



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**4th Sunday after
Easter**

May 18, 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

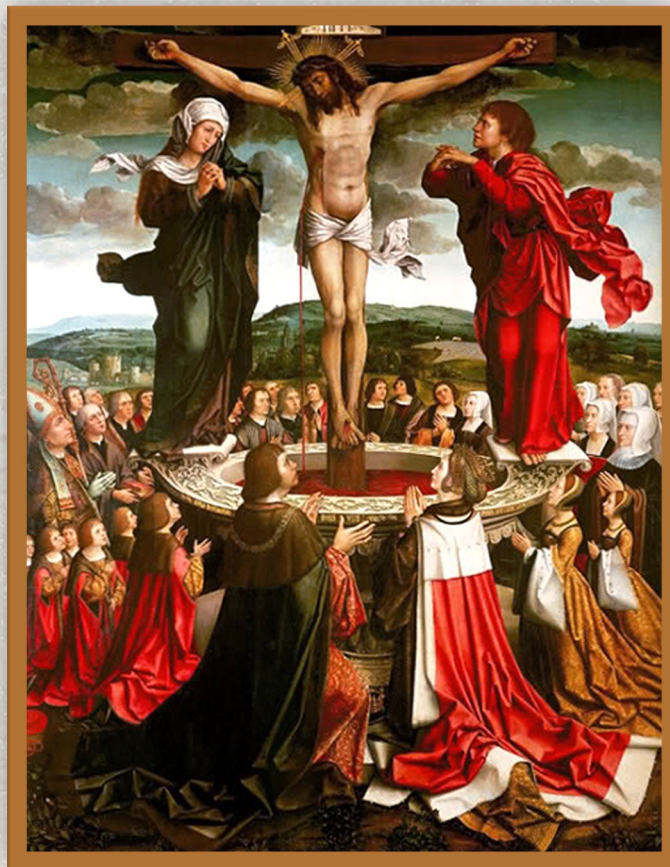
Confession Schedule

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, May 18, 2025

Fourth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Nancy Rowlands (Tim & Pat Rowlands)

Processional: Good Christian Men Rejoice and Sing (pg. 51)

Recessional: Jesus Is Risen (pg. 72)

Monday, May 19, 2025

St. Peter Celestine, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Pudentiana

12PM LM + Edward R. Falvo, Jr. (Falvo Family)

Tuesday, May 20, 2025

St. Bernardine of Siena, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Ralph & Josephine Curtis (Gary Yochum)

7PM LM +Michelle Peduto (Joseph E. Wilson)

Wednesday, May 21, 2025

Votive Mass of St. Joseph, 4th Class—White

12PM LM + Talarico & Ratay Families (Lou & Judy Talarico)

Thursday, May 22, 2025

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

12PM LM + Carolyn Mozlack (Robin Mauser)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, May 23, 2025

Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Jill Garfold (Michael Garfold)

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Our Lady of Saturday, 4th Class—White

9AM LM + Poor Souls in Purgatory (Mary Corp)

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Fifth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM 55th Wedding Ann. Tom & Kay Byrne (Family)

Processional: Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (pg. 58)

Recessional: Regina Caeli Jubila (pg. 85)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, May 11, 2025

Offertory\$10,775.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$796.00

Catholic Relief Services.....\$10.00

Good Friday/Holy Land.....\$10.00

ICRSS/Seminary.....\$250.00

Attendance: 8AM 418; 11AM 446; Total 864

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.

The RLG will be collecting donations after both Masses today for Birthright. Your contributions enable this pro-life organization to help girls & women with unplanned pregnancies.

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.

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.

Parish Picnic May 25th



Please join us for the parish's annual Memorial Day Picnic on **Sunday, May 25th, from 2–9 p.m.** at the Museum Building of South Park. Live band, bouncy house, and more. Drinks, burgers, and wieners will be provided. Please bring a potluck dish:

- If your last name begins with A-I, bring a starch dish
- If your last name begins with J-Q, bring a fruit or vegetable dish
- If your last name begins with R-Z, bring a dessert.

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.

Coffee & Donuts Will Resume June 1st

The much-loved social event series of the summer, Coffee & Donuts will return after the Low Mass on Sunday, June 1st.

Today's Second Collection

The diocesan second collection today is for Catholic Relief Services, the Church in Latin America, the Church in Central & Eastern Europe, and the Church in Africa.

"Shroud Encounter" May 22

Join us at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at 7pm. This presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience using over 200 images to explore the profound mystery of the Shroud of Turin. The program will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault. Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, History Channel, Discovery, and EWTN.



There is no charge, but *pre-registration is requested*. We are also hosting this program via Zoom for those who wish to join us online. Go to vmesc.org or call 724-964-8886 for more information or to register.

