



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**External Solemnity
Of Corpus Christi
June 22, 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

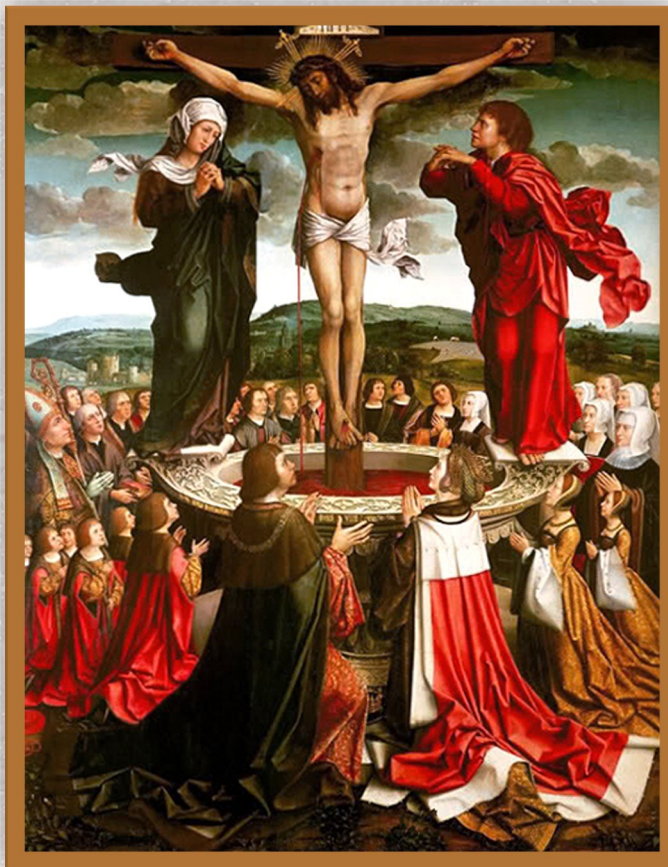
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com

Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
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 22, 2025

External Solemnity of Corpus Christi, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO 2025 First Communicants (Patrizio Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Jesus My Lord, My God, My All (pg. 74)

Recessional: Hail True Victim (pg. 111)

Monday, June 23, 2025

Vigil of Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM +William Emmett Saver (Saver Family)

Tuesday, June 24, 2025

Nativity of St. John the Baptist, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Dave & Mandy Capan, 37th Wed. Anniv. (Family)

7PM LM + Joseph Sulinski. (Petrosky Family)

Wednesday, June 25, 2025

St. William, Abbot, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Lucas J. Miller (Margaret A. Miller)

Thursday, June 26, 2025

Ss. John & Paul, Martyrs, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Justin Lamb (Margaret A. Miller)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, June 27, 2025

Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Liv & Dec. of Amrhein Family

(Donna Turcsanyi)

Followed by Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament

Saturday, June 28, 2025

Vigil of Ss. Peter & Paul, 2nd Class—Violet

9AM LM + Irene F. Otuyce (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Sunday, June 29, 2025

Ss. Peter & Paul, Apostles, 1st Class—Red

Commemoration of 3rd Sunday after Pentecost

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Thomas A. Luteran (Lori Cunningham)

Processional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg. 59)

Recessional: To Jesus' Heart All Burning (pg. 96)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, June 15, 2025

Offertory\$13,254.00

ICRSS/African Missions.....\$6,082.00

Attendance: 8AM 430; 11AM 332; Total 762

Parish Group News

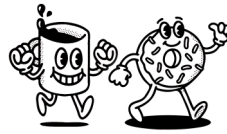
RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working subcommittees: Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, July 12th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "on Holy Orders"**. 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.

Coffee & Donuts Today



“Summer Coffee & Donuts” are served in the air-conditioned comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass. Meet and visit with fellow parishioners!

Second Collection for the Sister Adorers

There is a second collection today for the benefit of the Sister Adorers of the Royal Heart of Jesus Christ Sovereign Priest, the feminine branch of the Institute.

