



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**9th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 10, 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

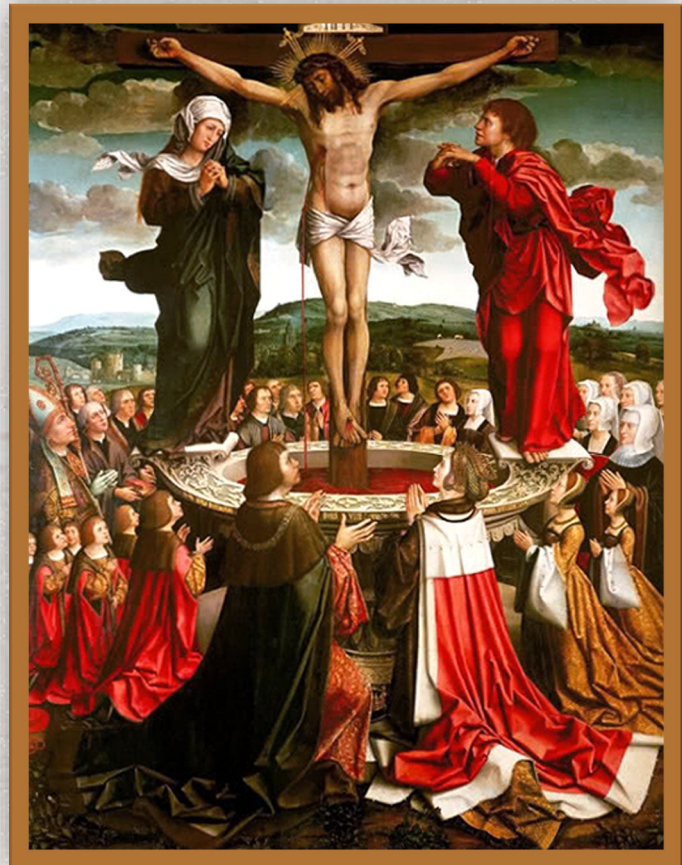
Confession Schedule

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, August 10, 2025

9th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

Commemoration of St. Lawrence

8AM LMO Michael & Jill Garfold, Wed. Anniv. (Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg. 59)

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

Monday, August 11, 2025

St. Tiburtius & Susanna, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM +Arthur & Mary LeVeque (Mark LeVeque)

Tuesday, August 12, 2025

St. Clare, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +John E. Moan (Michael Moan)

7PM LM +Deceased of Moore Family (Terry Moore)

Wednesday, August 13, 2025

Ss. Hippolytus & Cassian, 4th Class—Red

12PM MO +Albert Galie (Mark Galie Family)

Thursday, August 14, 2025

Vigil of the Assumption, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Eusebius

12PM LM Mark Rehermann (Dan & Susan Lenart)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, August 15, 2025 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Assumption of Our Lady, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO +Chybrzynski & Shutak Family (Joseph & Margaret Shutak)

7PM HM *Pro populo*

Recessional: Hail Holy Queen (pg. 63)

Saturday, August 16, 2025

St. Joachim, 2nd Class—White

9AM LMO +Cindy Moran (Douglas Young Family)

Sunday, August 17, 2025

10th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO +Hannah Stephenson (Boylan Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: At the Name of Jesus (pg. 54)

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, August 3, 2025

Offertory\$11,167.00

Offertory (Assumption)\$40.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$1,276.00

Poor Box\$50.00

Parish Improvement\$135.00

ICRSS/Sister Adorers\$70.00

Attendance: 8AM 423; 11AM 275; Total 698

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, September 6th, 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. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com.

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.

Celebrate Life Luncheon August 31st

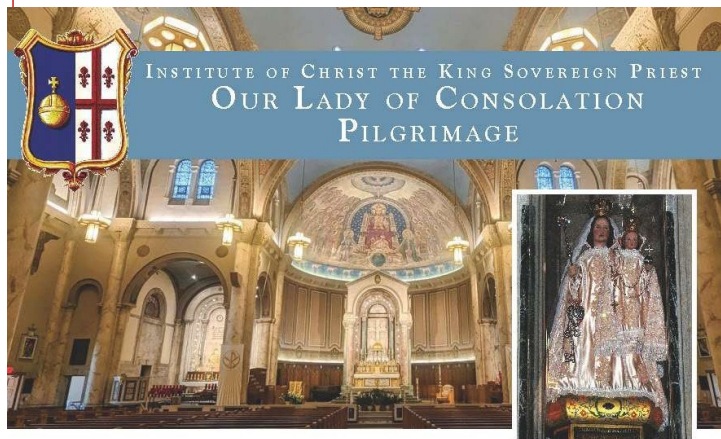
People Concerned for the Unborn Child & PA Foundation for Life invite you to attend their **57th Annual Celebrate Life Luncheon on Sunday, August 31st** at the Greentree Doubletree by Hilton. *Featured speaker is His Excellency, Bishop Joseph Strickland from Tyler Texas.* Tickets are \$75 per person and can be purchased at www.pcuc.org, or checks can be made out to PCUC and mailed to 3050 Pioneer Ave., Pittsburgh PA 15226. The event begins at 11:30 am, however there will be an (optional) Mass offered by Bishop Strickland just prior to the event. Mass begins at 10:00 am in the hotel. All banquet attendees are welcome to join in the Mass, however RSVP is required. Contact Nikki Bruni at nikki@pcuc.org, at 412-926-9413.

