



# MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Pentecost Sunday**

**June 8, 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

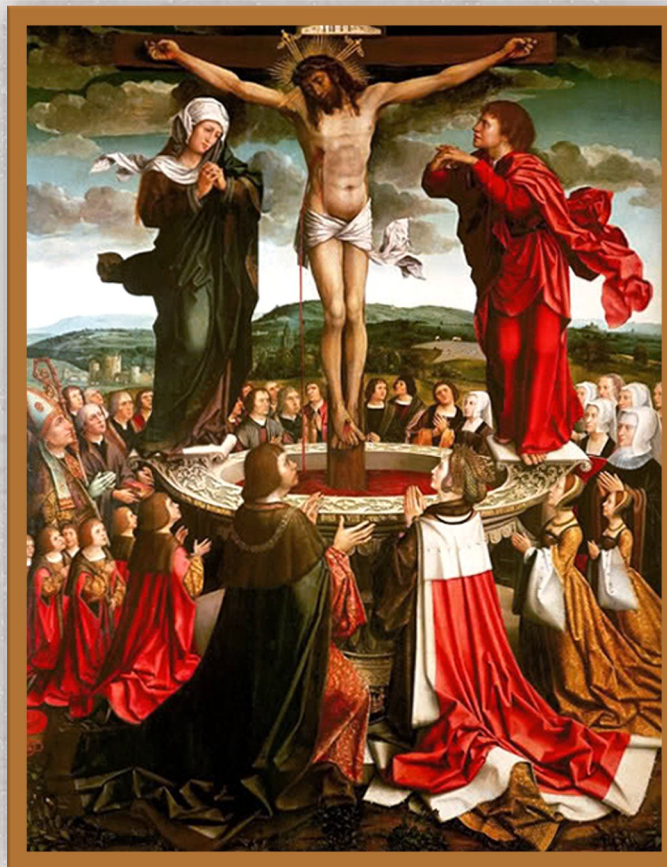
## **Confession Schedule**

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, 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)

### **Monday, June 9, 2025**

#### **Pentecost Monday, 1st Class—Red**

12PM LMO +Klein & Rattay Families (M/M Joseph Rattay)

### **Tuesday, June 10, 2025**

#### **Pentecost Tuesday, 1st Class—Red**

12PM LMO Dave & Mandy Capan (Comas Family)

7PM LM + Kathy Grabowski (Matthew & Natalie Plutt)

### **Wednesday, June 11, 2025**

#### **Ember Wednesday, 1st Class—Red**

12PM LM +Ed,Claire,Denise,Rich,Judith Rattay(Carol R. LeDonne)

### **Thursday, June 12, 2025**

#### **Pentecost Thursday, 1st Class—Red**

9AM LM + John & Camille Bosh (Rich & Roseann King)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

### **Friday, June 13, 2025**

#### **Ember Friday, 1st Class—Red**

12PM LM + Grandparents & Ancestors (Michael Bradburn)

### **Saturday, June 14, 2025**

#### **Ember Saturday, 1st Class—Red**

9AM LM + Holy Souls in Purgatory (Diane & Jim Mousseau)

### **Sunday, June 15, 2025**

#### **Trinity Sunday, 1st Class—White**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Greg Hete (B. Hete)

Processional: O God, Almighty Father (pg. 79)

Recessional: Holy God We Praise Thy Name (pg. 68)

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, June 1, 2025*

Offertory .....	\$10,131.00
Offertory (Ascension Thursday).....	\$2,961.00
Parish Appeal 2025 .....	\$1,225.00
Parish Improvement .....	\$20.00
Poor Box .....	\$10.00
ICRSS Seminary .....	\$10.00

*Attendance: 8AM 463; 11AM 302; Total 765*

## 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](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com).

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet this **Saturday, June 14th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic will be "On Marriage"**. Contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## Coffee and Donuts

“Summer Coffee & Donuts” are served in the air-conditioned comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass. This is a terrific opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners. Please consider stopping by! *(There will be no coffee & donuts next Sunday, June 15, which is Father’s Day.)*



## This Thursday Schedule Change

On Thursday, June 12th, Mass will be at 9am, rather than 12pm. Confessions will be 8:15-8:55am rather than 11:15-11:55am.

## Rosary Rally June 14th

The Church dedicates the month of June to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Join in a Rosary Rally to make Reparation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on Saturday, June 14th at 12 noon at the MPBOJ parking lot. Contact Mary Brodka at 724 816-5573 for further information.

## Canon Rouquayrol to Visit June 15th

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

## Sister Adorers to Visit June 21st

Our parish will welcome visitors from the feminine branch of the Institute, the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest, on Saturday, June 21st. A reception for the sisters will be held following the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Hall.



## Flocknote Failing?

The Flocknote email system lets the parish communicate efficiently with most of the 1,100+ people who have signed up for it. But some parishioners report that they do not receive any of the messages sent out via Flocknote. So far in 2025, there have been 42 emails sent out to “Everyone” in the system. If you registered with Flocknote but haven’t received those 42 emails, please go to the parish website ([mostpreciousbloodparish.org](http://mostpreciousbloodparish.org) or [MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com)) and review the Flocknote instructions. You’ll find descriptions of the two most likely causes of the problem, and instructions on how to get your Flocknote working correctly.

## Play About Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

Saint Genesisius of Rome Theater Group Presents Bernadette Calvino's *A Lily in Winter*, a play about Saint Kateri Tekakwitha, the First Native American Saint. Stage performances will be held at the **Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center** in the Bishop McDowell Auditorium (2900 Noblestown Road; Pittsburgh, PA 15205) on **Friday, June 20th at 7 p.m.** and on **Saturday, June 21st at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.** Suggested



donation of \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. For more information, please contact Jude Young at 412-491-4415 or [judeyoung4321@gmail.com](mailto:judeyoung4321@gmail.com), or visit [sgrtheatergroup.com](http://sgrtheatergroup.com).

