



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**10th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
August 17, 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

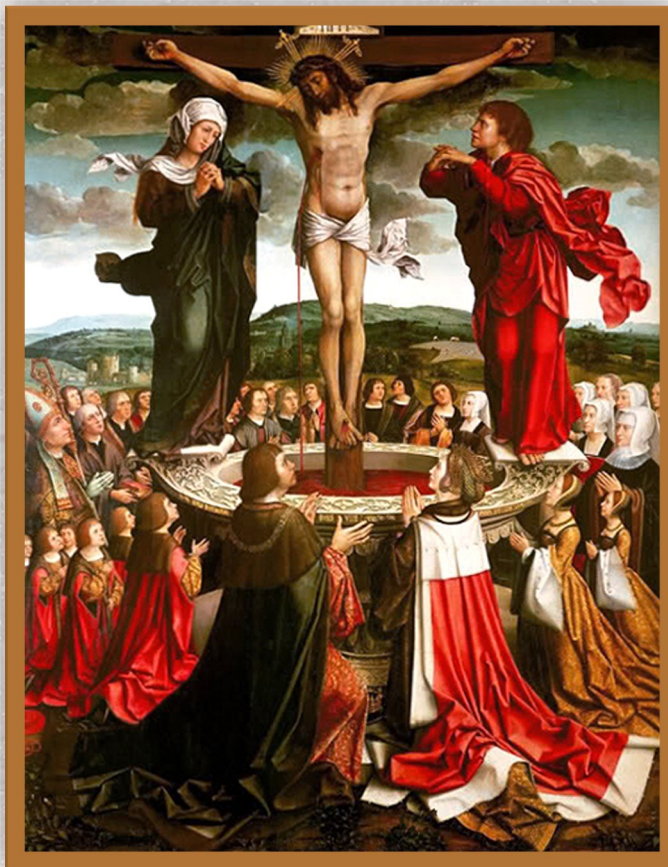
### ***Confession Schedule***

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, 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)

**Monday, August 18, 2025**

**St. Agapitus, 4th Class—Red**

12PM LM +Vera LeVeque (Mark LeVeque)

**Tuesday, August 19, 2025**

**St. John Eudes, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM Colleen Harrison (Bob Pacacha)

7PM LM +Deceased of Ritter Family (Eric Ritter)

**Wednesday, August 20, 2025**

**St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM Canon Avis & Canon Bourgeois (Robert Kish Family)

**Thursday, August 21, 2025**

**St. Jane Fances de Chantal, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM Benedict Brueggemann (Bernard & Christine Brueggemann)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

**Friday, August 22, 2025**

**Immaculate Heart of Mary, 2nd Class—White**

12PM LMO +Charles & Geraldine Amrhein (Donna Turcsanyi)

**Saturday, August 23, 2025**

**St. Philip Benizi, 3rd Class—White**

9AM LM +Alexander J. & Mary Washinski (Washinski Family)

**Sunday, August 24, 2025**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

*Commemoration of St. Bartholomew*

8AM LMO M/M Joseph Rattay—Wed. Anniv. (Children)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

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

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

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

### Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, August 3, 2025*

Offertory .....\$10,255.00

Offertory (Assumption) .....\$50.00

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$672.00

Parish Improvement .....\$105.00

*Attendance: 8AM 374; 11AM 379; Total 753*

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com).

SURSUM CORDA—YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a national 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).

## **Rosary Rally August 23rd**

Please gather together for a Rosary Rally at MPBOJ parking lot on 23 August 2025 at 12 noon in Honor of God the Father. Contact Mary Brodka, 724-816-5573, for more info.

