

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, A.D. 2022**

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.
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 23, 2022

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green

8AM +Ronald F. & Judith J. Astfalk (Ronald J. Astfalk)
11AM *Pro populo*

Monday, January 24, 2022

St. Timothy, 3rd Class—Red

12PM + Esther Colonna (Katie O'Brien)

Tuesday, January 25, 2022

Conversion of St. Paul, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Peter

12PM +Wanda Alsbaugh (Haggerty Family)
7PM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Rokosz Family

Wednesday, January 26, 2022

St. Polycarp, 3rd Class—Red

12PM Dena Lewin (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

Thursday, January 27, 2022

St. John Chrysostom, 3rd Class—White

12PM Temporal & Spiritual Welfare of Bernard Schurdak
(Doug Young Family)

Friday, January 28, 2022

St. Peter Nolasco, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Agnes

12PM + Stuart Haggerty (Haggerty Family)

Saturday, January 29, 2022

St. Francis De Sales, 1st Class—White

9AM Fred Uhlman (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

Sunday, January 30, 2022

4th Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green

8AM *Pro populo*
11AM + Eleanor Haggerty (Haggerty Family)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 16, 2022

Offertory	\$9,031.00
Parish Share	\$986.00
St. Anthony/DePaul Schools	\$1,189.00
Food Pantry	\$100.00

As always, the parish greatly appreciates your extremely generous financial support.

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, please visit www.faithdirect.net or call 866-507-8757. Our parish code is PA678.

End-of-Year Statements

In an effort to save time and expense, the parish will not automatically send 2021 end-of-year donation summaries to those parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you would like a summary, please contact the parish office (email: office@mpboj.com or phone: 412.761.1508). Those who utilize Faith Direct will receive a summary directly from the company.

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Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

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.

WEEKLY GET TOGETHER—Join your fellow parishioners for **coffee and doughnuts** (75¢ each) in the school building on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30am, while Catechism Classes are in session. If you'd like to volunteer to help with setup, service, or cleanup, please contact Tom Smith: tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com or call (412) 606-9866.

Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9a.m. Mass. Please contact JillianLKaufman@gmail.com for more information.

New Mass Intention Process

A reminder that the Parish Mass Intention Registry closes today, January 23, 2022. Copies of the new Mass intention request form are available in the racks at the side and main entrances, along with an explanation of the process for requesting public Masses. Once all Masses are scheduled in the Registry, the next period will open. Thank you for your patience while the parish improves and adapts the new procedures.

AQUINAS ACADEMY SPEAKERS SERIES

Aquinas Academy invites MPBOJ parishioners to their speaker series on Thursday, January 27, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation by Father Jeff Lucas on "A Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ in Catholicism". The event will take place at Mross McGonigle Hall, Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Campus. Fr. Jeff Lucas is a priest of the Diocese of Erie and pastor and dean of the Catholic Community of Meadville parish. Father Lucas has extensive background in Catholic education, having taught at the university, high school, and grade school levels. A light reception will follow the talk. Please register at www.AquinasAcademy.info.

Parish Directory

It's your last chance to be included in the Parish Directory! The two final dates for family portraits are February 11 and 12, 2022. You can login to schedule your appointment at: <https://www.ucdir.com/>. The login info is as follows: user name: pa916; password: photos. Remember that only those who are photographed will receive a complimentary 8"x 10" portrait and a free parish directory. There is no obligation to order or pay for any photos to be included in the directory. So far, 191 families have been photographed, which represents approximately 50% of our parishioners—so sign-up now for one of the last two photo days.

Holy Hour of Adoration

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament at 8 pm on Thursday, January 27th.

Catechism Corner

From *The Catechism of St. Pius X—first issued in 1908 by Pope St. Pius X to provide a plain, simple and brief catechism for laypeople.*

The Commandments of God and of the Church

The Commandments of God in General

1 Q: What is treated of in the third part of Christian Doctrine? A: The Commandments of God and of the Church are treated of in the third part of Christian Doctrine.

2 Q: How many Commandments of God's Law are there?

A: There are Ten Commandments of God's Law:

I am the Lord thy God:

1. Thou shalt not have strange gods before Me;
2. Thou shalt not take the Name of the Lord thy God in vain;
3. Remember thou keep holy the Sabbath Day;
4. Honor thy Father and thy Mother,
5. Thou shalt not kill;
6. Thou shalt not commit adultery;
7. Thou shalt not steal;
8. Thou shalt not bear false witness;
9. Thou shalt not covet another's wife;
10. Thou shalt not covet another's goods.

3 Q: Why are the Commandments of God so named? A: The Commandments of God are so named because God Himself has stamped them on the soul of every man; promulgated them, engraved on two tables of stone, on Mount Sinai, in the Old Law; and Jesus Christ has confirmed them in the New Law.

