus on the needs of future generations and align parish activity with mission and ministry. Read the bulletin for updates on the planning process throughout this year.

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 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 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

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.



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