



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**5th Sunday after
Epiphany**

February 9, 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

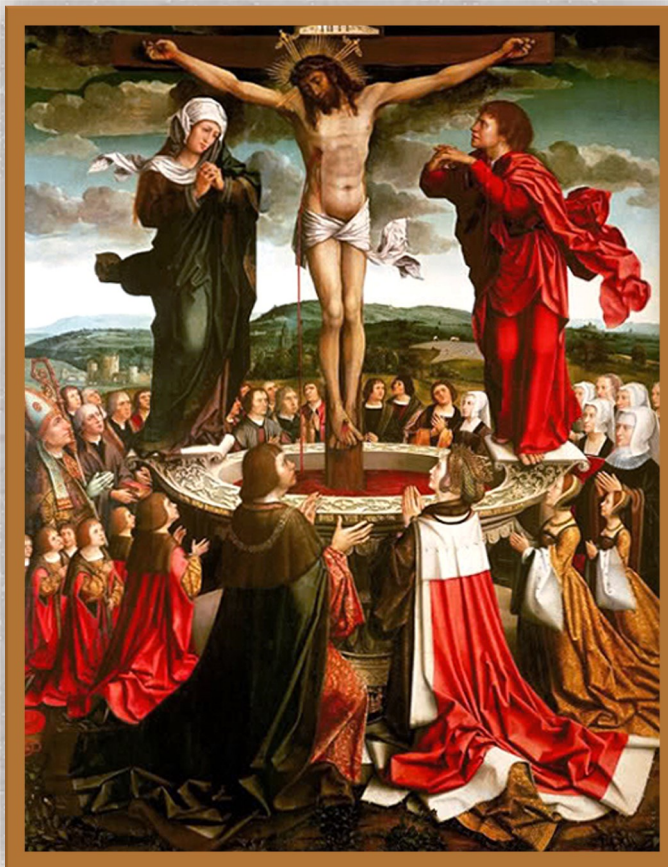
Confession Schedule

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, February 9, 2025

5th Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*
 11AM HM + Vincent & Regina Poplawski
 (Christina Warnagiris)

Processional: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (pg. 87)
 Recessional: *Praise My Soul the King of Heaven* (pg. 84)

Monday, February 10, 2025

St. Scholastica, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Brian T. Luteran (Lori Cunningham)

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Our Lady of Lourdes, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Alfred B. Carpenter, Jr.
 (Dan & Megan Thimons)
 7PM LM John Wilson Family (Family)

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Seven Holy Servite Founders, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + James R. Stalter (Jeannine M. Goelz)

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Abbé Christopher Bernens
 (Katie O'Brien)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, February 14, 2025

St. Valentine, 4th Class-Red

12PM LM + Kathleen Martin (Mary Porter)

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Faustinus & Jovita
 9AM LM Our Children, Spouses & Grandchildren
 (Dr. & Mrs. Ralph A Capone)

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Septuagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO + Deceased Members of Dudek & Schulte
 Families (Walter & Maggie Schulte)
 11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King* (pg. 89)

Recessional: *Come Holy Ghost* (pg. 57)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 2, 2025

Offertory	\$12,338.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$1,875.00
Parish Improvement	\$5.00
Christmas Charities	\$20.00

Faith Direct Report (January 1 – 15, 2025)

Offertory	\$10,601.38
Parish Appeal 2025	\$155.00
Parish Improvement	\$1,630.00
Poor Box	\$20.00
Christmas Charities	\$20.00
St. Anthony/Depaul Schools	\$25.00

Attendance: 8AM 436; 11AM 479; Total 915

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, March 1st, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic will be "On the Holy Eucharist".** 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.

St. Valentine Party and Pot-Luck



Join fellow parishioners for the St. Valentine party in the school gym **today** following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck lunch, Valentine making for nursing home residents, Heart shaped cookie decorating and some games. All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there!

Rosary Rally February 15th

If there was ever a need to pray and sacrifice for priests for their preservation and sanctity, it is now! Through prayer we gain graces for priests which otherwise they would not obtain. Priests need special graces because they have extraordinary responsibilities before God. Please join in a Rosary Rally on 15 February 2025 at 12 noon in MPBOJ parking lot to pray for and raise up our priests and all priests to God for Him to bring them to do His Will. Contact Mary Brodka at 724 816-5573 for further information.

Saint Valentine's Evening Soirée

The Christian Mothers are happy to announce it is time for the third annual St. Valentine's Evening Soirée!

The soirée will be held in the parish center this **Saturday, February 15th from 6:30-10:00 pm.** Live entertainment provided by the *Duquesne Jazz Quartet*. Hors d'oeuvres, "His and Hers" Specialty Cocktails, Pittsburgh Wedding Cookie Table. Tickets are \$35/person and will be sold after both Sunday Masses and during Catechism. **TODAY is the last day to purchase tickets;** cash or check accepted.



Safe Environment Volunteer Needed

Our parish has been blessed with a large growth in the number of parishioners since its inception on July 1st, 2019. Along with that growth comes the need for more volunteer assistance with the many tasks the parish must perform. One such task is ensuring parish employees and volunteers are current with their diocesan Safe Environment clearances. Most work can be accomplished on your home computer, with occasional trips to the Parish Office to handle paperwork. If you are able to volunteer during the week to help with this important work, please contact the Business Manager (businessmanager@mpboj.com) to express your interest.

