



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**20th Sunday After
Pentecost
October 15, 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

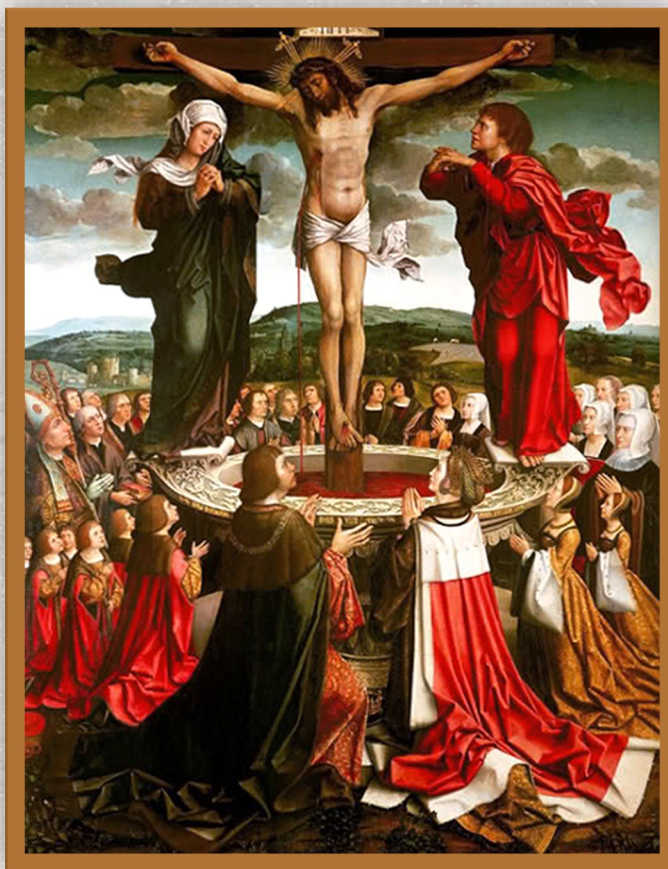
Confession Schedule

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, October 15, 2023

20th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO + Blake & Betty Kantz
(Brenda & Ken Briola)
10AM Confirmations
11AM HM *Pro populo*
Processional: *Come Holy Ghost*, pg. 57
Recessional: *Faith of our Fathers*, pg. 59

Monday, October 16, 2023

St. Hedwig, 3rd Class—White

12 PM LM Jill's Birthday (George & Jill Wright Family)

Tuesday, October 17, 2023 *Infant King Novena begins*

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Regina Yuhas (Maria Rikk)
7PM LM Elizabeth Paras (Family)

Wednesday, October 18, 2023

St. Luke, 2nd Class—Red

12PM LMO + Fr. Raymond Kulwicki (Sue Sherwin)

Thursday, October 19, 2023

St. Peter of Alcantara, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Francis & Thelma Greb
(Jack & Mary Lou Aul & Family)
8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
9PM Compline

Friday, October 20, 2023

St. John Cantius 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Mary Ann Konopelski
(Mike & Bethany Konopelski)

Saturday, October 21, 2023

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

Commemoration of St. Hilarion

9AM LM + Albert & Sarah Brunn (Angela Tomak)

Sunday, October 22, 2023

21st Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
11AM HM Karen-Birthday (Family)
Processional: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*, pg. 78
Recessional: *Come Holy Ghost*, pg. 57

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Offertory \$10,743.00
Parish Appeal..... \$1,928.00
Parish Improvement..... \$30.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 656; 11AM 328; Total 984

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. The next meeting is set for **November 4th** and the topic is to be determined. 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. 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.

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 for more information.



Welcome Bishop Waltersheid!

Bishop William J. Waltersheid will confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on more than 50 candidates from our parish this morning, our largest class ever. Welcome, Bishop Waltersheid!

Celebrate Life Luncheon

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

Respect Life Conference Nov. 18

Save the Date: **Saturday, Nov. 18**, the RLG will be hosting a Respect Life Conference from 11:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. More info to follow; confirmed speakers are: Drs. Jose & Stacy Trasancos (COG for Life). Dr. Alan Keyes, and Dr. Theresa Farnan.

Parish Hayride & Bonfire

The annual *Parish Hayride and Bonfire* is next Sunday, **Oct 22nd** from 3 to 7 p.m. 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. Any questions, email Ethan Suquet at: suquetethan@gmail.com.

World Mission Sunday - Oct. 22

There will be a second collection next week, October 22, for World Mission Sunday.

Upcoming Dates of Note

Sun., Oct. 29: Feast of Christ the King; Procession and Benediction after High Mass; plenary indulgence available
Wed., Nov. 1: Feast of All Saints; Holyday of Obligation
Thu., Nov. 2: All Souls Day; Masses at noon and 7 p.m.
Nov. 1 – 7: Plenary Indulgences for the Poor Souls

Articles for Bulletin

With the recent staff changes at the parish office, there is a new volunteer bulletin editor handling production of the in-house bulletin each week. In attempt to make this process as efficient as possible, anyone requesting a bulletin announcement must submit the proposed announcement in paragraph form, *at least 10 days prior* to the bulletin date. All submissions should be sent directly to: bulletin@mpboj.com to ensure timely consideration for publication.

