



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**5th Sunday after
Easter**

May 25, 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

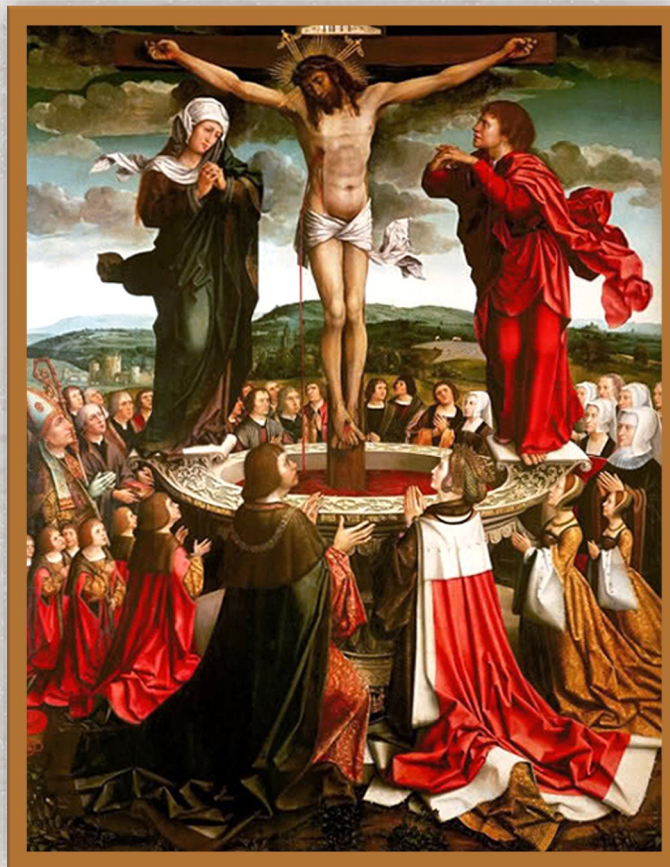
Confession Schedule

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 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)

Monday, May 26, 2025 *Memorial Day*

St. Philip Neri, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Eleutherius

*9AM LM Goddrey Family & Others (Claire Lucas)

Tuesday, May 27, 2025

St. Bede the Venerable, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. John I

12PM LM + Deceased Members of Paras & Zeher Families(ParasFamily)

7PM LM +Sandy Weaver (Matthew & Natalie Plutt)

Wednesday, May 28, 2025

Vigil of the Ascension, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Augustine of Cantorbury

12PM LM + Maria & Ivan Kukovica (Marianne Warner)

Thursday, May 29, 2025 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Ascension of Our Lord, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO *Pro populo*

7PM HM *Pro populo*

Recessional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (pg. 50)

Friday, May 30, 2025

St. Felix, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Sally Curtis (Gary Yochum)

Saturday, May 31, 2025

Queenship of Mary, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Petronilla

9AM LMO + Kathryn Zambo (Mark & Susan Schurdak)

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Sunday after Ascension, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO Fr. Sean Nypaver, 1st Anniv. of Priesthood (Nypaver Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise (pg. 65)

Recessional: Alleluia, Sing to Jesus (pg. 50)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Offertory\$8,310.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$835.00

Catholic Relief Services.....\$1,061.00

ICRSS/Sisters.....\$25.00

Faith Direct Report (April 16 – 30, 2025)

Offertory\$16,864.98

Offertory (Ascension).....\$290.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$453.00

Parish Improvement.....\$866.00

Catholic Relief Services.....\$47.00

ICRSS/Seminary.....\$1,165.00

Attendance: 8AM 424; 11AM 388; Total 812

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.

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 TODAY

Please join us for the parish's annual Memorial Day Picnic **today from 2–10 p.m.** at the Museum Building of South Park. Live band 3–5 p.m., bouncy house, Rosary procession at 6, 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 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, or look for him at the picnic.

Feast of the Ascension This Thursday

This Thursday, May 29th is the Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be offered both at noon and 7 p.m.



Parish Financial Statement

Included with this bulletin is the standardized Quarterly Financial Statement for the third quarter of the 2024-25 fiscal year, with an explanatory letter by Canon Avis on the back.

Summer Coffee & Donuts June 1

Beginning next Sunday, June 1st, Summer Coffee & Donuts will be served following the 8 a.m. Low Mass in the Parish Center, Room 101.



Upcoming Events

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)

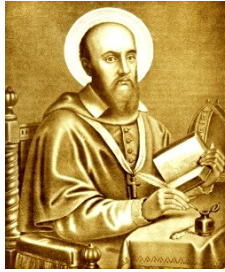
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Dryness and Spiritual Barrenness

(Book 4, Chapter 14—Part 1)

So much for what is to be done in times of spiritual consolations. But these bright days will not last for ever, and sometimes you will be so devoid of all devout feelings, that it will seem to



you that your soul is a desert land, fruitless, sterile, wherein you can find no path leading to God, no drop of the waters of Grace to soften the dryness which threatens to choke it entirely. Verily, at such a time the soul is greatly to be pitied, above all, when this trouble presses heavily, for then, like David, its meat are tears day and night, while the Enemy strives to drive it to despair, crying out, "Where is now thy

God? how thinkest thou to find Him, or how wilt thou ever find again the joy of His Holy Grace?"

