



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**11th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 24, 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**

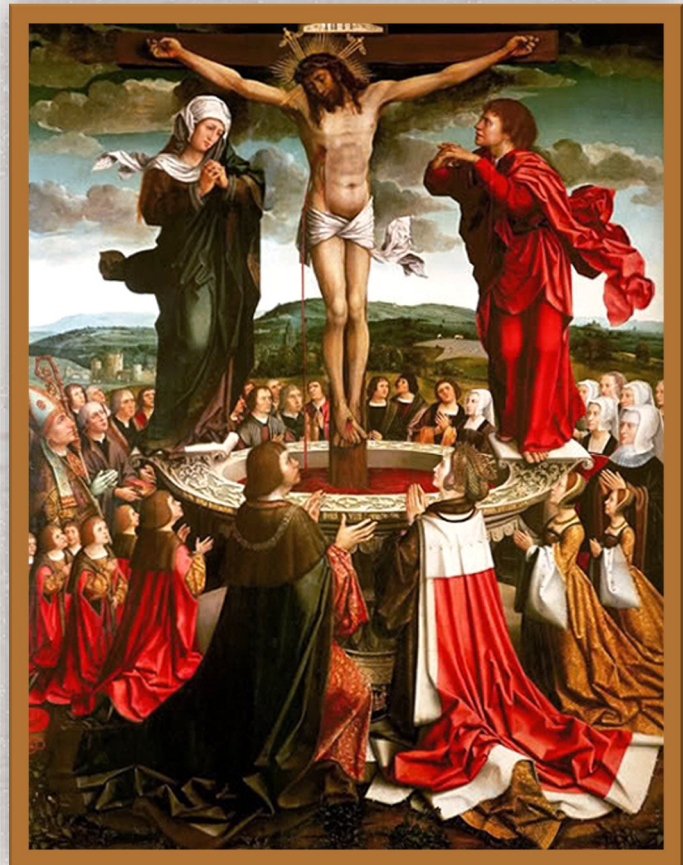
Confession Schedule

**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 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)

Monday, August 25, 2025

St. Louis, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Dobilas, Berkans, Waiksnsis & Warnagiris Families (Christina Warnagiris)

Tuesday, August 26, 2025

St. Zephyrinus, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM +Ed Brandstader (Family)

No evening Mass this week

Wednesday, August 27, 2025

St. Joseph Calasactius, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Ed & Fabiola Gergerich & Family

Thursday, August 28, 2025

St. Augustine of Hippo, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Hermes

12PM LM Robert Brueggemann (Bernard & Christine Brueggemann)

No evening Holy Hour or Compline this week

Friday, August 29, 2025

Beheading of St. John the Baptist, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Sabina

12PM LMO +Paul Warnagiris (Christina Warnagiris)

Saturday, August 30, 2025

St. Rose of Lima, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Felix & Adauctus

9AM LM Louis Sebastian Keeny (O'Connor Family)

Sunday, August 31, 2025

12th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM Our Latin Priests (Claire Lucas)

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

Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (pg. 78)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, August 17, 2025

Offertory	\$12,163.00
Offertory (Assumption)	\$3,841.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$24.00
Poor Box	\$20.00

Faith Direct Report (July 16 – 31, 2025)

Offertory	\$19,712.20
Parish Appeal 2025	\$455.00
Parish Improvement	\$788.00
Catholic University	\$42.00

Attendance: 8AM 489; 11AM 313; Total 802

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. *After two years, the RLG Board Members are ready to pass the baton. If interested in*

any of the positions; Chair, Secretary, subcommittee chairs for Legislation & Education, or would like more info please contact Fabiola Gergerich 724-777-6782 / fgergerich@gmail.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



Summer Coffee and Donuts

"Summer Coffee & Donuts" come to an end today. Stop by Room 101 of the Parish Center after the Low Mass this morning to enjoy these refreshments for the last time this year. Donuts will be available in the gym once again with the start of Catechism on September 7th.

Second Collection Today

The diocesan second collection today benefits both the Catholic University of America and Catholic Communications.

Chapter Meeting & Schedule Changes

Both Canon Avis and Canon Matheus will be traveling to the Institute's annual Chapter Meeting in Gricigliano, Italy this week. Please pray for their safe travels. We will still have the usual liturgical schedule except that the Tuesday evening Mass and Thursday Holy Hour are cancelled for this week. Canon Avis will return next Sunday, August 31st, and Canon Matheus will return by Sunday, Sept. 7th.