### **Coffee and Donuts**

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



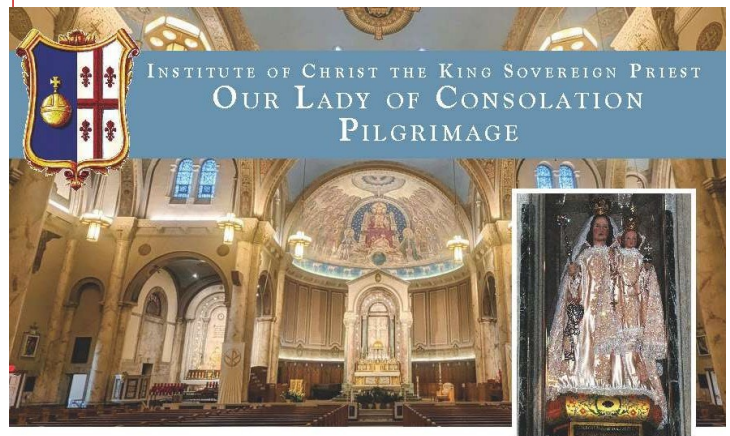
### **Thank You from Birthright of Pittsburgh**

Dear Reverend Canon Avis [et al.],

Thank you for organizing & participating in Birthright's annual Red Rose Day! We are deeply appreciative of the generosity of your parish and willingness to contribute to our mission. Your 2025 charitable donation of \$1,500.00 and handmade baby blankets in May, will help Birthright in building our supply of maternity & baby items as well as go towards our new advertising campaigns. This fall, Birthright will have 3 kiosk advertisements around the campus of the University of Pittsburgh. Our hope is that we can reach mothers earlier in their pregnancies to offer them maximum assistance and support. By bringing more awareness of our services to the local community, we also hope to garner more support and foster a culture of love and life. Again, we are so grateful for your donation, and we look forward to another year of service to moms and their babies!

United in our prolife efforts,

Nina Tomko, Executive Director, Birthright of Pittsburgh



**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@ticks.org](mailto:canon.sharpe@ticks.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 confer 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 Leoben, the people formed a special union with Mary, Consoler of the Afflicted.*

#### Pilgrimage schedule

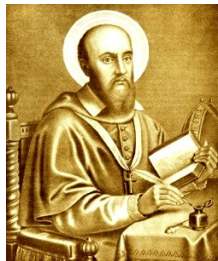
**9:00 a.m.** Arrival in Carey  
**9:30 - 10:30 a.m./11:00 a.m.** Rosary Walk in the Shrine Park  
**11:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Confessions in the Shrine CryptBasement  
**12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.** Solemn Mass in the Extraordinary Form at the Main Altar of the Basilica. Following Mass, talk about the history 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  
(Book 5, Chapters 9 & 10)

### Reflections Suitable to the Renewal of Good Resolutions

After you have made this self-examination, and having conferred with some holy director as to your shortcomings and their remedies, you will do well to pursue the following considerations, taking one daily as a meditation, and giving to it the time usually so spent; always making the same preparation and kindling the same affections as you learnt to use before meditating in Part I. Above all, placing yourself in the Presence of God, and earnestly asking His Grace to confirm you and keep you steadfast in His Holy Love and Service.



#### First Consideration—On the Worth of Souls

Consider how noble and excellent a thing your soul is, endowed with understanding, capable of knowing, not merely this visible world around us, but Angels and Paradise, of knowing that there is an All-Mighty, All-Merciful, Ineffable God; of knowing that eternity lies before you, and of knowing what is necessary in order so to live in this visible world as to attain to fellowship with those Angels in Paradise, and the eternal fruition of God.

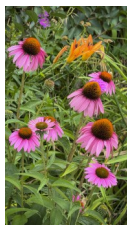
Yet more—your soul is possessed of a noble will, capable of loving God, irresistibly drawn to that love; your heart is full of generous enthusiasm, and can no more find rest in any earthly creation, or in aught save God, than the bee can find honey on a dunghill, or in aught save flowers. Let your mind boldly review the wild earthly pleasures which once filled your heart, and see whether they did not abound in uneasiness and doubts, in painful thoughts and uncomfortable cares, amid which your troubled heart was miserable.

When the heart of man seeks the creature, it goes to work eagerly, expecting to satisfy its cravings; but directly it obtains what it sought, it finds a blank, and dissatisfied, begins to seek anew; for God will not suffer our hearts to find any rest, like the dove going forth from Noah's ark, until it returns to God, whence it came. Surely this is a most striking natural beauty in our heart—why should we constrain it against its will to seek creature love?