What will you do then, my child? Look well whence the trial comes, for we are often ourselves the cause of our own dryness and barrenness. A mother refuses sugar to her sickly child, and so God deprives us of consolations when they do but feed self-complacency or presumption. "It is good for me that I have been in trouble, for before I was troubled I went wrong." So if we neglect to gather up and use the treasures of God's Love in due time, He withdraws them as a punishment of our sloth. The Israelite who neglected to gather his store of manna in the early morning, found none after sunrise, for it was all melted. Sometimes, too, we are like the Bride of the Canticles, slumbering on a bed of sensual satisfaction and perishable delight, so that when the Bridegroom knocks at the door of our heart, and calls us to our spiritual duties, we dally with Him, loath to quit our idle and delusive pleasures, and then He "withdraws Himself, and is gone," and "when I sought Him, I could not find Him; I called Him, but He gave me no answer." Of a truth we deserved as much for having been so disloyal as to have rejected Him for the things of this world. If we are content with the fleshpots of Egypt we shall never receive heavenly manna. Bees abhor all artificial scents, and the sweetness of the Holy Spirit is incompatible with the world's artificial pleasures.

Again, any duplicity or unreality in confession or spiritual intercourse with your director tends to dryness and barrenness, for, if you lie to God's Holy Spirit, you can scarcely wonder that He refuses you His comfort. If you do not choose to be simple and honest as a little child, you will not win the child's sweetmeats.

Or you have satiated yourself with worldly delights; and so no wonder that spiritual pleasures are repulsive to you. "To the overfed dove even cherries are bitter," says an old proverb; and Our Lady in her song of praise says, "He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty away." They who abound in earthly pleasures are incapable of appreciating such as are spiritual.

If you have carefully stored up the fruits of past consolations, you will receive more; "to him that hath yet more shall be given," but from him who has not kept that which he had, who has lost it through carelessness, that which he hath shall be taken away, in other words, he will not receive the grace destined for him. Rain refreshes living plants, but it only brings rotteness and decay to those which are already dead. There are many such causes whereby we lose the consolations of religion, and fall into dryness and deadness of spirit, so that it is well to examine our conscience, and see if we can trace any of these or similar faults. But

always remember that this examination must not be made anxiously, or in an over-exacting spirit. Thus if, after an honest investigation of our own conduct, we find the cause of our wrongdoing, we must thank God, for an evil is half cured when we have found out its cause. But if, on the contrary, you do not find any particular thing which has led to this dryness, do not trifle away your time in a further uneasy search, but, without more ado, and in all simplicity, do as follows—

1. Humble yourself profoundly before God, acknowledging your nothingness and misery. Alas, what am I when left to myself! no better, Lord, than a parched ground, whose cracks and crevices on every side testify its need of the gracious rain of Heaven, while, nevertheless, the world's blasts wither it more and more to dust. (*To be cont'd.*)

Graduates—Register with the Parish

With Graduation Season here, many young people are now faced with the commencement of their adult lives. Until now, they have been recorded in parish records under their parents' registration. But now is the time to make the church records match the reality of adulthood, and to register on their own.

Enrollment in the parish allows you to participate fully with parish life and includes important benefits, such as the ability to receive your sacraments (e.g. Matrimony) at the parish, obtain a "letter of good standing" if needed, or request an annual itemized statement of your offertory donations. It is recommended that upon reaching 18 years of age, one should register, even if still residing in the family home. Newly married members should also register as a couple with the parish, even if individually registered prior to the wedding. Registration forms can always be found in the top shelves of the racks at both entrances to the church.

Office closed Monday, Thursday

The parish office will be closed Monday for Memorial Day, and Thursday for the Feast of the Ascension.

Sidewalk Advocate Training

Saturday, May 31

8:30AM–3:30PM

Location: South Hills. RSVP for address.



Sidewalk Advocates
FOR LIFE

Pittsburgh, PA
Downtown

Is God calling you to stand up for innocent life? Each week, dozens of babies are killed through abortion in downtown Pittsburgh. Become a Sidewalk Advocate and help end this grave injustice in our city!

Learn how to:

- Counsel an abortion-minded woman
- Address "hard cases"
- Provide life-affirming options to those in difficult circumstances



Scan to email!

For more info or to register, email Andrew at AndrewSAFLPGH@protonmail.com

\$20 registration fee. Workbook, breakfast, and lunch provided.