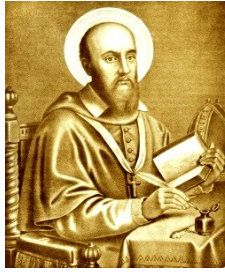
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

The Need of a Good Courage

(Book 4, Chapter 2)

However much we may admire and crave for light, it is apt to dazzle our eyes when they have been long accustomed to darkness; and on first visiting a foreign country, we are sure to feel strange among its inhabitants, however kindly or courteous they may be. Even so, my child, your changed life may be attended with some inward discomfort, and you may feel some reaction of discouragement and weariness after you have taken a final farewell of the world and its follies. Should it be so, I pray you



take it patiently, for it will not last,—it is merely the disturbance caused by novelty; and when it is gone by, you will abound in consolations. At first you may suffer somewhat under the loss what you enjoyed among your vain, frivolous companions; but would you forfeit the eternal gifts of God for such things as these? The empty amusements which have engrossed you hitherto may rise up attractively before your imagination, and strive to win you back to rest in them; but are you bold enough to give up a blessed eternity for such deceitful snares? Believe me, if you will but persevere you will not fail to enjoy a sweetness so real and satisfying, that you will be constrained to confess that the world has only gall to give as compared with this honey, and that one single day of devotion is worth more than a thousand years of worldly life.

But you see before you the mountain of Christian perfection, which is very high, and you exclaim in fearfulness that you can never ascend it. Be of good cheer, my child. When the young bees first begin to live they are mere grubs, unable to hover over flowers, or to fly to the mountains, or even to the little hills where they might gather honey; but they are fed for a time with the honey laid up by their predecessors, and by degrees the grubs put forth their wings and grow strong, until they fly abroad and gather their harvest from all the country round. Now we are yet but as grubs in devotion, unable to fly at will, and attain the desired aim of Christian perfection; but if we begin to take shape through our desires and resolutions, our wings will gradually grow, and we may hope one day to become spiritual bees, able to fly. Meanwhile let us feed upon the honey left us in the teaching of so many holy men of old, praying God that He would grant us doves' wings, so that we may not only fly during this life, but find an abiding resting-place in Eternity..

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Help Needed: Church Cleaning Crew

Cleaning the church is fun and rewarding and a great way to meet people and make a difference keeping God's house clean. While we do have paid weekly cleaning in the church, there are many extra projects that need to be done on a regular basis which the cleaning service does not provide.

Due to veteran members of the cleaning crew moving or not being able to come on Saturdays, we need to regroup and build up the cleaning crew base again.

Families of high schoolers are encouraged to adopt one Saturday a month to help us get the church clean and ready for Sunday Masses.

Each Saturday, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass, the following tasks need to be done by the team. While we work, we are mindful we are in God's house and keep our voices low and noise to a minimum, as much as possible, as frequently, there are baptisms happening in the church. We wrap up by noon, or earlier if there is a wedding.

- Candles and lighting sticks restocked at each candle rack.
- Communion kneelers wiped and straightened.
- Pews vacuumed or swept. (We have a backpack vacuum.)
- Vacuum carpets including main altar and side altars, remembering to empty vacuum dustbin, so it is ready for the next use. (We have 2 vacuums.)
- Empty trash cans from restrooms, entryways, and sacristies. Dispose of trash in dumpsters.

Special Projects: Once per month. One of these could be your special monthly service project!

- Vacuum under and dust the radiators.
- Clean Choir loft.
- Clean pews with Murphy's Oil Soap.
- Clean kneelers with Mr. Clean.
- Vacuum confessionals.
- Clean confessionals inside and outside with Murphy's Oil Soap.
- Clean sanctuary woodwork with Murphy's Oil Soap.
- Clean lockers of ambulatory with Murphy's Oil Soap.
- Organize cleaning supplies.
- Sweep/wet mop steps from choir loft to basement.
- Dust window wells and tops of heaters.

An Act of Hope

O MY GOD, relying on your infinite goodness and promises, I hope to obtain pardon for my sins, the help of your grace and life everlasting, through the merits of Jesus Christ, my Lord and Redeemer. Amen.

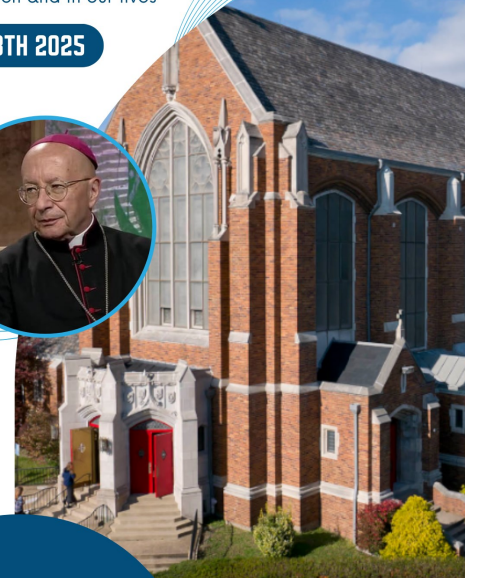
FEBRUARY SURSUM CORDA Conference

Join Sursum Corda in the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish center at 6:30pm for dinner and a conference by Bishop Waltersheid on "The role of the Blessed Mother in the history of the church and in our lives"

FEBRUARY, 28TH 2025



18-35 year olds welcome, cash donations gratefully accepted



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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