



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Low Sunday

April 27, 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

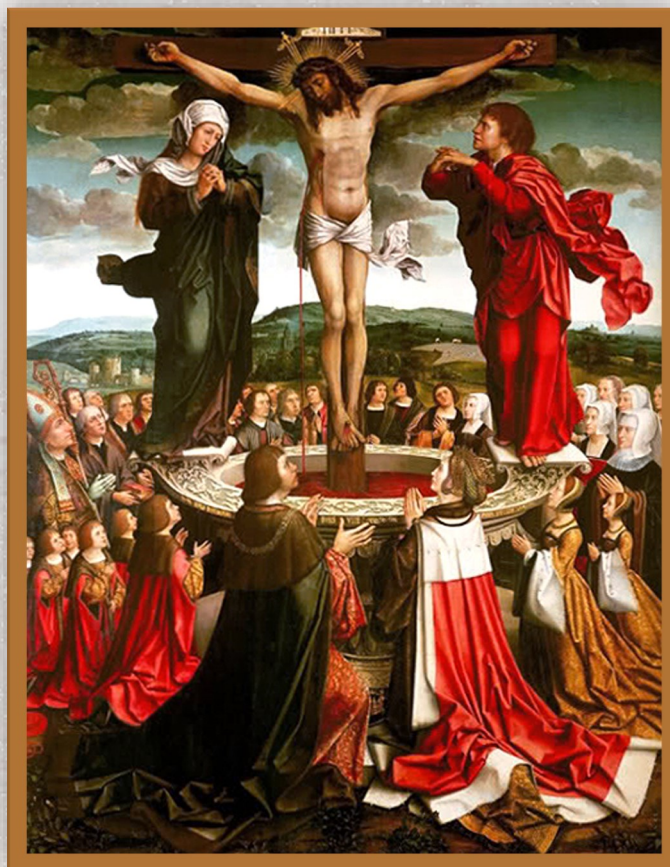
Confession Schedule

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, April 27, 2025

Sunday in Albis, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Donald Dindak (Brad & Jenn Dindak)

Processional: Jesus Christ is Risen Today (pg. 67)

Recessional: The Strife is O'er (pg. 95)

Monday, April 28, 2025

St. Paul of the Cross, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM All the First Holy Communicants (Comas Family)

Tuesday, April 29, 2025

St. Peter of Verona, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM + Cryster & O'Rourke Families (O'RourkeFamily)

7PM LM + Roger Costantino (Chuck & Anna Friend)

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

St. Catherine of Siena, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Gino Pochapsky (Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish)

Thursday, May 1, 2025 *First Thursday*

St. Joseph the Worker, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Madeleine Nguyen (Aja Bencsics)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, May 2, 2025 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Athanasius

12PM LM My Children and Grandchildren (Lou & Judy Talarico)

7PM LM Dan & Jenny Laffey (Lynne Badstibner)

Saturday, May 3, 2025 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

Comm. of Ss. Alexander Eventius, Theodulud & Juvenalis

9AM LM Alyssa Giallorenzo

Sunday, May 4, 2025

Second Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO Fr. Christopher Komoroski (Matthew&Kelly Keeny)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Recessional: At the Lamb's High Feast (pg. 53)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Offertory (Holy Thursday).....\$3,206.00

Offertory (Easter Vigil).....\$4,477.00

Offertory (Easter).....\$11,993.00

Parish Appeal 2025.....\$550.00

Parish Improvement.....\$1,365.00

Poor Box.....\$20.00

Good Friday/Holy Land.....\$2,297.00

ICFSS/Provincial Appeal.....\$10.00

Easter Flowers.....\$70.00

Funeral Offering.....\$100.00

Holy Week Attendance

Holy Thursday: 596; Good Friday: 588; Easter Vigil: 422
Easter Sunday Attendance: 8AM 313; 11AM 528; Total 841

Parish Group News

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working subcommittees: Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com. See details of the May 4th "Walking with Moms in Need" Community Baby Shower at right.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on Saturday, May 3rd, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic will be "Penance". Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. All adult women are wel-

come to attend. (*corrected from previous bulletins)

Please join us for the Christian Mother's annual Easter Tea on Saturday, May 10. Tickets will be sold at the Christian Mother's meetings and every Sunday during catechism. See page 3 for more details.