WE STAND IN FRONT OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD ON LIBERTY AVE. IN PITTSBURGH 6 DAYS A WEEK, BUT SADLY, WE DO NOT HAVE ALL THE ABORTION HOURS COVERED. WE NEED YOUR HELP! ONCE TRAINED, COME AS YOU ARE ABLE!

Can't counsel? Contact us to become a trained advocate's prayer partner!

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.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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(Quarter-3 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	814,518
Donations & Bequests	69,828
Fundraising	5,563
Other Income	8,717
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	898,626

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	294,787
Operations & Maintenance	224,451
Liturgical & Rectory	103,546
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	83,818
Property & Liability Insurance	36,859
Social/ Outreach/ Other	26,120
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	769,581

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 129,045

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(34,061)
Net Third Party Collections	4,716
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	(29,345)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 3/31/2025

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	259,156
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	8,994
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	268,150

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
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LIABILITIES:

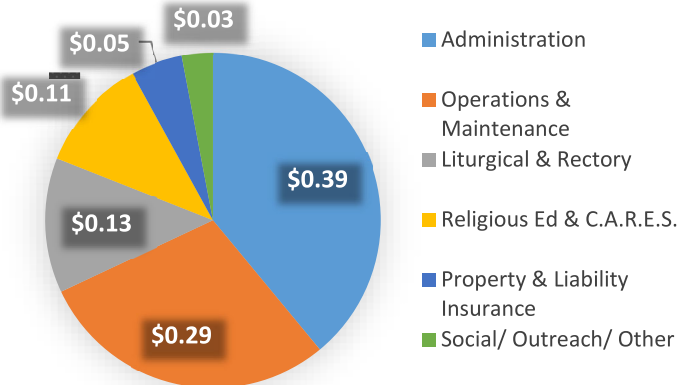
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	511,584
Other Payables	-
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Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 3-31-2025

Revenue: **898,626**

Expense: **769,581**

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Dear Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish,

With the third quarter of the fiscal year complete (3.31.25), please note the following highlights for the first nine months of operation:

<i>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (\$)</i>		
<i>For the nine-month period ending:</i>	<i>3.31.25</i>	<i>3.31.24</i>
<i>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</i>	172,625	127,781
Operating Revenue (Donations)	898,625	831,883
<i>Cash Available for Operations</i>	1,071,251	959,664
<i>Expenditures</i>		
Administration Expense	220,768	211,767
Diocesan Management Fee	74,020	74,020
Operations & Maintenance Exp	224,451	240,434
Liturgical & Rectory Expense	103,546	136,737
Parish Center Expense	41,821	25,006
School Subsidy Expense	41,997	41,997
Social Outreach Expense	18,404	17,441
Property & Liability Insurance Exp	36,859	24,187
D&L Mortgage Payments	20,885	20,885
Extraordinary Maintenance Exp	34,061	14,103
Insurance Claim Proceeds	-	(1,905)
Net Parish Share Activity	-	-
Net Third Party Activity	(4,716)	(163)
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	812,095	804,509
Net Period Surplus (Deficit)	86,531	27,374
<i>ENDING CASH BALANCE</i>	259,156	155,155

Operating Revenue (Donations) for the period of **\$898,625** is up 8% over the same period last year of \$831,883. This is an encouraging increase.

Administration Expense for the period is up 4% over the same period last year again due primarily to increases in health insurance.

Operations and Maintenance Expense for the period continues to experience a decrease of 7% or \$15,983 over the same period last year.

Liturgical & Rectory Expense for the period experienced a decrease of \$33,191 or 24% over the same period last year.

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense for the period includes the following expenditures:

- Church Roof Repairs - \$15,485
- Confessional Construction - \$18,576

Parish Center Expense for the period experienced a sharp increase due to the installation of a new HVAC system for the choir practice room. This expenditure was made possible by the generosity of a single parishioner. Additionally, roof repairs, plumbing repairs and higher utility costs are contributing to increases over the same period last year.

Property & Liability Insurance Expense for the nine-month period is experiencing a significant increase over the same period last year, which will continue through the balance of the fiscal year. While this was an expected increase, it is the outcome of last year's risk assessment performed by the Diocese which resulted in higher-valued risk elements. Combined with the rising cost of insurance in general, the overall effect is an expected increase of 52%.

Overall, planned expenditures of \$782,750 for the period are down 1% or \$9,724 over the same period a year ago. This has enabled a surplus of \$115,876 before extraordinary maintenance expenditures.

As we prepare to celebrate the great Feast of Our Lord's Ascension into Heaven, we can contemplate the parting words of Christ to His disciples, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you all days, even unto the consummation of the world." (Matthew 28:19-20) With your past donations you have made it possible for our parish to fulfill this great commission of the Lord to the Holy Mother Church. With your continuing donations, you ensure that we will be able to continue to do so, now and in the future. Be assured of my gratitude and my prayers for you all at the Holy Altar of God.

In Christo Rege et Maria,



Canon William Avis