



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**6th Sunday after
Pentecost
July 20, 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

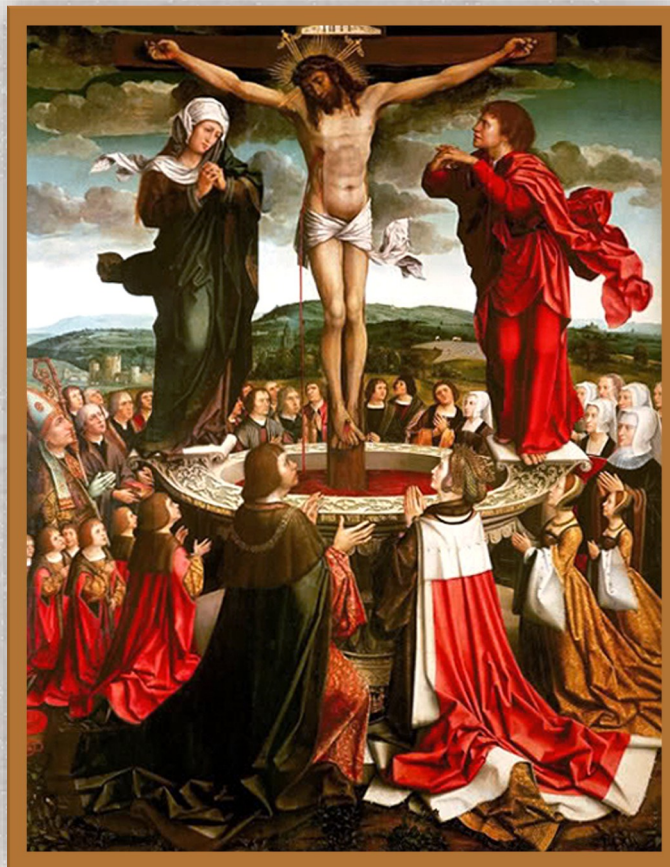
Confession Schedule

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, July 20, 2025

6th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Our Children (Bob & Vicki Darcy)

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

Recessional: Praise My Soul the King of Heaven (pg. 84)

Monday, July 21, 2025

St. Lawrence of Brindisi, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Praxedes

12PM LM +Regina Wilson (Jean Cotter)

Tuesday, July 22, 2025

St. Mary Magdalen, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Herman & Verna Marini (Herman Marini II Family)

7PM LM Fritz Family Intentions (Andy & Christamarie Fritz)

Wednesday, July 23, 2025

St. Apollinaris, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Liborius

12PM LM +Deceased of DiPaolo Family (Thomas & Lori Evans)

Thursday, July 24, 2025

St. Christina, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM +Phillip Jablunovsky (Andrew & Marianne Pumford)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, July 25, 2025

St. James the Greater, 2nd Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Christopher

12PM LMO +Florence Dixon (Stull Family)

Saturday, July 26, 2025

St. Anne, 2nd Class—White

9AM LMO +John & Helen Hydak (Louis & June Gorski)

Sunday, July 27, 2025

7th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +John F. Moan (Michael Moan)

Processional: Hail True Victim (pg. 111)

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

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, July 13, 2025

Offertory\$12,187.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$1,547.00

Poor Box\$55.00

Parish Improvement\$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 457; 11AM 302; Total 759

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, August 2nd, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "On Extreme Unction"**. Contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

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 will be having a bake sale after both Masses today. The collection will go to sponsor tables at PCUC's Celebrate Life Banquet.*



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 Field Day & Fundraising

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 again take place outside the church after all Masses **next Sunday, July 27th**. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Coffee and Donuts

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



Help Needed with School Furniture

The catechism program needs help moving furniture on **Saturday, August 16th** to accommodate planned classroom moves. This work needs to be done in advance of the annual school cleaning day planned for August 23rd. *Please contact Michael Eyler at catechism@mpboj.com if you can assist.*

Six New Priests Ordained

On Thursday, July 3rd in Florence, Italy, His Eminence Raymond Leo Cardinal Burke ordained six new priests for the Universal Church.



On July 1st, 68 Institute seminarians and oblates received Tonsure and Minor Orders from the hands of His Excellency Mathieu Madega, Bishop of Mouila in Gabon.

BAKE SALE ON JULY 20TH!

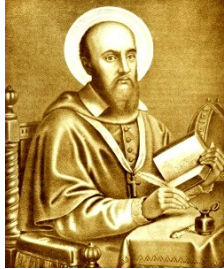
Sponsored by our parish Respect Life Group

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's Condition
as Regards Yourself
(Book 5, Chapter 5)

1. How do you love yourself? Is it a love which concerns this life chiefly? If so, you will desire to abide here for ever, and you will diligently seek your worldly establishment—but if the love you bear yourself has a heavenward tendency, you will long, or, at all events you will be ready to go hence whensoever it may please our Lord.



2. Is your love of yourself well regulated? for nothing is more ruinous than an inordinate love of self. A well-regulated love implies greater care for the soul than for the body; more eagerness in seeking after holiness than aught else; a greater value for heavenly glory than for any mean earthly honor. A well regulated heart much oftener asks itself, "What will the angels say if I follow this or that line of conduct?" than what will men say.

3. What manner of love do you bear to your own heart? Are you willing to minister to it in its maladies? for indeed you are bound to succor it, and seek help for it when harassed by passion, and to leave all else till that is done.

