



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**2nd Sunday after
Easter**

May 4, 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

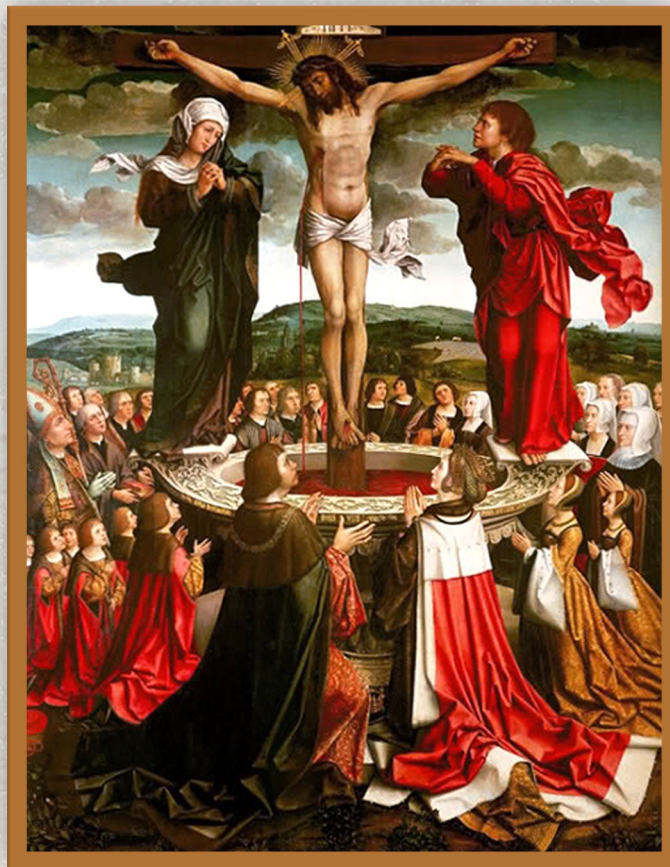
Confession Schedule

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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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, 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)

Monday, May 5, 2025

St. Pius V, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Elizabeth Warner (Marianne Warner)

Tuesday, May 6, 2025

Votive Mass for Election of Sovereign Pontiff, Red

12PM LM Our Grandchildren (Chris & Lottie DelSignore)

7PM LM Paras Children (Parents)

Wednesday, May 7, 2025

St. Stanislaus, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Fred & Alberta Yochum (Gary Yochum)

Thursday, May 8, 2025

Votive Mass for Election of Sovereign Pontiff, Red

12PM LM Lawrence & Justine Muscat Family (Mark & Susan Schurdak)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, May 9, 2025

St. Gregory Nazianzen, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM William Novakovic, Jr. (Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish)

Saturday, May 10, 2025

St. Antoninus, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM + Trevor D'Sousa (D'Sousa Family)

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Third Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Philip & James

8AM LMO + Agnes Pacacha McClain (Bob Pacacha)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Jesus Is Risen (pg. 72)

Recessional: Christ Is Risen From the Dead (pg. 55)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 27, 2025

Offertory	\$9,143.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$300.00
Parish Improvement	\$3,135.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$65.00
ICRSS/Seminary	\$1,500.00

Faith Direct Report (March 16 – 31, 2025)

Offertory	\$17,520.40
Offertory (Easter).....	\$2,792.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$993.00
Parish Improvement	\$701.00
Good Friday/Holy Land	\$437.00
ICRSS/Provincial Appeal	\$60.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$249.00

Attendance: 8AM 487; 11AM 389; Total 876

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, June 14th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic will be "On Marriage"**. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

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.

ICRSS Seminary Collection Today

There is a second collection today, benefiting the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest seminary in Gricigliano, Italy.