This is a female event only. If you have any questions please contact Dominique Patrick at niquewilson99@gmail.com

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.

Thank You from the Canons

Canon Avis and Canon Bourgeois thank you for your gracious Easter gifts. Be assured of their continued prayers during this most sacred season. *Gratiās vōbīs agimus!*



Easter Duty

Catholics are reminded of their traditional Easter Duty in Church law: all the baptized are obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season. (Code of Canon Law, c. 920). In the U.S.A. the time to fulfill the Easter Duty is from the 1st Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

Catholics are also obliged to confess one's grave sins once a year. (Code of Canon Law, c. 989) This precept is not confined to the Lenten and Easter Season, though many of the Faithful traditionally make use of this time of year to approach the Sacrament of Penance. One may fulfill this obligation anytime dur-



We need YOUR HELP
to make the

Walking with Moms in Need
FREE Community Baby
Shower a success!

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 1-4PM

St. Aidan Parish
Ryan Center at Blessed Seelos School
210 Church Road Wexford, PA

To purchase a gift from
our Wish List, visit us
here:



https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/is/LB013NJVO1VH?ref_=wl_share

Pregnant and new moms in
financial need can sign up
here:



<https://saintaidanparish.org/babyshower>



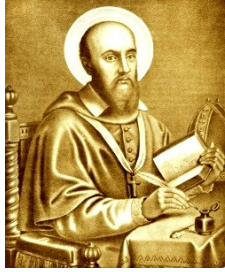
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Spiritual and Sensible Consolations, and How to Receive Them

(Book 4, Chapter 14—Part 1)

The order of God's Providence maintains a perpetual vicissitude in the material being of this world; day is continually turning to night, spring to summer, summer to autumn, autumn to winter, winter to spring; no two days are ever exactly alike. Some are foggy, rainy, some dry or windy; and this endless variety greatly enhances the beauty of the universe. And even so precisely is it with man (who, as ancient writers have said, is a miniature of the world), for he is never long in any one condition, and his life on earth flows by like the mighty waters, heaving and tossing with an endless variety of motion; one while raising him on high with hope, another plunging him low in fear; now turning him to the right with rejoicing, then driving him to the left with sorrows; and no single day, no, not even one hour, is entirely the same as any other of his life.



All this is a very weighty warning, and teaches us to aim at an abiding and unchangeable evenness of mind amid so great an uncertainty of events; and, while all around is changing, we must seek to remain immovable, ever looking to, reaching after and desiring our God. Let the ship take what tack you will, let her course be eastward or westward, northern or southern, let any wind whatsoever fill her sails, but meanwhile her compass will never cease to point to its one unchanging lode-star. Let all around us be overthrown, nay more, all within us; I mean let our soul be sad or glad, in bitterness or joy, at peace or troubled, dry and parched, or soft and fruitful, let the sun scorch, or the dew refresh it; but all the while the magnet of our heart and mind, our superior will, which is our moral compass, must continually point to the Love of God our Creator, our Savior, our only Sovereign Good. "Whether we live, we live unto the Lord, or whether we die, we die unto the Lord; whether we live therefore or die, we are the Lord's. Who shall separate us from the Love of Christ?" Nay, verily, nothing can ever separate us from that Love—neither tribulation nor distress, neither death nor life, neither present suffering nor fear of ills to come; neither the deceits of evil spirits nor the heights of satisfaction, nor the depths of sorrow; neither tenderness nor desolation, shall be able to separate us from that Holy Love, whose foundation is in Christ Jesus. Such a fixed resolution never to forsake God, or let go of His Precious Love, serves as ballast to our souls, and will keep them steadfast amid the endless changes and chances of this our natural life. For just as bees, when overtaken by a gust of wind, carry little pebbles to weight themselves, in order that they may resist the storm, and not be driven at its will—so the soul, which has firmly grasped the Unchanging Love of God, will abide unshaken amid the changes and vicissitudes of consolations and afflictions—whether spiritual or temporal, external or internal. (To be cont'd.)