## Upcoming Events

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

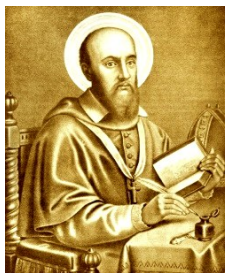
*Monday, July 1:* Feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus – Solemn High Mass at 7 p.m. to mark the 6th Anniversary of the parish

## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### An Illustration

(Book 4, Chapter 16—Part 1)



Let me illustrate what I have said by an anecdote of Saint Bernard. It is common to most beginners in God's Service, being as yet inexperienced in the fluctuations of grace and in spiritual vicissitudes, that when they lose the glow of sensible devotion, and the first fascinating lights which led them in their first steps towards God, they lose heart, and fall into depression and discouragement.

Those who are practiced in the matter say that it is because our human nature cannot bear a prolonged deprivation of some kind of satisfaction, either celestial or earthly; and so as souls, which have been raised beyond their natural level by a taste of superior joys, readily renounce visible delights when the higher joys are taken away, as well as those more earthly pleasures, they, not being yet trained to a patient waiting for the true sunshine, fancy that there is no light either in heaven or earth, but that they are plunged in perpetual darkness. They are just like newly-weaned babes, who fret and languish for want of the breast, and are a weariness to every one, especially to themselves.

Just so it fell out with a certain Geoffroy de Peronne, a member of Saint Bernard's community, newly dedicated to God's Service, during a journey which he and some others were making. He became suddenly dry, deprived of all consolations, and amid his interior darkness he began to think of the friends and relations he had parted from, and of his worldly pursuits and interests, until the temptation grew so urgent that his outward aspect betrayed it, and one of those most in his confidence perceiving that he was sorely troubled, accosted him tenderly, asking him secretly, "What means this, Geoffroy? and what makes thee, contrary to thy wont, so pensive and sad?" Whereupon Geoffroy, sighing heavily, made answer, "Woe is me, my brother, never again in my life shall I be glad!"

The other was moved to pity by these words, and in his fraternal love he hastened to tell it all to their common father Saint Bernard, and he, realizing the danger, went into the nearest church to pray for Geoffroy, who meanwhile cast himself down in despair, and, resting his head on a stone, fell asleep. After a while both rose up, the one full of grace won by prayer, the other from his sleep, with so peaceful and gladsome a countenance, that his friend, marveling to see so great and unexpected a change, could not refrain from gently reproaching him for his recent words. Thereupon Geoffroy answered, "If just now I told thee that I should never more be glad, so now I promise thee I will never more be sad!" Such was the result of this devout man's temptation; but from this history I would have you observe—

1. That God is wont to give some foretaste of His heavenly joys to beginners in His Service, the better to wean them from earthly pleasures, and to encourage them in seeking His Divine Love, even as a mother attracts her babe to suck by means of honey.

2. That nevertheless it is the same Good God Who sometimes in His Wisdom deprives us of the milk and honey of His consolations, in order that we may learn to eat the dry substantial bread of a vigorous devotion, trained by means of temptations and trials. *(To be continued)*

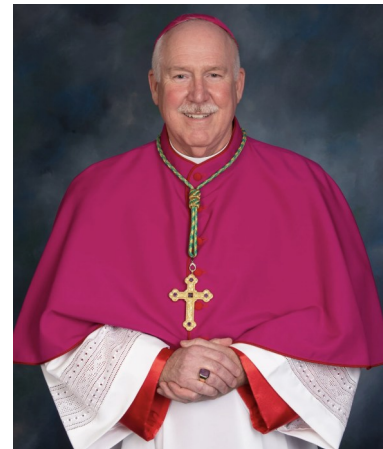
## The New Bishop of Pittsburgh

The Holy See announced on Wednesday that Pope Leo XIV has accepted the resignation of Bishop David A. Zubik, who reached the retirement age of 75 in September 2024. At the same time, the Holy Father appointed Auxiliary **Bishop Mark A. Eckman** as the 13th Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.

Bishop Eckman has been an auxiliary bishop in Pittsburgh since 2022. A native Pittsburgher (South Hills), he had served in parishes since his ordination in 1985.

The "Latin Mass Community" of Holy Wisdom Parish resided at St. Boniface Church in 2007, when Bishop Zubik was named to lead the diocese. Eleven years later, Bp. Zubik invited the Institute of Christ the King into Pittsburgh, and in July 2019 he established our parish here in Brighton Heights.

Please pray in thanksgiving for Bishop Zubik, who has done so much for us, and for Bishop Eckman, as he takes on the great responsibility of being the shepherd of the Diocese of Pittsburgh.



## August 23rd Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation

Again this year, your family can join the faithful from the Institute's Apostolates in Detroit, Columbus, and Cleveland to seek the help and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Consoler of Afflicted. Come join us on Saturday, August 23rd at the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio, as we place our apostolates, our families, and the needs of the whole Church Militant into the hands of Our Blessed Mother.

### Pilgrimage schedule

**9:00 a.m.** Arrive in Carey (315 Clay Street, Carey, OH 43316)

**9:30 - 10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.** Rosary Walk in the Shrine Park

**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Confessions in the Shrine Crypt/Basement

**12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form at the Main Altar of the Basilica

**Following Mass**, talk about the history of the Shrine

**Following the talk**, cafeteria space available for lunch

Departure as desired after the talk

*The Shrine is a 3.5 hour drive from our parish.*



## 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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