"Malcolm and Teresa" Play

Saint Genesius of Rome Theatre Group presents Cathal Gallagher's play *Malcolm and Teresa*. This intriguing play follows the story of British reporter Malcolm Muggeridge and his life-changing encounter with Mother Teresa. Stage performances will be held at the **Diocesan Pastoral Center** in the **Bishop McDowell Auditorium** on **Thursday, May 22nd at 7pm** and on **Saturday, May 24th at 2pm and 7pm**. There is a suggested donation of \$10 for adults, and \$5 for students. Clergy, Religious, Seminarians and young children are free. For more information, please visit sgrtheatergroup.com, or contact Jude Young: 412-491-4415 or judeyoung4321@gmail.com.

Thank You From Christ Our Savior Food Bank

Christ Our Savior Parish thanks all parishioners for their generous support of the Food Bank. The parish sent a \$1,000 Easter donation to help with their mission to feed the poor in our community.

Catechism Concludes/Summer Coffee & Donuts

Today marks the completion of the 2024/25 Catechism school year. Blessings be upon the families that participate in the program (including the parents' work in cleaning up the gym each week), and gracious thanks to the catechists, aides, substitute teachers and administrator who devote their time and effort to teaching an enormous number of children.

After today, we enter the "donut desert", with no coffee or donuts after the Low Mass on Sundays for the remainder of May. But despair not, because **on June 1st, Summer Coffee & Donuts will return**. Thank you to Kathy & Mark Graham for taking on this responsibility for yet another year!

Parish Picnic May 25th

Please join us for the parish's annual Memorial Day Picnic on

Sunday, May 25th at the Museum Building of South Park. No tickets are necessary for entry this year. *We*



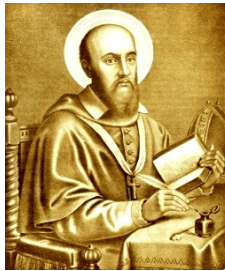
will need many volunteers to help with food, drinks, activities, setup, cleanup, and more. If you are willing and able to help, contact Mike at mike.konopelski@gmail.com.

Rosary Rally May 10th

When Our Lady appeared on 13 May 1917, she told the children of the evil influences of Russia and how "Russia would spread its errors throughout the world". She said that if mankind did not stop sinning a worse chastisement would come. Mankind did not stop sinning and we were punished with wars, death, epidemics and suffering. Mankind *still* has not heeded her message. What can we expect next? What can we do? Join in a Rosary Rally in Honor of Our Lady of Fatima and to make reparation to her Immaculate Heart on **Saturday, May 10th at 12 noon** at MPBOJ parking lot. Contact Mary Brodka at 724-816-5573 for further information.

Introduction to the Devout Life
By St. Francis de Sales
**Spiritual and Sensible Consolations,
 and How to Receive Them**
(Book 4, Chapter 14—Part 2)

But let us come to some special detail, beyond this general doctrine.



1. I would say, then, that devotion does not consist in conscious sweetness and tender consolations, which move one to sighs and tears, and bring about a kind of agreeable, acceptable sense of self-satisfaction. No, my child, this is not one and the same as devotion, for you will find many persons who do experience these consolations, yet who, nevertheless, are evil-minded, and consequently are devoid of all true Love of God, still more of all true devotion. When Saul was in pursuit of David, who fled from him into the wilderness of En-gedi, he entered into a cave alone, wherein David and his followers were hidden; and David could easily have killed him, but he not only spared Saul's life, he would not even frighten him; but, letting him depart quietly, hastened after the King, to affirm his innocence, and tell him how he had been at the mercy of his injured servant. Thereupon Saul testified to the softening of his heart by tender words, calling David his son, and exalting his generosity; lifting up his voice, he wept, and, foretelling David's future greatness, besought him to deal kindly with Saul's "seed after him." What more could Saul have done? Yet for all this he had not changed his real mind, and continued to persecute David as bitterly as before. Just so there are many people who, while contemplating the Goodness of God, or the Passion of His Dear Son, feel an emotion which leads to sighs, tears, and very lively prayers and thanksgivings, so that it might fairly be supposed that their hearts were kindled by a true devotion—but when put to the test, all this proves but as the passing showers of a hot summer, which splash down in large drops, but do not penetrate the soil, or make it to bring forth anything better than mushrooms. In like manner these tears and emotions do not really touch an evil heart, but are altogether fruitless—inasmuch as in spite of them all those poor people would not renounce one farthing of ill-gotten gain, or one unholy affection; they would not suffer the slightest worldly inconvenience for the Sake of the Savior over Whom they wept. So that their pious emotions may fairly be likened to spiritual fungi—as not merely falling short of real devotion, but often being so many snares of the Enemy, who beguiles souls with these trivial consolations, so as to make them stop short, and rest satisfied therewith, instead of seeking after true solid devotion, which consists in a firm, resolute, ready, active will, prepared to do whatsoever is acceptable to God. A little child, who sees the surgeon bleed his mother, will cry when he sees the lancet touch her; but let that mother for whom he weeps ask for his apple or a sugar-plum which he has in his hand, and he will on no account part with it; and too much of our seeming devotion is of this kind. We weep feelingly at the spear piercing the Crucified Savior's Side, and we do well—but why cannot we give Him the apple we hold, for which He asks, heartily? I mean our heart, the only love-apple which that Dear Savior craves of us. Why cannot we resign the numberless trifling attachments, indulgences, and self-complacencies of which He fain would deprive us, only we will not let Him do so; because they are the sugar-plums, sweeter to our taste than His Heavenly Grace? Surely this is but as the fondness of children—demonstrative, but weak, capricious, unpractical. Devotion does not consist in such exterior