Parish Picnic May 25th

Please join us for the parish's annual Memorial Day Picnic on Sunday, May 25th at the South Park Fairgrounds (1888 Brownsville Rd, South Park Township, PA 15129). No tickets are necessary for entry this year. *We will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup, and more.* If you are willing and able to help, contact Mike at mike.konopelski@gmail.com.

Prayer for Imploring Holy Popes

Kyrie Eleison! Christe Eleison! Kyrie Eleison!
Lord Jesus Christ, You are the Good Shepherd!
With your almighty hand you guide Your pilgrim
Church through the storms of each age.

Adorn the Holy See with holy popes who neither fear the powerful of this world nor compromise with the spirit of the age, but preserve, strengthen, and defend the Catholic Faith unto the shedding of their blood, and observe, protect, and hand on the venerable liturgy of the Roman Church.

O Lord, return to us through holy popes who, inflamed with the zeal of the Apostles, proclaim to the whole world: "Salvation is found in no other than in Jesus Christ. For there is no other name under heaven given to men by which they should be saved" (see Acts 4:10-12).

Through an era of holy popes, may the Holy See—which is home to all who promote the Catholic and Apostolic Faith—always shine as the cathedra of truth for the whole world.

Hear us, O Lord, and through the intercession of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Church, grant us holy popes, grant us many holy popes! Have mercy on us and hear us! Amen.

Please join the Confraternity
of Christian Mothers for an

Easter Tea Party

Saturday, May 10th doors open 10:30 am
in the gymnasium of MPBOJ school

Enjoy tea, lunch, dessert, raffle basket
drawings, music by the Schola Cantorum
of MPBOJ, and fun activities for the kids

Tickets on sale every Sunday between
Masses in the gym or email
niquewilson99@gmail.com

\$20 per ticket
Family rate of \$10 for the 5th
ticket & on

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.

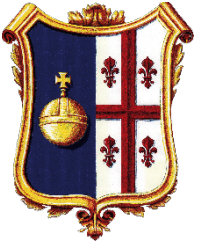
Funerals: The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

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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INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST
Living the Truth in Charity

Easter 2025

Dear Faithful and Friends of Christ the King,

On behalf of our Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach, I extend heartfelt Easter greetings to each of you. May the celebration of Our Lord's glorious Resurrection bring you abundant grace and joy, and may this Eastertide be rich in spiritual fruits. Monsignor Wach looks forward with great anticipation to visiting the apostolates of the Institute's American Province later this year.

I would like to express my sincere gratitude for your continued generosity in this year's Lenten Appeal on behalf of the American Province. Thanks to your outstanding support, we have already raised over \$148,473, with contributions still arriving. *Deo gratias!*

If we think of the Institute's apostolates as the branches of a tree, then the U.S. Provincial Headquarters serves as the trunk, supporting and nourishing those branches. The headquarters offers both practical guidance and spiritual support to our clergy—canons and oblates alike—assisting them personally and collectively in their many projects, challenges, and the daily mission of their apostolates.

Our provincial leadership also manages the pre-seminary and oblate formation programs by which future seminarians and clerical oblate brothers are admitted to the vocational discernment program in the Institute's houses of formation. In addition, we manage a wide range of apostolic activities: coordinating parish missions and retreats, responding to invitations from Bishops who hope to welcome the Institute into their dioceses, addressing inquiries from the faithful across the country, and supporting the continued development of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. This center is currently undergoing renovations in preparation for welcoming souls from around the country in search of peace, spiritual nourishment, and guidance—including souls like yours!

In these and in so many other ways, your charitable contributions help our Provincial Headquarters to function properly as a national entity which can keep up with the growing need to spread the truth and charity of the reign of Christ the King in America. May God bless and reward you for your prayers, your generosity, and your faithful commitment to this work for the salvation of souls and the renewal of Catholic life for generations to come!

Gratefully mindful of you at the holy altar in my daily prayers during this Eastertide, I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico
U.S. Provincial Superior