



# MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Ss. Peter & Paul**

**June 29, 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**

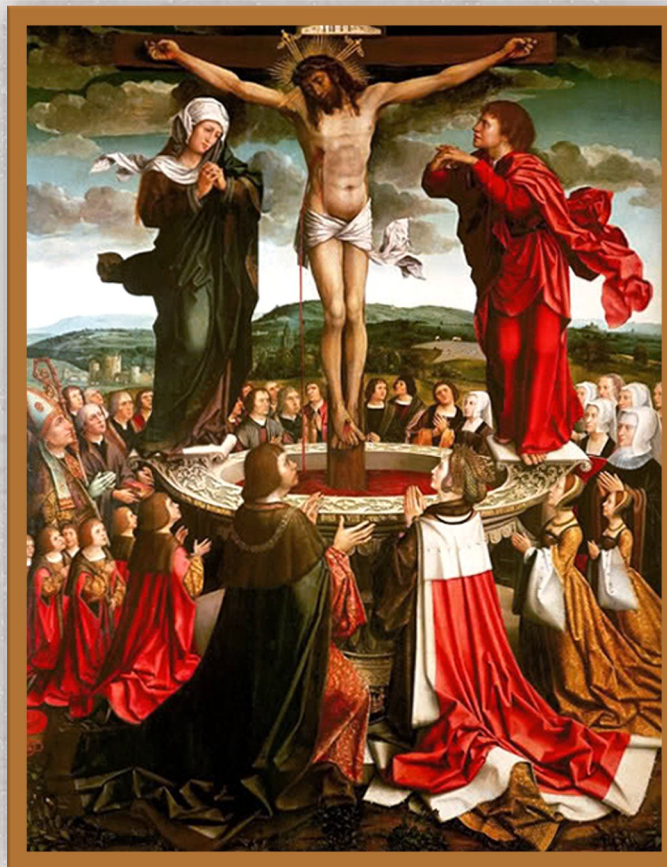
## ***Confession Schedule***

**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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## Liturgical Schedule

### **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)

### **Monday, June 30, 2025**

**Commemoration of St. Paul, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM + Alex William Kinch (Saver Family)

### **Tuesday, July 1, 2025 *Patronal Feastday***

**Precious Blood of Jesus, 1st Class—Red**

12PM LM *In Thanksgiving*

7PM HM Cardinal Burke, 50th Anniversary of Ordination

Processional: Glory Be to Jesus (pg. 63)

Recessional: Hail Jesus Hail (pg. 64)

### **Wednesday, July 2, 2025**

**Visitation of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White**

12PM LMO Mark Vogel (Carol Vogel)

### **Thursday, July 3, 2025 *First Thursday***

**Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Irenaeus*

12PM LM Richard & Janet Budd (Andy & Christamarie Fritz)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

### **Friday, July 4, 2025 *First Friday & Independence Day***

**Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White**

\*9AM LM + Stanley & Helen Gorski (Louis & June Gorski)

### **Saturday, July 5, 2025 *First Saturday***

**Votive Mass of Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Anthony Mary Zaccaria*

9AM LM + Thomas V. Houpt Jr. (Chris Dragan)

### **Sunday, July 6, 2025**

**4th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Owen & Helen Shotts (Robert & Maria Kish)

Processional: Come Holy Ghost (pg. 57)

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 22, 2025*

Offertory .....\$9,151.00

Poor Box .....\$1,050.00

ICRSS/African Missions.....\$40.00

ICRSS/Sister Adorers .....\$6,896.00

*Faith Direct Report (May 16 – 31, 2025)*

Offertory .....\$20,033.15

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$451.00

Parish Improvement .....\$704.00

Poor Box .....\$355.00

ICRSS/African Missions.....\$10.00

ICRSS/Sisters.....\$610.00

Peter's Pence.....\$130.00

*Attendance: 8AM 411; 11AM 283; Total 694*

## **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. Look for the RLG's July/August Newsletter in next Sunday's bulletin.

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](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).

## **Peter's Pence**

There is a diocesan second collection today 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**

*Tuesday, July 1:* Feast of the Precious Blood of Jesus – 7 pm Solemn High Mass to mark the parish's Sixth Anniversary  
*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 for PA 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.

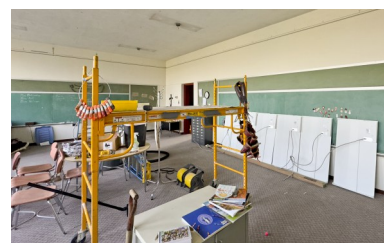
Please come to a "coffee & donuts" reception for Father Gruber today between Masses, in Room 101 of the Parish Center, to thank him for all he has done for us.



## **New "Safe Environment" Coordinator**

The task of ensuring that volunteers at our parish are in compliance with the "Safe Environment" standards is mandated by the diocese. A special 'Thank You' to **Karen Kondracki**, who is taking over as the new Safe Environment Coordinator for the parish, effective July 1st. Karen graciously offered to volunteer for this position earlier this year, and is now ready to provide information about the diocesan clearance process. Karen can be reached via email at [safeenvironment@mpboj.com](mailto:safeenvironment@mpboj.com). May God guide and bless Karen as she takes on this important role.

