



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**18th Sunday After  
Pentecost  
October 1, 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

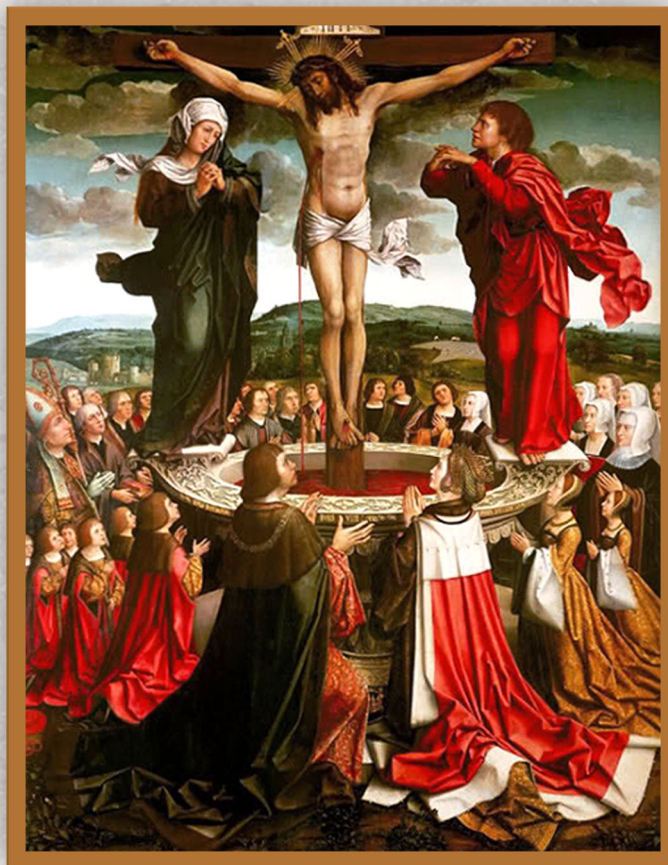
### **Confession Schedule**

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.*

### **Clergy & Staff**

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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, October 1, 2023** *St. Thérèse Triduum*

**18th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

8AM LMO + Joseph & Mary Wilson  
(Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Faith of Our Fathers* pg. 59

Recessional: *Holy God We Praise Thy Name* pg. 68

**Monday, October 2, 2023** *St. Thérèse Triduum*

**Holy Guardian Angels, 3rd Class—White**

12 PM LM Spiritual Welfare of Our Canons, In  
Gratitude (Dave & Mandy Capan)

**Tuesday, October 3, 2023** *St. Thérèse Triduum*

**St. Therese of Lisieux, 1st, Class—White**

12PM LM Michael McCoy (Bernard & Carmen Hete)

7PM HM Special Intention (The Sobocinski Family)

**Wednesday, October 4, 2023**

**St. Francis of Assisi, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM Charles L. Wiley Sr. (Rita Louise W.)

**Thursday, October 5, 2023** *First Thursday*

**Votive Mass of Jesus Christ, Eternal High Priest—White**

*Commemoration of St. Placidus & Companions*

12PM LM Liz Warner (Marianne Warner)

**Friday, October 6, 2023** *First Friday*

**Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart—White**

*Commemoration of St. Bruno*

12PM LM + James E. Schoming (M/M Chris Schoming)

7PM LM Sandy & Mary Catherine D'Souza  
9th Wedding Anniversary (Family)

**Saturday, October 7, 2023** *First Saturday*

**Our Lady of the Rosary, 2nd Class—White**

9AM LMO + Rita Gloff (Gloff Family)

**Sunday, October 8, 2023**

**19th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Sister Bernadette Marie (Priscilla Fello)

Processional: *O Queen of the Holy Rosary* pg. 81

Recessional: *Jesus My Lord, My God, My All* pg. 74

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ;

HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, Sept 24, 2023*

Offertory ..... \$7.957.00

Parish Appeal..... \$455.00

Bishop's Education Fund..... \$10.00

Food Pantry..... \$10.00

World Mission ..... \$10.00

Parish Improvement..... \$10.00

*Faith Direct Report (September 1-15, 2023)*

Offertory ..... \$8,021.25

Parish Appeal..... \$3,280.00

Parish Improvement..... \$1,165.00

Food Pantry..... \$185.00

Bishop's Education Fund..... \$50.00

World Mission ..... \$50.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 514; 11AM 366 Total 880*

## 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 9AM Mass. The next meeting is set for **October 7th** and the topic will be *Spiritual Motherhood*. 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. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, text **Corda** to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." NEXT LUNCH WITH SURSUM CORDA: Sunday, **Oct 8th**, 1:30pm, location to be announced. NEXT CONFERENCE: Friday **Oct 13th**, 6:30 pm at MPBOJ School. The talk will be on the Vocation of Marriage. For more information, please contact Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. RLG's current newsletter may be found at both entrances of the church. Please contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) for more information.

## Staff Changes

Over the next few weeks, Mr. Friend and Mrs. Redic will be restructuring the Business Manager role at MPBOJ as family obligations are requiring more time of Mr. Friend. Mrs. Redic will take on the primary role of Business Manager while Mr. Friend will assist with Budgets and Financial Reporting.

## Celebrate Life Luncheon

PCUC (People Concerned for the Unborn Child) *Celebrate Life Luncheon* is scheduled for **Sunday, Oct 15th** at the Lemont. Social Hour and Auction Preview at Noon—Lunch at 1pm. For more information visit <https://www.pcuc.org/celebrate-life-luncheon-2/> or contact Claudia Berthold at 724-799-5904.