Update Parish Records

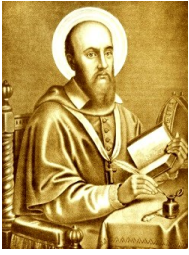
If you move, change your phone number or your email address, please be sure to contact the parish office (office@mpboj.com) to update your parish records. Also please update your email address in the **Flocknote** system.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Aspirations, Ejaculatory Prayer, and Holy Thoughts

(Book 2, Chapter 13)



We retire with God, because we aspire to Him, and we aspire in order to retire with Him; so that aspiration after God and spiritual retreat excite one another, while both spring from the one Source of all holy thoughts. Do you then, my child, aspire continually to God, by brief, ardent upliftings of heart; praise His Excellence, invoke His Aid, cast yourself in spirit at the Foot of His Cross, adore His Goodness, offer your whole soul a thousand times a day to Him, fix your

inward gaze upon Him, stretch out your hands to be led by Him, as a little child to its father, clasp Him to your breast as a fragrant nosegay, upraise Him in your soul as a standard. In short, kindle by every possible act your love for God, your tender, passionate desire for the Heavenly Bridegroom of souls. Such is ejaculatory prayer, as it was so earnestly inculcated by Saint Augustine upon the devout Proba; and be sure, my child, that if you seek such nearness and intimacy with God your whole soul will imbibe the perfume of His Perfections. Neither is this a difficult practice,--it may be interwoven with all our duties and occupations, without hindering any; for neither the spiritual retreat of which I have spoken, nor these inward upliftings of the heart, cause more than a very brief distraction, which, so far from being any hindrance, will rather promote whatever you have in hand. When a pilgrim pauses an instant to take a draught of wine, which refreshes his lips and revives his heart, his onward journey is nowise hindered by the brief delay, but rather it is shortened and lightened, and he brings it all the sooner to a happy end, pausing but to advance the better.

Sundry collections of ejaculatory prayer have been put forth, which are doubtless very useful, but I should advise you not to tie yourself to any formal words, but rather to speak with heart or mouth whatever springs forth from the love within you, which is sure to supply you with all abundance. There are certain utterances which have special force, such as the ejaculatory prayers of which the Psalms are so full, and the numerous loving invocations of Jesus which we find in the Song of Songs. Many hymns too may be used with the like intention, provided they are sung attentively. In short, just as those who are full of some earthly, natural love are ever turning in thought to the beloved one, their hearts overflowing with tenderness, and their lips ever ready to praise that beloved object; comforting themselves in absence by letters, carving the treasured name on every tree;--so those who love God cannot cease thinking of Him, living for Him, longing after Him, speaking of Him, and fain would they grave the Holy Name of Jesus in the hearts of every living creature they behold. And to such an outpour of love all creation bids us--nothing that He has made but is filled with the praise of God, and, as says Saint Augustine, everything in the world speaks silently but clearly to the lovers of God of their love, exciting them to holy desires, whence gush forth aspirations and loving cries to God. St. Gregory Nazianzen tells his flock, how, walking along the seashore, he watched the waves as they washed up shells and sea weeds, and all manner of small substances, which seemed, as it were, rejected by the sea, until a return wave would often wash part thereof back again; while the rocks remained firm and immovable, let the waves beat against them never so fiercely. And then the Saint went on to reflect that feeble hearts let themselves be carried hither and thither by the varying waves of sorrow or consolation, as the case might be, like the shells upon the seashore, while those of a nobler mold abide firm and immovable amid every storm;--whence he breaks out into David's cry, "Lord, save me, for the waters are gone over my soul; deliver me from the great deep, all Thy waves and storms are gone over me;" for he was himself then in trouble by reason of the ungodly usurpation of his See by Maximus. (*To be continued*)



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

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. 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!*

All Saints Day Party

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the All Saints Day party in the school gym **Sunday, November 5th**, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck, carnival style games and Saint themed treat bags. You're encouraged to dress as a saint and join in the fun. Children can prepare a Saint Report to be displayed at the party (can be a coloring page, poster, clay sculpture, diorama, etc). All ages welcome--so we hope to see you there! Please RSVP and sign up for the potluck at: mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/139918. Teen and adult volunteers are also needed to help with games.

No One Dies Alone

No One Dies Alone (NODA) is a program at UPMC Mercy that seeks to ensure that dying patients, who may otherwise be alone, have the gift of human presence in their final hours. This presence is provided by specially trained volunteers called "Compassionate Companions". If you are interested in serving as a "Compassionate Companion", please contact Fr. Igor Hohosha, Pastor of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (our neighbor on California Ave.) and Chaplain at UPMC Mercy, at 412-478-5685, or by email at hohoshai2@upmc.edu.

Blessing of Religious Articles

The Canons regularly bless religious articles for our parishioners. If you have religious articles that you would like to have blessed, please place them on the table in the room next to the sacristy (door next to Blessed Mother altar). Make sure each item is labeled with your name and a brief description of what is to be blessed. After Canon blesses the item(s), he will place a removable blue dot on the item to indicate that it has been blessed. Please check the table each week and remove your blessed items, to ensure adequate space for others.

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 for approval.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

MASS INTENTIONS—*The Parish Mass Intention Registry* is currently **CLOSED**. It will reopen on October 30, for a period of three weeks, to accept 2024 intentions. See next week’s bulletin for details. Forms will be 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) 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.

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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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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