Feast of the Assumption on Friday

This Friday is August 15th, the Feast of the Assumption of Our Lady, and a Holy Day of Obligation. **Low Mass at noon, and High Mass at 7 p.m.**

Coffee and Donuts

“Summer Coffee & Donuts” are served in the cool comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center after the Low Mass. (The last day for Summer Donuts is August 24th.)



SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 2025

315 Clay Street, Carey, OH 43316

Join the Institute's Apostolates from Detroit, Columbus, Cleveland and Pittsburgh as we seek to unite ourselves to the many pilgrims who seek the help and intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Consoler of Afflicted. Come join us as we place our apostolates, our families, and the needs of the whole Church Militant into the hands of Our Blessed Mother.

Please register for the pilgrimage at the following link: <https://forms.gle/N6mAXNqXvdfatZ596>

Kindly note that food will not be provided on the pilgrimage. Pilgrims are encouraged to prepare bag meals for the trip.

For additional information please email Canon Stephen M. Sharpe at canon.sharpe@icksop.org



Since 1875, countless pilgrims have journeyed to the Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio to offer prayers of thanks and to confide their needs to the Mother of God as Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted. Devotion to Mary under this title dates back to the second century and is among her earliest titles of honor. In the 17th century, as plague ravaged the population of Luxembourg, the people formed a special union with Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted.

Pilgrimage schedule

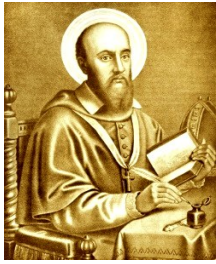
9:00 a.m. Arrival in Carey
9:30 - 10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m. Rosary Walk in the Shrine Park
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Confessions in the Shrine Crypt/Basement
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form at the Main Altar of the Basilica. Following Mass, talk about the history of the Shrine
 Following the Talk, Cafeteria space available for lunch
 Departure as desired after the talk

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

The Affections to be Excited After Such Examination (Book 5, Chapter 8)

When you have quietly gone through each point of this examination, and have ascertained your own position, you will excite certain feelings and affections in your heart. Thank God for such amendment, however slight, as you may have found in yourself, confessing that it is the work of His Mercy Alone in you.



Humble yourself deeply before God, confessing that if your progress has been but small, it is your own fault, for not having corresponded faithfully, bravely and continually to the inspirations and lights which He has given you in prayer or otherwise.

Promise to praise Him for ever for the graces He has granted to you, and because He has led you against your will to make even this small progress.

Ask forgiveness for the disloyalty and faithlessness with which you have answered Him.

Offer your whole heart to Him that He Alone may rule therein. Entreat Him to keep you faithful to Himself.

Ponder over the examples of the Saints, the Blessed Virgin, your guardian Angel and patron Saint, Saint Joseph, etc.

Help Needed with School Furniture

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

Goodbye, Father Evans



For the past five Sundays, our parish was privileged to have Father Bill Evans here with us, as he discerns a vocation with the Institute. Though the plans for Fr. Evans to return here in September have changed, we want to thank him for the graces he brought to our parish during that too-short stay.

New Fans in Confessional

Fans have been installed in both sides of the new confessional. It is hoped that these devices (which are nearly silent) will alleviate the mortification that the summer heat has caused to penitents waiting to make their confessions.



Registration Open: Harrisburg Bus

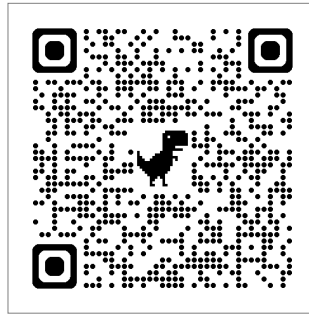
Use this QR code, or the link below, to register for the bus trip to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, Sept. 22. Please register by August 30th.

<https://form.jotform.com/251497397430162>

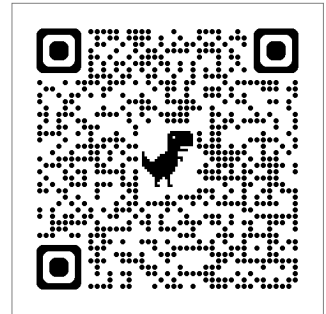
2025-26 Catechism Registration Ends Today

2025-2026 catechism registration ends TODAY, 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.

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 **this week's** Children's Chant Camp, to be held 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 to register, with your child's name, grade, and parental contact information. *Cantemus Domino!*

THANK YOU, CANON BOURGEOIS

We extend heartfelt gratitude to Canon Ross Bourgeois for his four years of devoted service to Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. Canon Bourgeois' thoughtful and inspiring sermons benefitted us all. We recall in particular his tireless work with Sursum Corda, St. Veronica's Guild, and the convert classes. We are profoundly thankful for his dedication to our parish, and wish him abundant blessings in his new assignment.

There is a reception in the Parish Center after the High Mass today to bid farewell to Canon Bourgeois. Light refreshments will be served. (See photos on page 4.)



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.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST. For more information about the parish, contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

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.



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