displays of a tenderness which may be purely the result of a naturally impressionable, plastic character; or which may be the seductive action of the Enemy, or an excitable imagination stirred up by him. (*To be cont'd.*)

Congratulations to the First Communicants

Thirty-one second graders received their First Holy Communion this year. The parish congratulates them on this very special occasion in their Catholic lives! (*See photo on page 4*)

KOLBE ALLEN
 HENRY COMAS
 EMMA FRANKOVITCH
 GABRIEL GRUBER
 MARTHA KEANE
 JOHNNA LOMUSCIO
 JOSEPH McNULTY
 GREGORY OXENREITER
 VILLORIA PAYNE
 JACINTA SCHURDAK
 ALEXANDER SOLOMON
 FAUSTINA TOSCANO
 FELIX WHEELER
 JOHN WISCHNOWSKI
 ZELIE WISCHNOWSKI
 EVA ZIEGLER

IAN CALLAHAN
 FELICITY EASTER
 GENEVIEVE GRISWOLD
 EITHAN HURTADO
 THOMAS KELLY
 MARGARET MCGINLEY
 CONOR OPPERMAN
 GABRIELLA PATTS
 BENEDICT PUMFORD
 LEO SIRILLA
 FELIX SMITH
 THOR VARGO
 CECILIA WILL
 ROSE WISCHNOWSKI
 EMMA WRABLEY

Thank You, Landscaping Team!

A great big "thank you" to the Landscaping Team for making the parish grounds so beautiful for Easter—the result of much trimming and cleaning around the parish grounds! Please be mindful of keeping your children out of the beds while the plantings start their new growth.

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
THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

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.

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, visit: membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

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.

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 calling 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.

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.



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Office of the Bishop

April 28, 2025

My dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ:

“And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)

As Jesus spoke these words to Saint Peter, He also spoke them to the 265 successors of Saint Peter. Soon again, Jesus will speak these words to the newly elected Pontiff.

As we turn our hearts and prayers toward Rome, awaiting the election of our next Holy Father, we need to remember the profound truth that guides this sacred process: it is the Holy Spirit who guides our Church.

The cardinal electors, gathered in conclave, are undertaking a truly spiritual reflection and deliberation. They are seeking, through prayer and discernment, to identify the man who will best serve Jesus as the successor to his apostle Peter, the “rock” upon which Christ built His Church.

May we place our trust in the Holy Spirit, who works through the Church and within the hearts of the cardinal electors. May we pray that their discernment will be guided by divine wisdom, leading to the election of a shepherd who will faithfully serve our Lord and lead us in unity and love.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

Your brother in Christ,

Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Bishop of Pittsburgh

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