



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Holy Family

January 12, A.D. 2025

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

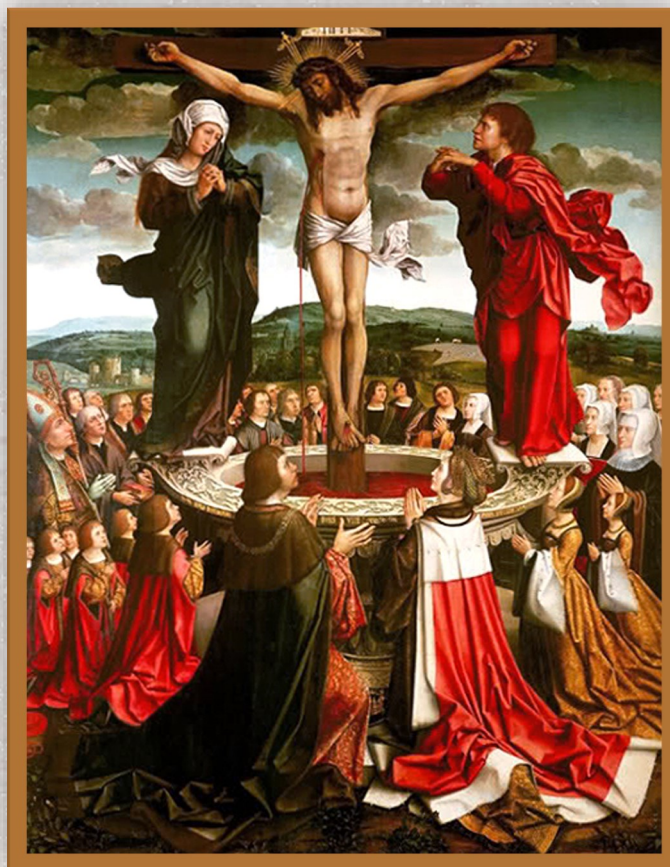
Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday: 8-8:45am

Please consult the Liturgical Schedule on page 2 for particular modifications to this standard 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, January 12, 2025

Holy Family, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Edith Cokley (Mary Eileen Cokley)

Processional: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (pg. 78)

Recessional: *Bethlehem of Noblest Cities* (pg. 56)

7PM Epiphany Water Blessing

Monday, January 13, 2025

Baptism of the Lord, 2nd Class—White

12PM LMO Joseph Bobick (Andrew & Marianne Pumford Family)

Tuesday, January 14, 2025

St. Hilary, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Felix

12PM LM +Jeanne Fischer (Charles J. Shannon)

7PM LM Madeleine Robbins' Vocation (Robbins Family)

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

St. Paul the Hermit, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Maurus

12PM LM +Deceased Family Members of Donna Hastings (Family)

Thursday, January 16, 2025

St. Marcellus I, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Amalia Giallorenzo (Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, January 17, 2025 *Infant King Novena begins*

St. Anthony the Abbot, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Canon Avis & Canon Bourgeois (Mary Eileen Cokley)

Saturday, January 18, 2025

Chair of St. Peter at Rome, 4th Class—White*

Commemoration of St. Prisca

9AM LM Mary Keane (Patrizio Family)

Sunday, January 19, 2025

2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—White*

8AM LMO Lutz Family (Paul & Hannah Allen)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (pg. 87)

Recessional: *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* (pg. 66)

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

* Additional Prayers taken from the Votive Mass for the *Unity of the Church* also known as *To remove schism*, instead of *Pro Papa Prayers*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 5, 2025

Offertory	\$22,818.00
Offertory (Solemnity of Mary)	\$5,463.00
Parish Appeal - 2025.....	\$13,205.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$65.00
Poor Box	\$30.00
ICRSS/Seminary.....	\$50.00
St. Anthony School.....	\$17.00

Attendance: 8AM 478; 11AM 343; Total 821

Parish Group News

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at respectlife@mpboj.com or 724-650-5767 for info.

Our Baby Blessing Box at MPBOJ is currently seeking donations of infant sleepers or onesies, binkies/teethers/small toys, diaper crème,

wipes, diapers all sizes, but especially size 5 and bigger. Donation Bins are located at the entrances to the church.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, February 1st, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic is "On Confirmation"**. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

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 José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Blessed Chalk and House Blessings

Blessed chalk is available in the church entrances, along with instructions on how to bless your home with the chalk. If you have blessed chalk from previous years, you can still use it for this year. Below are the instructions for performing this blessing of your house.

Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk

It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk on the Feast of Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing homes in the New Year.

The home blessing can be done as follows:

Use the blessed chalk to write above the doorways:

20+C+M+B+25

20 & 25 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Wise Men – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ bless this house."

As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:

Lord God of heaven and earth, Thou hast revealed thy only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Deign to bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our charity amongst ourselves and for others may reflect Thy love. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord our God, deign to bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of Thy holy law. We give thanks to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

Rosary Rally January 18th

There will be a Rosary Rally for Life and to End Abortion on Saturday, 18 January 2025 at 12 noon in the parking lot of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. For additional information, contact Mary Brodka at 724-816-5573.

Donation Statements for 2024

In an effort to save time and expense, the parish no longer sends end-of-year donation summaries to all of those parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you would like to have a printed summary mailed to you, please contact the parish office (phone 412-761-1508 or email office@mpboj.com). Those who utilize Faith Direct will receive a summary directly from the company.

Collection Next Week for St. Anthony, DePaul Schools

Next Sunday, a second collection will be taken up to benefit the diocesan St. Anthony School Programs, and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech.

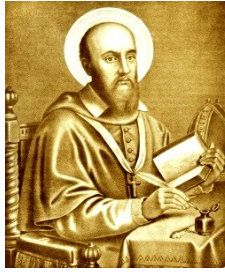
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Counsels to Widows

(Book 3, Chapter 40)

Saint Paul teaches us all in the person of Saint Timothy when he says, "Honor widows that are widows indeed." Now to be "a widow indeed" it is necessary:--



1. That the widow be one not in body only, but in heart also; that is to say, that she be fixed in an unalterable resolution to continue in her widowhood Those widows who are but waiting the opportunity of marrying again are only widowed in externals, while in will they have already laid aside their loneliness. If the "widow indeed" chooses to confirm her widowhood by offering herself by a vow to God, she will adorn that widowhood, and make her resolution doubly sure, for the remembrance that she cannot break her vow without danger of forfeiting Paradise, will make her so watchful over herself, that a great barrier will be raised against all kind of temptation that may assail her. Saint Augustine strongly recommends Christian widows to take this vow, and the learned Origen goes yet further, for he advises married women to take a vow of chastity in the event of losing their husbands, so that amid the joys of married life they may yet have a share in the merits of a chaste widowhood. Vows render the actions performed under their shelter more acceptable to God, strengthen us to perform good works, and help us to devote to Him not merely those good works which are, so to say, the fruits of a holy will, but to consecrate that will itself; the source of all we do, to Him. By ordinary chastity we offer our body to God, retaining the power to return to sensual pleasure; but the vow of chastity is an absolute and irrevocable gift to Him, without any power to recall it, thereby making ourselves the happy slaves of Him Whose service is to be preferred to royal power. And as I greatly approve the counsels of the two venerable Fathers I have named, I would have such persons as are so favored as to wish to embrace them, do so prudently, and in a holy, steadfast spirit, after careful examination of their own courage, having asked heavenly guidance, and taken the advice of some discreet and pious director, and then all will be profitably done.

2. Further, all such renunciation of second marriage must be done with a single heart, in order to fix the affections more entirely on God, and to seek a more complete union with Him. For if the widow retains her widowhood merely to enrich her children, or for any other worldly motive, she may receive the praise of men, but not that of God, inasmuch as nothing is worthy of His Approbation save that which is done for His Sake. Moreover, she who would be a widow indeed must be voluntarily cut off from all worldly delights. "She that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth," Saint Paul says. A widow who seeks to be admired and followed and flattered, who frequents balls and parties, who takes pleasure in dressing, perfuming and adorning herself, may be a widow in the body, but she is dead as to the soul. What does it matter, I pray you, whether the flag of Adonis and his profane love be made of white feathers or a net of crape? Nay, sometimes there is a conscious vanity in that black is the most becoming dress; and she who thereby endeavors to captivate men, and who lives in empty pleasure, is "dead while she liveth," and is a mere mockery of widowhood.