In some such wise might you address your soul: "You are capable of realizing a longing after God, why should you trifle with anything lower? You can live for eternity, why should you stop short in time? One of the sorrows of the prodigal son was, that, when he might have been living in plenty at his father's table, he had brought himself to share the swine's husks. My soul, you are made for God, woe be to you if you stop short in anything short of Him!" Lift up your soul with thoughts such as these, convince it that it is eternal, and worthy of eternity; fill it with courage in this pursuit.

#### Thank you, Landscapers

A heartfelt thank you goes out to the volunteers of the Landscaping Team, who "have borne the burden of the day and the heats," in keeping the parish grounds so beautiful all summer long.



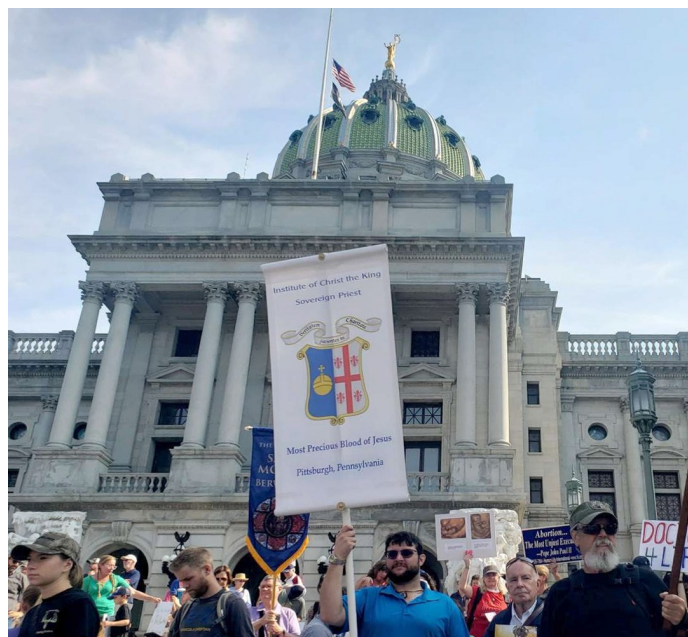
## Welcome, Canon Matheus

Canon Heitor Matheus was born in Brazil and studied Law before entering the Seminary of the Institute of Christ the King in Florence, Italy. After his formation, he was sent to the United States, where he has been for the past 10 years, first in Chicago, then in Milwaukee, and last in Wausau as Vice-Rector of Saint Mary's Oratory. Canon Matheus looks forward to his new assignment as Parochial Vicar of Most Precious Blood Parish, helping Canon Avis to lead your souls to heaven. Please pray for Canon Matheus, as he prays for you as well.

#### Help Needed: School Cleaning Blitz

This Saturday, August 23rd from 10 a.m. to noon, it's time once again for Catechism families and any other parish members to pitch in to clean the school and gym for the new Catechism school year! Parents, students, teachers, and any parishioners who would like to get into the game are highly encouraged to come and lend a hand! Bring your buckets—we have rags and cleaning solutions. Pizza will be ordered for a Noon lunch break.

#### Registration for Sept. 22 PA March for Life



The parish's 2025 March for Life Bus to Harrisburg is accepting registrations from now until August 30th. We will have a priest to be our spiritual guide for the day. Please begin to fast and pray for a safe and fruitful pilgrimage.

For your convenience, we have one bus with two pick-up locations. The bus will leave from in front of the Parish Center at 5:45 a.m., and will also pick up at 6:45 a.m. at the North Huntington Walmart. Once in Harrisburg, the March for Life steps off at noon. Afterwards, the bus arrives back at Walmart at 5:30 p.m., and at the parish at 6:15 p.m. A Low Mass will be offered at 6:30 p.m.

Use the QR code at right, or the link below, to register by August 30th.

[form.jotform.com/251497397430162](http://form.jotform.com/251497397430162)



## 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 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.

**Safe Environment:** Parish volunteers must complete the diocesan and parish Safe Environment Compliance process before they can participate in parish-related activities. Please contact [safeenvironment@mpboj.com](mailto:safeenvironment@mpboj.com) for instructions and assistance.

### 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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**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.