The Sister Adorers have the particular vocation to pray for the sanctification of priests, especially those of the Institute, and to support them in their apostolates. During their years of novitiate, the postulants and novices are formed in the religious life and seek to unite themselves ever more closely to the Divine Master, especially in daily Eucharistic adoration. For more information on The Sister Adorers, please visit their website at adoratrices.icrss.org/en/

Peter's Pence Collection Next Sunday

There will be a diocesan second collection next Sunday, June 29th, for Peter's Pence. “The faithful's offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter's Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.” (USCCB)

Upcoming Events

Sunday, June 29: Farewell reception for Father Fred Gruber, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

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)

Sunday, July 20: Respect Life Group bake sale

Saturday, Aug. 2: Sursum Corda Field Day picnic with Detroit, Cleveland, and Columbus chapters

Saturday, Aug. 23: Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio

Monday, Sept 22: Bus to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg

Saturday, October 11: Walking Jubilee Pilgrimage to Saint Paul Cathedral

Farewell Reception for Fr. Fred Gruber

Father Fred Gruber, who has assisted at our parish since its inception, offering Mass and especially hearing confessions, is moving to the Diocese of Omaha, Nebraska in July. Please come to a reception for Father Gruber next Sunday between Masses, in Room 101 of the Parish Center, to thank him for all he has done for us.



An Act of Love

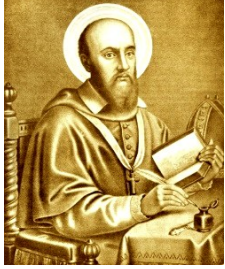
O my God, I love you above all things, with my whole heart and soul, because You are all-good and worthy of all my love. I love my neighbor as myself for love of You. I forgive all who have injured me, and I ask pardon of all whom I have injured. Amen.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

It is Well Yearly to Renew Good Resolutions by Means of the Following Exercises (Book 5, Chapter 1)

The first point in these exercises is to appreciate their importance. Our earthly nature easily falls away from its higher tone by reason of the frailty and evil tendency of the flesh, oppressing and dragging down the soul, unless it is constantly rising up by means of a vigorous resolution, just as a bird would speedily fall to the ground if it did not maintain its flight by repeated strokes of its wings. In order to this, my child, you need frequently to reiterate the good resolutions you have made to serve God, for fear that, failing to do so, you fall away, not only to your former condition, but lower still; since it is a characteristic of all spiritual falls that they invariably throw us lower than we were at the beginning. There is no clock, however good, but must be continually wound up; and moreover, during the course of each year it will need taking to pieces, to cleanse away the rust which clogs it, to straighten bent works, and renew such as are worn. Even so, any one who really cares for his heart's devotion will wind it up to God night and morning, and examine into its condition, correcting and improving it; and at least once a year he will take the works to pieces and examine them carefully—I mean his affections and passions—so as to repair whatever may be amiss. And just as the clockmaker applies a delicate oil to all the wheels and springs of a clock, so that it may work properly and be less liable to rust, so the devout soul, after thus taking the works of his heart to pieces, will



lubricate them with the Sacraments of Confession and the Eucharist. These exercises will repair the waste caused by time, will kindle your heart, revive your good resolutions, and cause the graces of your mind to flourish anew.

The early Christians observed some such practice on the Anniversary of our Lord's Baptism, when, as Saint Gregory, Bishop of Nazianzen, tells us, they renewed the profession and promises made in that Sacrament. It were well to do the like, my child, making due and earnest preparation, and setting very seriously to work.

Having then chosen a suitable time, according to the advice of your spiritual father, and having retired somewhat more than usual into a literal and spiritual solitude, make one, two, or three meditations on the following points, according to the method I set before you in Part II.



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

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 the Afflicted. Join us on Saturday, Aug. 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.

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2025
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

Questions? camps@institute-christ-king.org | (773) 363-7409

It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God.

And to praise Thy magnificence also in blessed John the Baptist, the Precursor, who, yet unborn, felt the voice of the Mother of the Lord, and, yet enclosed in the womb, foreshadowed with prophetic exultation the advent of human salvation: Whose conception removed the sterility of his mother and whose birth loosed the tongue of his father: who alone among all the prophets pointed to the Redeemer of the world, Whom he foretold; and, that the nature of water might take on the effect of sacred purification for those to be sanctified in the flow of the Jordan, washed in baptism the Author of Baptism Himself...

(From the Preface of St. John the Baptist)



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.

Parking Lot Drainage Repair

Damage to the drainage system in the parish parking lot, exacerbated by the recent incessant rain, necessitated the prompt replacement of the catch basin for storm water runoff.

Shown below: excavation of the site; placement of the concrete catch basin; completed repair.



Photos courtesy of Jack Aul