



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Sunday after
Ascension**

June 1, 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

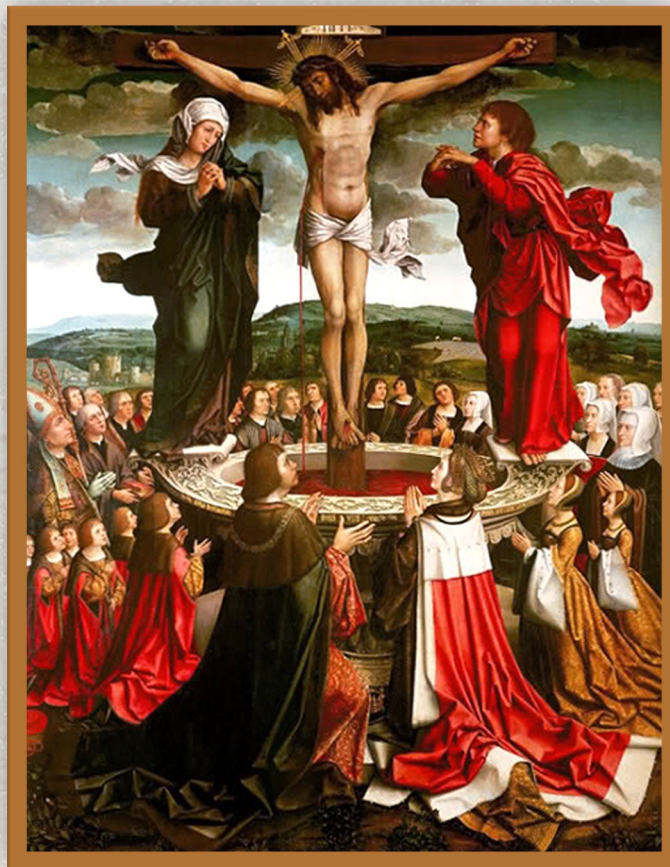
Confession Schedule

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



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Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

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)

Monday, June 2, 2025

Ss. Marcellinus, Peter & Erasmus, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM Fekete & Merkosky Families (Claire Lucas)

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

Votive Mass of the Holy Angels, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Jack Aul (Aul Family)

7PM LM Saylor Family (Alice Steigerwald)

Wednesday, June 4, 2025

St. Francis Caracciolo, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Claire Thomas (Elizabeth & Charles Blume)

Thursday, June 5, 2025 *First Thursday*

Votive Mass of Jesus Eternal High Priest, 3rd Cl.—White

Commemoration of St. Boniface

12PM LM Abbé Raphael Schiavon (D'Sousa Family)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, June 6, 2025 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Norbert

12PM LM Dominic Felice (Felice Family)

7PM LM + Poor Souls in Purgatory (Mary Corp)

Saturday, June 7, 2025 *First Saturday*

Vigil of Pentecost, 1st Class—Violet/Red

*10AM HM + William Gloff (Gloff Family)

* 7PM Matins of Pentecost

Sunday, June 8, 2025

Pentecost Sunday, 1st Class—Red

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Gino Pochapsky (The Pochapsky Family)

Processional: Come Holy Ghost (pg. 57)

Recessional: Come Down O Love Divine (pg. 56)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, May 25, 2025

Offertory\$9,144.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$200.00

ICRSS Seminary\$25.00

Ascension of the Lord.....\$85.00

Attendance: 8AM 428; 11AM 438; Total 866

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.

Sursum Corda Game Night - Friday, June 27th @ 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center - Dinner and drinks provided, cash donations gratefully accepted

\$1,500 Collected for Birthright

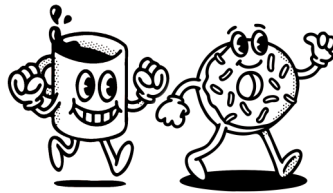
The Respect Life Group thanks everyone who contributed to Birthright's Red Rose Day Campaign. Thanks to your generosity, we collected \$1,500, which will enable Birthright to help women with unplanned pregnancies.



From the Business Manager

Please make all second collection checks payable to "Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish", with the specific collection noted in the memo line, so the donation is properly credited. As always, thank you for your generous support of our special collections.

Coffee and Donuts Return!



Today begins the "Summer Coffee & Donuts" season, served in the cool comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass. This weekly event will continue through August. Thanks to

Mark and Kathy Graham and their team of volunteers for making possible this wonderful opportunity for our parishioners and visitors to gather between Sunday Masses.

Thanks to the Picnic Workers

The Memorial Day Parish Picnic was a most enjoyable outing for everyone—adults and children alike! This special event would not have been possible without the generous efforts of so many, particularly those who planned, prepared for, and worked during the picnic, and in particular, organizer Mike Konopelski.

Canon Rouquayrol to Visit June 15th

Canon Alexis Rouquayrol, from the Institute's mission in Gabón, Africa, will visit our parish on Sunday, June 15th and preach at both Masses. There will be a second collection for the Institute's African Missions that day.



Upcoming Events

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!

"Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if—and mark well what I say—if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins."