4 Q: Which are the Commandments of the first table?

A: The Commandments of the first table are the first three, which directly regard God and our duties towards Him.

5 Q: Which are the Commandments of the second table?

A: The Commandments of the second table are the last seven, which regard our neighbor, and our duties towards him.

6 Q: Are we bound to observe the Commandments?

A: Yes, we are bound to observe the Commandments, because we are all bound to live according to the will of God who created us, and because a serious transgression against even one of them is enough to merit hell.

7 Q: Are we able to observe the Commandments?

A: Yes, without doubt we are able to observe God's Commandments, because God never commands anything that is impossible, and because He gives grace to observe them to those who ask it as they should.

8 Q: What, in a general way, should we consider in each of the Commandments? A: In each of the Commandments we should consider its positive part and its negative part, that is, what it commands and what it forbids.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

We must not voluntarily nourish a desire to continue and persevere in venial sin of any kind. It would be an extremely foolish thing to wish deliberately to retain in our heart anything so displeasing to God as a will to offend Him.

The parish needs your input!

The parish is considering ways of making the weekday daily Mass available to the most parishioners possible, by scheduling the time of the daily Mass most convenient for those who can attend. With that in mind, we are conducting a survey of individuals/families who desire to attend daily Mass. If you would be able to attend weekday Mass depending on the time it is scheduled, please consider completing a survey form found at the side entrance to the Church. Anonymous responses may be deposited in the box also found at the side entrance. The survey period is until Sunday, February 6, 2022. Whatever the result of the survey, weekday daily Masses scheduled during the current open Mass Intention Request period will be scheduled for Noon.

St. Francis de Sales (January 29th)

By Dom Guéranger

The angelical Bishop Francis of Sales has a right to a distinguished position near the Crib of Jesus, on account of the sweetness of his virtues, the childlike simplicity of his heart, and the humility and tenderness of his love. He comes with the luster of his glorious conquests upon him — seventy-two thousand heretics converted to the Church by the ardor of his charity; an Order of holy servants of God, which he founded; and countless thousands of souls trained to piety by his prudent and persuasive words and writings.

God gave him to His Church at the very time that heresy was holding her out to the world as a worn-out system, that had no influence over men's minds. He raised up this true minister of the Gospel in the very country where the harsh doctrines of Calvin were most in vogue, that the ardent charity of Francis might counteract the sad influence of that heresy. If you want heretics to be convinced of their errors, said the learned Cardinal Du Perron, you may send them to me; but if you want them to be converted, send them to the Bishop of Geneva.

Francis of Sales was sent, then, as a living image of Jesus, opening his arms and calling sinners to repentance, the victims of heresy to truth, the just to perfection, and all men to confidence and love. The Holy Spirit had rested on him with all his divine power and sweetness. A few days back, we were meditating on the Baptism of Jesus, and how the Holy Ghost descended upon Him in the shape of a dove. There is an incident in the life of Francis, which reminds us of this great Mystery. He was singing Mass on Whit Sunday, at Annecy. A dove, which had been let into the Cathedral, after flying for a long time round the building, at length came into the sanctuary, and rested on the Saint's head. The people could not but be impressed with this circumstance, which they looked on as an appropriate symbol of Francis' loving spirit; just as the globe of fire, which appeared above the head of St. Martin, when he was offering up the Holy Sacrifice, was interpreted as a sign of his apostolic zeal.

Peaceful conqueror of souls! Pontiff beloved of God and man! we venerate thee as the perfect imitator of the sweetness and gentleness of our Jesus. Having learned of Him to be *meek and humble of heart*, thou didst, according to His promise, *possess the land*. Nothing could resist thee. Heretics, however obstinate; sinners, however hardened; tepid souls, however sluggish—all yielded to the powerful charm of thy word and example. We love to see thee standing near the Crib of our loving Jesus, and sharing in the glory of John and the Innocents, for thou wast an Apostle like John, and simple like the children of Rachel. Oh! that our hearts might be filled with the spirit of Bethlehem, and learn how *sweet is the yoke, and how light the burden* of our Emmanuel.

Pray for us to our Lord, that our charity may be ardent like thine; that the desire of perfection may be ever active within us; that we may gain that *introduction to a devout life* which thou hast so admirably taught; that we may have that love of our neighbor, without which we cannot hope to love God; that we may be zealous for the salvation of souls; that we may be patient and forgive injuries, in order that we may love one another, not only *in word and in tongue*, but, as thy great model says, *in deed and in truth*. Bless the Church Militant, whose love for thee is as fresh as though thou hadst but just now left her; thou art venerated and loved throughout the whole world.

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