4. What do you imagine yourself worth in God's Sight? Nothing, doubtless, nor is there any great humility in the fly which confesses it is nought, as compared with a mountain, or a drop of water, which knows itself to be nothing compared with the sea, or a cornflower, or a spark, as compared with the sun. But humility consists in not esteeming ourselves above other men, and in not seeking to be esteemed above them. How is it with you in this respect?

5. In speech—do you never boast in any way? Do you never indulge in self-flattery when speaking of yourself?

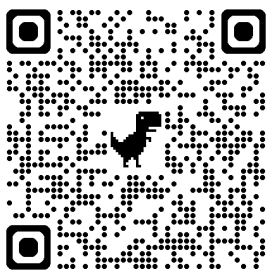
6. In deed—do you indulge in anything prejudicial to your health—I mean useless idle pleasures, unprofitable night-watches, and the like?

2025-26 Catechism Registration Now Open

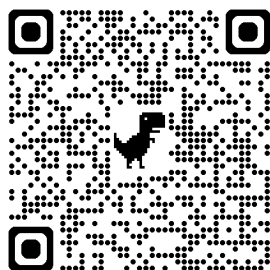
2025-2026 catechism registration is open and will continue through Sunday, August 10th. To register, please use the QR codes in this bulletin or the links posted on the parish website, at

<https://institute-christ-king.org/pittsburgh-about#catechism>.

New Families



Returning Families



Please note that there are different links for new and returning families. Both new and returning families must complete registration for their children to attend catechism.



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:



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.

To sign up or request more information, please send an e-mail to jubileepilgrimage@mpboj.com

Upcoming Events

- August 11–15: Chant Camp
- Saturday, August 23: Pilgrimage to the Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey, Ohio
- Sunday, September 7: Catechism classes begin
- Monday, Sept. 22: Bus for PA March for Life in Harrisburg
- Saturday, October 11: Walking Jubilee Pilgrimage to Saint Paul Cathedral

July is the
month of the
**Most Precious
Blood**



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.

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 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.

General Information

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, 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.



Work is nearing completion on the replacement of classroom ceilings, with modern LED lighting fixtures, in the Parish Center.



INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Living the Truth in Charity

Dear faithful friends of the Institute,

Through the abundant goodness of Divine Providence, this Jubilee year 2025 is the happy occasion for great growth in the Institute's U.S. province. Thanks to your prayers and support, our clergy are being invited by diocesan bishops to bring the graces of the Sacred Liturgy and the Sacraments, as well as the spirituality of St. Francis de Sales for living a devout life of truth in charity, to more souls in more places amid the challenges of our world today.

Earlier this year in March, Canon Jean-Marie Moreau began serving in the Diocese of Reno, Nevada, where the Oratory of St. Joseph is being canonically established by the Bishop this July and the Oratory's short-term home will be opened and blessed on a date to be announced shortly.

In March, Canon Olivier Meney, after several years of service in the French province, returned to the American province to become the new Rector of St. Francis de Sales Oratory in Sulphur, Louisiana, (Diocese of Lake Charles) to succeed Canon Moreau.

This past June, Canon Edward Gardner, who had been serving since his ordination in the German province, became Rector of St. Mary of the Assumption Shrine in Oswego, New York (Diocese of Syracuse), the newest apostolate of the Institute to date.

As the long-anticipated opening of Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin (Archdiocese of Milwaukee) will take place in September, and as a new apostolate of the Institute is to open on September 1 in Tampa, Florida (Diocese of St. Petersburg), at the Shrine of the Epiphany, the following priest assignments are hereby announced with the approval of the Most Reverend Bishops of these respective Dioceses.

- Canon Aaron B. Huberfeld, currently serving as Rector of St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau, Wisconsin (Diocese of La Crosse), and Chaplain to the Convent of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, will assume full-time his 2023 appointment as Director of Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin (Archdiocese of Milwaukee), while maintaining his roles as Vice Provincial of the American Province and National Chaplain of the Society of the Sacred Heart.
- Canon Luke Zignego, currently serving as Chaplain of St. Joseph Oratory in Merrillville, Indiana (Diocese of Gary), is appointed Rector of St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau, Wisconsin and Chaplain to the Convent of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- Canon Heitor Matheus, currently serving as Vice Rector of St. Mary's Oratory in Wausau, Wisconsin, is appointed Parochial Vicar of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.
- Canon Ross Bourgeois, currently serving as Parochial Vicar of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, is appointed Vicar of St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri.
- Canon John O'Connor, currently serving as Rector of St. Mary Oratory in Rockford, Illinois, is appointed Rector of the Shrine of the Epiphany of Our Lord in Tampa, Florida.
- Canon Gerald Bell, currently serving as Vicar of St. Francis de Sales Oratory in St. Louis, Missouri, is appointed Rector of St. Mary Oratory in Rockford, Illinois.
- Canon David Le is appointed Chaplain of St. Joseph Oratory in Merrillville, Indiana while maintaining his role as Provincial Secretary and Provincial Bursar.

As we rejoice at the gift of six new priests who were ordained for the Institute earlier this month by Cardinal Burke, we also look forward to the likely opening of other prospective apostolates later this year in collaboration with those bishops who are calling the Institute to serve in their dioceses. Thank you for your prayers as we make the necessary preparations for these apostolates whose announcements and clergy assignments will be announced in due time.

Inviting you to remain informed about the opening of Sacred Heart Retreat Center and other developments for the Institute in the United States by receiving our email Newsletter which you can sign up on the Institute website to receive on the first day of every month, I assure you of a special remembrance in my weekly celebration of Holy Mass offered for all Institute benefactors living and deceased, and I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,



Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico
U.S. Provincial Superior