Chant Camp Wrap-up; Youth Choirs

Congratulations to our 60 choristers for the many wonderful things they did well together during this year's Chant Camp! The halls were alive with the sounds of chanting... and all the fun, games, drills, and discipline that go into learning the deceptively difficult skills needed to chant well. Camp concluded with our choristers beautifully assisting in the choir loft for the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Well done to all!

Chant Camp is over for another year, but our regular choir season is just about to start! Our Youth Choir program consists of three children's choirs: *Pueri Cantorum* (grades 2-4), *Harmonia Cantorum* (grades 5-8), and *Gradius Cantorum* (grades 9-12). All ensembles meet every Saturday morning, and the choirs sing for Mass several times throughout the season (September-May), including for Christ the King Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, Palm Sunday, and in the Christmas, Advent, and Paschaltide seasons. Our first rehearsal of the new season will be on Saturday, September 10, beginning at 10:00 a.m. More information coming soon!

Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage

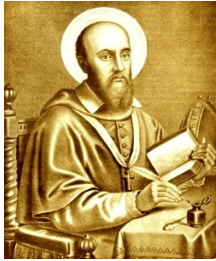
The Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage to St. Paul Cathedral is less than seven weeks away! For the 2025 Jubilee Year, a special plenary indulgence is available to all who make pilgrimage to a cathedral church. On Saturday, October 11, join your fellow parishioners for a walking pilgrimage from Most Precious Blood to Saint Paul Cathedral. Pilgrims will attend a special 6:30 a.m. Mass at Most Precious Blood, then embark on the roughly 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.*

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales
(Book 5, Chapter 11)

Second Consideration—On the Excellence of Virtue

Consider that nothing save holiness and devotion can satisfy your soul in this world: behold how gracious they are; draw a contrast between each virtue and its opposite vice; how gracious patience is compared with vengeance; gentleness compared with anger; humility with pride and arrogance; liberality with avarice; charity with envy; sobriety with unsteadiness. It is one charm of all virtues that they fill the soul with untold sweetness after being practiced, whereas vice leaves it harassed and ill at ease. Who would not speedily set to work and obtain such sweetness?



In the matter of evil, he who has a little is not contented, and he who has much is discontented; but he who has a little virtue is glad, and his gladness is for ever greater as he goes on. O devout life! you are indeed lovely, sweet and pleasant; you can soften sorrows and sweeten consolations; without you good becomes evil, pleasure is marred by anxiety and distress: verily whoso knows what you are may well say with the woman of Samaria, "Lord, give me this water," an aspiration often uttered by Saint Theresa and Saint Catherine of Genoa.

Registration for Sept. 22 PA March for Life

The parish's 2025 March for Life Bus to Harrisburg is accepting registrations **until this Friday, 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 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. A Low Mass will be offered at 6:30 p.m.



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

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Thanks from Sursum Corda

On August 2nd, Sursum Corda Pittsburgh successfully completed its 3rd annual Field Day picnic with the Institute of Christ the King apostolates of Detroit, Cleveland, and Columbus. Sursum Corda would like to thank all of the generous donors here who have made that event possible. Your help is truly appreciated by them.

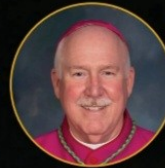
Through Him, With Him, In Him

A GOSPA MISSIONS RETREAT

Saturday, September 27, 2025

North Catholic High School | 1617 Route 228 | Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Holy Mass to be celebrated



by Bishop Mark Eckman

Bishop of the Diocese of Pittsburgh

PLUS:

A Vatican-approved Eucharistic Miracles exhibit will be on site!

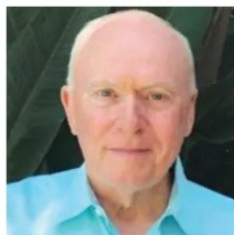
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at GospaMissions.org, call us at (724) 538-3171, or scan the QR code below.

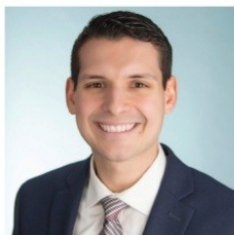


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To All of Our Guests...

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 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.

Safe Environment: Parish volunteers must complete the diocesan and parish Safe Environment Compliance process before they can participate in any parish-related activities. Please contact 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.