– St. Louis de Montfort

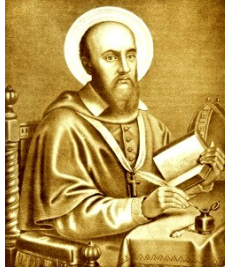
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Dryness and Spiritual Barrenness

(Book 4, Chapter 14—Part 2)

2. Call upon God, and ask for His Gladness. "O give me the comfort of Thy help again! My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me." "Depart, O ye unfruitful wind, which parcheth up my soul, and come, O gracious south wind, blow upon my garden." Such loving desires will fill you with the perfume of holiness.



3. Go to your confessor, open your heart thoroughly, let him see every corner of your soul, and take all his advice with the utmost simplicity and humility, for God loves obedience, and He often makes the counsel we take, specially that of the guides of souls, to be more useful than would seem likely; just as He caused the waters of Jordan, commended by Elijah to Naaman, to cure his leprosy in spite of the improbability to human reason.

4. But, after all, nothing is so useful, so fruitful amid this dryness and barrenness, as not to yield to a passionate desire of being delivered from it. I do not say that one may not desire to be set free, but only that one ought not to desire it over-eagerly, but to leave all to the sole Mercy of God's special Providence, in order that, so long as He pleases, He may keep us amid these thorns and longings. Let us say to God at such seasons, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; "—but let us add heartily, "Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done," and there let us abide as trustingly as we are able. When God sees us to be filled with such pious indifference, He will comfort us with His grace and favour, as when He beheld Abraham ready to offer up his son Isaac, and comforted him with His blessing. In every sort of affliction, then, whether bodily or spiritual, in every manner of distraction or loss of sensible devotion,

let us say with our whole heart, and in the deepest submission, "The Lord gave me all my blessings, the Lord taketh them away, blessed be the Name of the Lord." If we persevere in this humility, He will restore to us His mercies as he did to Job, who ever spake thus amid all his troubles.

5. And lastly, my child, amid all our dryness let us never grow discouraged, but go steadily on, patiently waiting the return of better things; let us never be misled to give up any devout practices because of it, but rather if possible, let us increase our good works, and if we cannot offer liquid preserves to our Bridegroom, let us at least offer Him dried fruit—it is all one to Him, so long as the heart we offer be fully resolved to love Him. In fine weather bees make more honey and breed fewer grubs, because they spend so much time in gathering the sweet juices of the flowers that they neglect the multiplication of their race. But in a cold, cloudy spring they have a fuller hive and less honey. And so sometimes, my child, in the glowing spring-tide of spiritual consolations, the soul spends so much time in storing them up, that amid such abundance it performs fewer good works; while, on the contrary, when amid spiritual dryness and bitterness, and devoid of all that is attractive in devotion, it multiplies its substantial good works, and abounds in the hidden virtues of patience, humility, self-abnegation, resignation and unselfishness.

Some people, especially women, fall into the great mistake of imagining that when we offer a dry, distasteful service to God, devoid of all sentiment and emotion, it is unacceptable to His Divine Majesty; whereas, on the contrary, our actions are like roses, which, though they may be more beautiful when fresh, have a sweeter and stronger scent when they are dried. Good works, done with pleasurable interest, are pleasanter to us who think of nothing save our own satisfaction, but when they are done amid dryness and deadness they are more precious in God's Sight. Yes indeed, my child, for in seasons of dryness our will forcibly carries us on in God's Service, and so it is stronger and more vigorous than at a softer time. There is not much to boast of in serving our Prince in the comfort of a time of peace, but to serve Him amid the toils and hardness of war, amid trial and persecution, is a real proof of faithfulness and perseverance. The blessed Angela di Foligni said, that the most acceptable prayer to God is what is made forcibly and in spite of ourselves; that is to say, prayer made not to please ourselves or our own taste, but solely to please God—carried on, as it were, in spite of inclination, the will triumphing over all our drynesses and repugnances. And so of all good works—the more contradictions, exterior or interior, against which we contend in their fulfilment, the more precious they are in God's Sight; the less of self-pleasing in striving after any virtue, the more Divine Love shines forth in all its purity.

A child is easily moved to fondle its mother when she gives it sweet things, but if he kisses her in return for wormwood or chamomile it is a proof of very real affection on his part.

Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage: Save the Date

A pilgrimage is a traditional act of devotion dating back many centuries. For the 2025 Jubilee Year, a special plenary indulgence is available to all who make pilgrimage to a cathedral church. On **Saturday, October 11**, join your fellow parishioners for a walking pilgrimage from Most Precious Blood to Saint Paul Cathedral. Pilgrims will attend a special 6:30 a.m. Mass at Most Precious Blood, then embark on the approximately four-hour walk to Saint Paul Cathedral, where we will recite the prayers necessary to gain the indulgence. Watch the bulletin for more information as the date approaches.





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SUMMER CAMPS

Join us this year at our new location!
Sacred Heart Retreat Center
2457 Browns Lake Drive Burlington, WI 53105

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO
<https://institute-christ-king.org/camps>







CAMPS FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG LADIES

St. Therese Camp (ages 9-12)
Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

Immaculate Conception Camp (ages 13-17)
Sunday, July 13 - Saturday, July 19

CAMPS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

St. Dominic Camp (ages 9-12)
Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25

St. Michael Camp (ages 13-17)
Sunday, July 27 - Saturday, August 2

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.

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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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