



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**4th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 6, 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

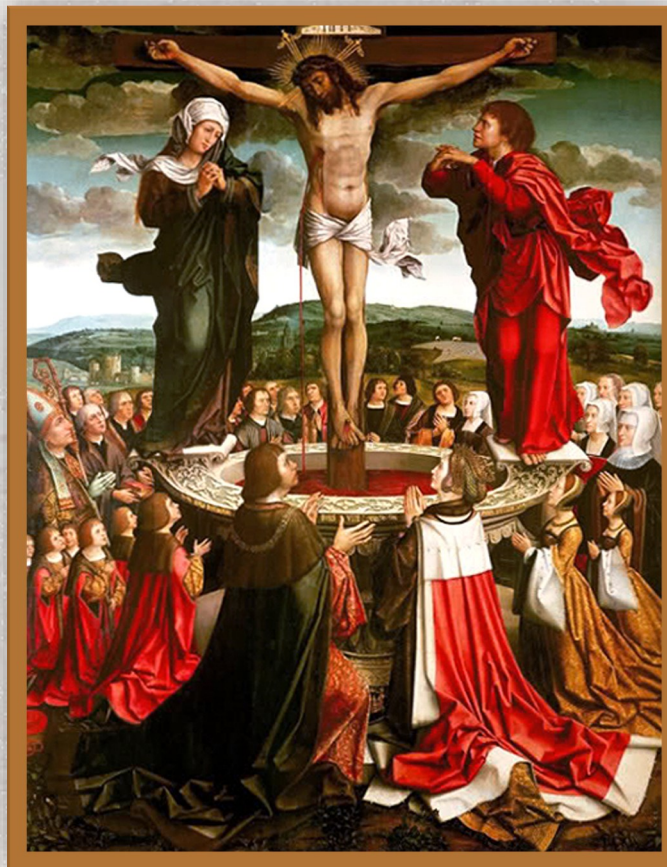
Confession Schedule

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, 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)

Monday, July 7, 2025

Ss. Cyril & Methodius, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Naomi McMeans (Katie & Brandon McGinley)

Tuesday, July 8, 2025

St. Elizabeth of Portugal, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Genevieve Galie (Mark Galie Family)

7PM LM +Gabriel D'Abruzzo (Mike & Sharon Burchill)

Wednesday, July 9, 2025

Votive Mass of St. Joseph, 4th Class—White

12PM LM +Mario Giallorenzo (Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

Thursday, July 10, 2025

7 Holy Brothers & Ss. Rufina & Secunda, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM +Lois Schurer (Herman Marini II Family)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, July 11, 2025

St. Pius I, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM William X. Bragg (Robert A. Setele)

Saturday, July 12, 2025

St. John Gualbert, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Nabor & Felix

9AM LM + Charles R. Ligons III (Monica Schneider)

Sunday, July 13, 2025

5th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO Matthew & Natalie Plutt Wed. Anniv. (Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

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 29, 2025

Offertory	\$15,598.00
Offertory (Assumption)	\$20.00
Poor Box	\$1,077.00
Peter's Pence.....	\$762.00
ICRSS/African Missions.....	\$10.00
ICRSS/Sister Adorers	\$97.00
ICRSS/Seminary	\$25.00

Faith Direct Report (June 1 – 15, 2025)

Offertory	\$10,491.78
Parish Appeal 2025	\$190.00
Parish Improvement	\$1,230.00
Poor Box	\$410.00
ICRSS/African Missions.....	\$350.00
ICRSS/Sisters.....	\$111.00

Attendance: 8AM 555; 11AM 317; Total 872

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. *The RLG's July/August Newsletter can be found in the bulletin at the church entrances.*

The RLGs will hold their triannual meeting next Thursday, July 17 at 6:30pm in the school bldg.

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 Pittsburgh is organizing a "Field Day" picnic with the Sursum Corda apostolates of Detroit, Cleveland, and Columbus on Saturday, August 2nd from 1:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the Duck Pond Picnic Area located at 12550 Diagonal Road, LaGrange, Ohio 44050 (2.5 hour drive from the parish). All adults aged 18-35 are welcome to attend. Fundraising for the event will take place outside the church after all Masses next Sunday, July 13th, and also on July 27th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.



Father William Evans

A note from Father William Evans, who will be with us for the month of July:

Dear MPBOJ Family,

By the grace of Our Lord and the generosity of your Canons, I have arrived at your beautiful parish here in Pittsburgh to begin a period of discernment with the ICKSP. I was ordained for the Diocese of Green Bay, Wisconsin in 2019. The Bishop of Green Bay has generously given me an initial year to spend with the Institute. I am most thankful for this privilege.

With great joy and a servant's heart, I look forward to praying with you and for you each day. Abundant blessings and many thanks.

Fr. Bill Evans



Coffee and Donuts

"Summer Coffee & Donuts" are served in Room 101 of the Parish Center after the Low Mass. Come and meet your fellow parishioners!



Position Available in the Parish Office

The parish is seeking a part-time, hourly Administrative Assistant to the Business Manager, to handle various bookkeeping and office tasks. If you are interested, please contact business-manager@mpboj.com for a copy of the Job Description. If interested in applying at that point, submit your resume and a cover letter, including your expected hourly rate, for consideration.



BAKE SALE ON JULY 20TH!

Sponsored by our parish Respect Life Group

Baked goods will be available for purchase following both Masses outside of both entrances (weather permitting). Please support our Respect Life initiatives by either donating baked goods or purchasing them.