## **Parish Center Repair Work**



With the Catechism program on summer break, repair work is being done in the classrooms. Shown here: the First Grade and Kindergarten rooms are getting new ceilings, and modern LED lighting panels are being installed.

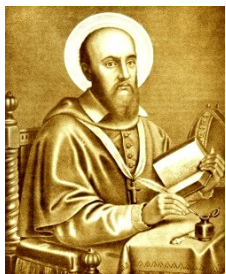
## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### Meditation on the Benefit Conferred on Us by God in Calling Us to His Service

(Book 5, Chapter 2)

1. Consider the points on which you are about to renew your resolutions.



Firstly, that you have forsaken, rejected, detested and renounced all mortal sin for ever.

Secondly, that you have dedicated and consecrated your soul, heart and body, with everything appertaining thereto, to the Service and Love of God.

Thirdly, that if you should unhappily fall into any sin, you would forthwith rise up again, with the help of God's Grace.

Are not these worthy, right, noble resolutions? Consider well within your soul how holy, reasonable and desirable an act it is to renew them.

2. Consider to Whom you make these promises; for if a deliberate promise made to men is strictly binding, how much more those which we make to God. "My heart is inditing of a good matter. I will not forget Thee," David cried out.

3. Consider before Whom you promised. It was before the whole Court of Heaven. The Blessed Virgin, Saint Joseph, your Guardian Angel, Saint Louis, the whole Company of the Blessed, were looking on with joy and approbation, beholding, with love unspeakable, your heart cast at your Saviour's Feet and dedicated to His Service. That act of yours called forth special delight in the Heavenly Jerusalem, and it will now be renewed if you on your part heartily renew your good resolutions.

4. Consider how you were led to make those resolutions. How good and gracious God was then to you! Did He not draw you by the tender wiles of His Holy Spirit? Were not the sails by which your little bark was wafted into the haven of safety those of love and charity? Did not God lure you on with His Heavenly Sweetness, by Sacraments, prayer, and pious books? Ah, my child, while you slept God watched over you with His boundless Love, and breathed thoughts of peace into your heart!

5. Consider when God led you to these important resolutions. It was in the flower of your life, and how great the blessing of learning early what we can never know soon enough. Saint Augustine, who acquired that knowledge when he was thirty years old, exclaimed, "Oh, Thou Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new, too late I loved Thee! Thou wert within and I abroad: Thou wert with me, but I was not with Thee." Even so you may say, "Oh, Blessedness of ancient days, wherefore did I not appreciate Thee sooner!" You were not yet worthy of it, and yet God gave you such grace in your youth—therefore say with David, "Thou, O God, hast taught me from my youth up until now; therefore will I tell of Thy wondrous works. "Or if you who read should not have known Him till old age, bethink you how great His Grace in calling you after you had wasted so many years; how gracious the Mercy which drove you from your evil courses before the hour of death, which, had it found you unchanged, must have brought you eternal woe.

Consider the results of this call; you will surely find a change for the better, comparing what you are with what you were. Is it not a blessing to know how to talk with God in

prayer, to desire to love Him, to have stilled and subdued sundry passions which disturbed you, to have conquered sundry sins and perplexities, and to have received so many more Communion than formerly, thereby being united to the Great Source of all eternal grace? Are not all these things exceeding blessings? Weigh them, my child, in the balances of the sanctuary, for it is God's Right Hand which has done all this: "The Right Hand of the Lord hath the pre-eminence, the Right Hand of the Lord bringeth mighty things to pass. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord" with heart, lips and deeds.

After dwelling upon all these considerations, which will kindle abundance of lively affections in you, you should conclude simply with an act of thanksgiving, and a hearty prayer that they may bring forth fruit, leaving off with great humility and trust in God, and reserving the final results of your resolution till after the second point of this spiritual exercise.

## Chant Camp August 11-15



What do cookies, chalk, and airplanes have to do with singing chant? Find out at this year's Children's Chant Camp!

Registration now open for our annual Children's Chant Camp, to be held from August 11–15, 2025. Choristers in grades 2–12 will receive daily instruction in vocal pedagogy, chant singing and theory, and part singing (polyphony), in preparation to sing for Mass on the Feast of the Assumption.

- Grades 2-8 will meet from 9:00–11:30 a.m. Mon.–Thurs.
- Grades 9-12 will meet from 1:00-3:30 p.m. Mon.–Thurs.
- All campers will meet on Friday from 2:00-5:00 p.m., followed by family potluck dinner and 7:00 p.m. Mass.
- Children ages 5-7 are welcome to attend a special Mini Chant Camp on Mon., Tues., and Wed. from 9:00-10:00 a.m. This camp will be led by Miss Gracie Burchill, Organist and Sacred Music Major (Franciscan University)

There is only a \$5 materials fee for new campers grades 2-12. Please email Mrs. Burchill at [orotuna@yahoo.com](mailto:orotuna@yahoo.com) to register, with your child's name, grade, and parental contact information. *Cantemus Domino!*

## Feast of the Visitation of our Lady

And it came to pass, that when Elizabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the infant leaped in her womb. (Lk. 1:41)



Lorenzo Monaco, *The Visitation*, 1405-10

## 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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