Upcoming Events

Sunday, May 25: Memorial Day Picnic

Mon., May 26: Memorial Day—9 a.m. Low Mass (no noon Mass)

Thurs., May 29: Feast of the Ascension – Holy Day of Obligation

Saturday, June 7 (10 a.m.): Vigil of Pentecost Mass – reception of converts into the Church; 7 p.m. Matins of Pentecost

Sunday, June 8: Pentecost

Sunday, June 22: External Solemnity of Corpus Christi – Mass & procession

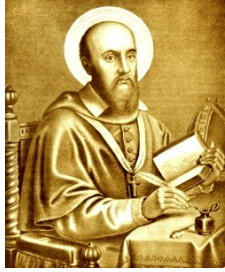
Monday, July 1: Feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus – Solemn High Mass at 7 p.m. to mark the 6th Anniversary of the parish

Friday, July 4: Independence Day, 9 a.m. Low Mass (No noon nor 7 p.m. Mass)

Pray the Rosary Daily!

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

4. If we are favored with any such sweetness, we must humble ourselves deeply before God, and beware of being led to cry out "How good I am!" No indeed, such gifts do not make us any better, for, as I have already said, devotion does not consist in such things; rather let us say, "How good God is to those who hope in Him, and to the souls that seek Him!" If a man has sugar in his mouth, he cannot call his mouth sweet, but the sugar; and so although our spiritual sweetness is admirable, and God Who imparts it is all good, it



by no means follows that he who receives it is good. Let us count ourselves but as little children, having need of milk, and believe that these sugar-plums are only given us because we are still feeble and delicate, needing bribes and wiles to lead us on to the Love of God. But, as a general rule, we shall do well to receive all such graces and favors humbly, making much of them, not for their own importance, but rather because it is God's Hand which fills our hearts with them, as a mother coaxes her child with one sugar-plum after another. If the child were wise, he would prize the loving caresses of his mother, more than the material sugar-plum, however sweet. So while it is a great thing to have spiritual sweetnesses, the sweetest of all is to know that it is the loving parental Hand of God which feeds us, heart, mind and soul, with them. And, having received them humbly, let us be diligent in using them according to the intention of the Giver. Why do you suppose God gives us such sweetness? To make us kinder one to another, and more loving towards Him. A mother gives her child a sweetmeat to win a kiss; be it ours reverently to kiss the Savior Who gives us these good things. And by kissing Him, I mean obeying Him, keeping His Commandments, doing His Will, heeding His wishes, in a word, embracing Him tenderly, obediently, and faithfully. So the day on which we have enjoyed some special spiritual consolation should be marked by extra diligence and humility. And from time to time it is well to renounce all such, realizing to ourselves that although we accept and cherish them humbly, because they come from God, and kindle His Love in our hearts, still they are not our main object, but God and His Holy Love—that we seek less the consolation than the Consoler, less His tangible sweetness than our sweet Savior, less external pleasure than Him Who is the Delight of Heaven and earth; and with such a mind we should resolve to abide steadfast in God's Holy Love, even if our whole life were to be utterly devoid of all sweetness; as ready to abide on Mount Calvary as on Mount Tabor; to cry out, "It is good for us to be here," whether with our Lord on the Cross or in glory.

Lastly, I advise you to take counsel with your director concerning any

May Crowning

At right: Children present flowers for Our Lady during the May Crowning before the Solemn High Mass on Sunday, May 4.



Photo courtesy of Paul Ruggieri

unusual flow of consolations or emotions, so that he may guide you in their wise usage; for it is written, "Hast thou found honey? eat so much as is sufficient for thee."



The Holy Cross Weather Blessing

From May 3rd to Sept. 14th (Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross), our canons give a blessing after Low Masses asking **God's protection against violent storms** that frequently occur during the summer months. The blessing is conferred with a relic of the True Cross. **Copies of the prayer, in Latin and English, are available at the side entrance of the church.**

"Malcolm and Teresa" Play

Saint Genesis 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.

Two Prayers for Pope Leo XIV

O God the Pastor and Ruler of all the faithful, look favorably on Thy servant Leo whom Thou hast been pleased to appoint as shepherd of Thy Church: grant to him, we beseech Thee, that by word and example he may edify those over whom he is placed, so that, with the flock entrusted to him, he may attain unto life everlasting. Through Christ our Lord.

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

V/ Let us pray for the Pope.

R/ May the Lord preserve him, give him a long life, make him blessed upon the earth, and not hand him over to the power of his enemies.

V/ May your hand be upon your holy servant.

R/ And upon your son, whom you have anointed.

Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory Be ...

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 you are interested in making on-line contributions via Faith Direct, please visit: membership.faihtdirect.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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