"The time of retrenchment is come, the voice of the turtle is heard in our land." Retrenchment of worldly superfluity is required of whosoever would lead a devout life, but above all, it is needful for the widow indeed, who mourns the loss of her husband like a true turtle-dove. When Naomi returned from Moab

to Bethlehem, those that had known her in her earlier and brighter days were moved, and said, "Is this Naomi? And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi (which means beautiful and agreeable), call me Mara, for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. I went out full, and the Lord hath brought me home again empty." Even so the devout widow will not desire to be called or counted beautiful or agreeable, asking no more than to be that which God wills,--lowly and abject in His Eyes. (To be continued.)

Gospa Missions One Day Retreat

Saturday, May 17, at Highfield Community Center (229 Highfield Rd., Butler, PA 16001)

Registration, Breakfast, & Confession begin at 7:30 a.m. Join us for a faith-filled day of conversion, healing, and peace as we open our hearts to the Will of God in our lives. Join us in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, Rosary, religious store, lunch, & more!

- Dave VanVickle, co-host of podcast "Every Knee Shall Bow"
- Deacon John Ragan, serves at Saints Joachim & Anne Parish
- Sister Rita Clare Yoches, T.O.R. of Penance of the Sorrowful Mother, featured on EWTN
- Chris Reynolds, President of Gospa Missions & Abode for Children

Sign Up Today at Gospa.org or call (724) 538-3171 to get the **Early Bird Pricing NOW through February 2.**

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MAY 17, 2025

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Register: Gospa.org or call us at 724-538-3171.

Little Sisters of the Poor Collecting Jan. 26

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after both Masses on Jan. 26th to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. They are counting on your continued support. Donations can also be given online at littlesister-softhepoorpittsburgh.org, or by scanning the QR code at right.



Thank You From the Sister Adorers



Inserted in today's bulletin, please find a letter from Mother Madeleine-Marie of Saint Joseph, expressing her gratitude for your support of the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart, the feminine branch of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

To All of Our Guests...

The Canons and faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you to our parish and to the Traditional Mass, celebrated in accordance with the classical Roman Liturgy. This personal parish was established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019, the feast of *The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*. Our parishioners come from all over the diocese for the prayerful tranquility of the Traditional Mass.

According to liturgical tradition, Holy Communion is received on the tongue, kneeling at the communion rail. Reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, so only practicing Catholics, free from mortal sin and who have observed the Eucharistic fast, may present themselves for Holy Communion. Visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join in prayer, but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Those who need a low gluten Host should inform the usher as they approach the Communion rail, at the end of the distribution line for Holy Communion.

For more information about the parish, contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by
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General Information

Bulletin Announcements: Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of the publication date. Submit to bulletin@mpboj.com.

Mass Intentions: The Parish Mass Intention Registry is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted at specific periods in the year and announced in the bulletin. Instructions and forms are available during those periods.

Parish News: The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. Please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.

Parish Materials/Events: At both 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 any materials without explicit permission from the Pastor. Parish events publicized on the bulletin boards at both entrances. 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 office@mpboj.com for approval.

On Line Contributions: Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in making on-line contributions via Faith Direct, please visit: membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs: For those seeking to join the Catholic faith, or who wish spiritual direction, please call the Parish Office for information.

Rosary: The Rosary is publicly recited one-half hour before most parish Masses.

Sacramental Information

Penance: The parish offers the sacrament of penance forty-five minutes prior to each Mass. Confessionals are located on the Epistle (right-hand) side of the church, with a sign indicating where to stand for the line. There is an accessible confessional located on the right side of the double confessional, where the kneeler can be lifted for easy access. Both sides of the double confessional may be occupied at the same time. Start your confession when you hear the priest's blessing.

Infant Baptism: Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the Parish Office prior to the baby's birth, to begin arrangements.

Holy Matrimony: Couples planning to marry at the parish must contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance, to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation instructions.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: School age students receive First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation as part of our Catechism Program. Please see the parish website for registration instructions.

Extreme Unction/Anointing of the Sick: If you need the assistance of a priest for someone who is dying, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, listen to the prompts and select option #1.

Funerals: The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

Sacramental Records/Letters of Good Standing: To obtain sacramental records or a letter in good standing, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508 for instructions.

Safety Awareness

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, please be mindful of our urban neighborhood and the constant traffic. If visiting the parish for Mass or a social event, parents should ensure their children's safety by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and/or involved in a parish related activity overseen by a parish program manager (e.g., Children's Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on site for the duration of the program.

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