## Aquinas Academy Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Pre-K - Grade 12 Admissions Open House on Saturday, **Oct 14th**, from 11am to 1pm. Come and see how an Aquinas Academy education can help form your child in faith and virtue and help him or her succeed in school and beyond. Visiting families will be given a student-led tour of the campus, a presentation by Leslie Mitros, Head of School, and opportunities to meet teachers, coaches, parents, and other students. The tour will end in the cafeteria where families can enjoy a light reception. Register online at [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info) or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722 ext. 15, [austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org](mailto:austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org).

## Cornhole Tournament

Bellevue Council Knights of Columbus, Sunday, **Oct 15th** from 1-6pm at Sacred Heart Church, 154 Orchard Ave, Emsworth, PA. Cost for 2-person team is \$50. Cash prizes for top 3 winners. Fun, food & drinks. To register, or for more information contact Tom Nypaver 412-310-1188 or [tnypaver@hotmail.com](mailto:tnypaver@hotmail.com).

## **Introduction to the Devout Life**

By St. Francis de Sales

### **Evening Prayer & Examination of Conscience**

(Book 2, Chapter 11)



As I have counselled you before your material dinner to make a spiritual repast in meditation, so before your evening meal you should make at least a devout spiritual collation. Make sure of some brief leisure before suppertime, and then prostrating yourself before God, and recollecting yourself in the Presence of Christ Crucified, setting Him before your mind with a steadfast inward glance, renew the warmth of your morning's meditation by some hearty aspirations and humble up liftings of your soul to your Blessed Savior, either repeating those points of your meditation which helped you most, or kindling your heart with anything else you will. As to the examination of conscience, which we all should make before going to bed, you know the rules:

1. Thank God for having preserved you through the day past.
2. Examine how you have conducted yourself through the day, in order to which recall where and with whom you have been, and what you have done.
3. If you have done anything good, offer thanks to God; if you have done amiss in thought, word, or deed, ask forgiveness of His Divine Majesty, resolving to confess the fault when opportunity offers, and to be diligent in doing better.
4. Then commend your body and soul, the Church, your relations and friends, to God. Ask that the Saints and Angels may keep watch over you, and with God's Blessing go to the rest He has appointed for you. Neither this practice nor that of the morning should ever be omitted; by your morning prayer you open your soul's windows to the sunshine of Righteousness, and by your evening devotions you close them against the shades of hell.

### **Vocations Novena—Sept. 29—Oct. 7**

Pray with the Institute nationwide from September 29 to October 7 to ask for holy priests, oblates, and seminarians who will be in the service of Christ the King! Scan the QR code below to sign up with Flocknote for daily reminders.



### **Parish Hayride & Bonfire**

The annual *Parish Hayride and Bonfire* will be Sunday, **Oct 22nd** from 3pm to 7pm at Youthtowne in Clinton, PA. Hot dogs, buns and ingredients for s'mores will be provided, as well as paper products and utensils. Parishioners are encouraged to bring beverages and any food items to enjoy with your family. The kitchen will not be open—no covered dishes please. The suggested donation is \$10 per individual or family. Sign-up sheets will be at both church entrances as well as in the school entrance during catechism on **Oct 1st** and **Oct 8th**. Please mark your calendars so you can enjoy this Fall event with your fellow parishioners. Any questions, feel free to email Ethan Suquet at [suquetethan@gmail.com](mailto:suquetethan@gmail.com).



Now through **Nov 5th**, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days

**23,525 babies saved!**  
**251 workers converted!**  
**142 abortion centers closed!**

of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Campaign Director Nikki Bruni at [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com).

### **Parish Day of Prayer on the Sidewalk**

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish has adopted **Sunday, Oct 8th** to provide the prayer witness at Planned Parenthood from 9am – 5pm. Please see sign-up sheets in both entrances to sign up, or call or text Nikki at 412-926-9413.

### **Aquinas Academy's Distinguished Speaker Series**

Aquinas Academy's Distinguished Speaker Series Presents "The Talk and Beyond: Raising Children in a Confused Culture" by Michael Moynihan on the campus of Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh on Tuesday, **October 10th**, from 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. It is not easy to raise children today. Parents worry about the confusing messages that children are picking up and wonder how they can help their children grow up with the freedom to live out their vocations, to make commitments that are in sync with God's plan for human love, marriage and family life. Parents want their children to be truly happy but see challenges and obstacles unlike what they faced when growing up. Come to hear Michael address this topic with wisdom, perspective and an optimistic spirit. How did we get here and what can we as parents do? Michael has a wealth of experience as the father of 11 children and an educator who has delved deeply into the intellectual roots of the cultural challenges we face. Come away with confidence that we parents, with God's help, are more than up for the challenge of raising children today. This talk is free and open to the public. A light reception will follow the talk. For more information and to register: [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info).

### **Baby Bottle Campaign**

The Baby Bottle campaign to benefit Women's Choice Network is about to begin. Volunteers with our Respect Life Group will hand out baby bottles after both Masses on October **22nd** and **29th** at the church entrances. Please fill the bottles with loose change or a check, and return to one of the volunteers on November **5th**. You can also donate at [www.ebottle.org](http://www.ebottle.org). The Women's Choice Network has been helping those facing unexpected pregnancies since 1985. They provide ultrasounds, pregnancy testing, prenatal support, and postnatal resources. In 2022, they helped 321 women to choose life! *Thank you for your charity!*

## 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.

### ***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 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.



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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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