Contact Nikki at 412-926-9413 for more information.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Examination of the Soul as to Its Progress in the Devout Life

(Book 5, Chapter 3)

This second point is somewhat lengthy, and I would begin by saying that there is no need for you to carry it out all at once. Divide it by taking your conduct towards God at one time, all that concerns yourself another time, all that concerns your neighbor, and fourthly, the examination of your passions. It is neither necessary nor expedient that you make it upon your knees, always excepting the beginning and the end, which includes the affections. The other points of self-examination you may make profitably when out walking, or better still, in bed, that is, if you can keep wide awake and free from drowsiness; but to do this you must read them over carefully beforehand. Anyhow, it is desirable to go through this second point in three days and two nights at the most, taking that season which you can best manage; for if you go through it at too distant intervals you will lose the depth of impression which ought to be made by this spiritual exercise. After each point of examination observe wherein you have failed, and what is lacking to you, and in what you have chiefly failed, so that you may be able to explain your troubles, get counsel and comfort, and make fresh resolutions. It is not necessary entirely to shun all society on the days you select for this work, but you must contrive a certain amount of retirement, especially in the evening, so as to get to bed somewhat earlier than usual, with a view to that rest, bodily and mental, which is so important for serious thought. And during the day make frequent aspirations to Our Lord, Our Lady, the Angels, and all the Heavenly Jerusalem. Everything must be done with a heart full of God's Love, and an earnest desire for spiritual perfection. To begin this examination—

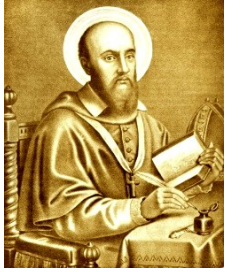
1. Place yourself in the Presence of God.
2. Invoke the Holy Spirit, and ask light of Him, so that you may know yourself, as Saint Augustine did, crying out, "Lord, teach me to know Thee, and to know myself;" and Saint Francis, who asked, "Who art Thou, Lord, and who am I?" Resolve not to note any progress with any self-satisfaction or self-glorification, but give the glory to God Alone, and thank Him duly for it.

Resolve, too, that if you should seem to yourself to have made but little progress, or even to have gone back, that you will not be discouraged thereby, nor grow cool or indolent in the matter; but that, on the contrary, you will take fresh pains to humble yourself and conquer your faults, with God's Help. Then go on to examine quietly and patiently how you have conducted yourself towards God, your neighbor and yourself, up to the present time.

Catechism Registration Starting Soon

Catechism registration will be open from July 20th through August 10th. Instructions for registering your children will be provided in the bulletin starting July 20th. All new and returning families must complete registration for their children to attend catechism.

July is the Month of the Precious Blood



Farewell Mass of Thanksgiving for Bishop Zubik

As we express our gratitude to Bishop David Zubik for 17 years as our Bishop, all of the faithful of the Diocese of Pittsburgh are invited to a special Mass. This Mass will take place on **Thursday, July 10th at 7:00 pm** at St. Paul Cathedral, 108 N. Dithridge Street, Pittsburgh. Bishop Zubik will be the main celebrant and homilist. Please consider coming to thank God for the many blessings we have received.



(Please see the letter from Bishop Zubik which is included with the bulletin today.)

Let us fix our gaze on the Blood of Christ and realize how truly precious It is, seeing that it was poured out for our salvation and brought the grace of conversion to the whole world.

- Pope St. Clement I, 96 A.D.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You became Man in order by your Passion and Death and the draining of your Blood on the Cross, might prove to us how much You, our God, love us. Protect us, dear Jesus, from ever running away from the sight of blood. Strengthen our weak human wills so that we will not only not run away from the cross, but welcome every opportunity to shed our blood in spirit in union with your Precious Blood, so that, dying to ourselves in time we might live with You in Eternity. Amen



HOLY HOURS FOR LIFE

Pittsburgh - Downtown

Praying Holy Hours
to End Abortion

With over 65,464,760 babies killed since 1973 in the U.S. it is imperative we take action to end abortion.

Holy Hours for Life is an apostolate of lay individuals dedicated to offering holy hours for an end to abortion, with the goal of offering one holy hour for every hour the local abortion clinic is open.

For more information or to take a holy hour scan the QR code:



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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Office of the Apostolic Administrator

June 30, 2025

My dear sisters and brothers of the Church of Pittsburgh:

In a few short days, we will have a new bishop leading our beloved Church of Pittsburgh. God takes such good care of us. Bishop Eckman already knows and loves our diocese. I know you join me in promising him our prayers, our love and support.

As I prepare to leave my service to you as your bishop for the last eighteen years, I share with you that it has been a blessing beyond words. I am ever so grateful to God for trusting me to lead my home diocese during a time that has been marked with some historic challenges. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, I believe you and I have worked together to do what Jesus calls us to do and be—his disciples. And as such, we continue to help each other as our *On Mission* prayer expresses: “to learn Jesus, to love Jesus, to live Jesus.”

Thank you for your support and especially for your prayers.

If I have helped you in any way, I am grateful. If I have hurt you in any way, I am truly sorry.

On Thursday evening, July 10 at 7:00 p.m., I will be celebrating a Mass of Thanksgiving for you at Saint Paul Cathedral. Please know that you are welcome to attend. Whether you can be there or not, I will be praying for you in thanksgiving that you are an important part of the Church of Pittsburgh.

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us.

Grateful for our continued efforts together in being *On Mission for The Church Alive!*, and for our belief that “Nothing is Impossible with God,” I am

Your brother in Christ,

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Most Reverend David A. Zubik
Apostolic Administrator

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