



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**12th Sunday after
Pentecost
August 31, 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

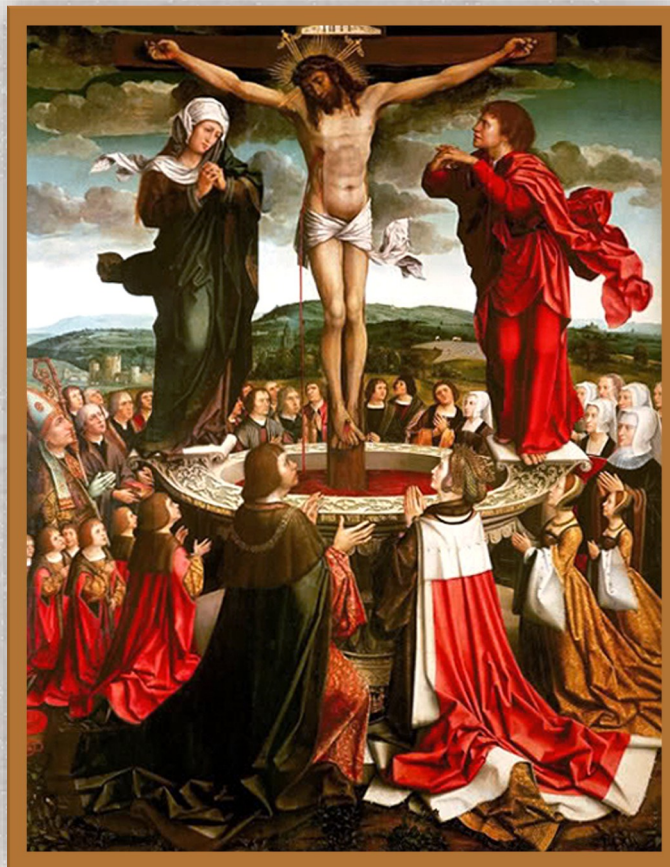
Confession Schedule

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 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)

Monday, September 1, 2025 *Labor Day*

St. Giles, 4th Class—White

*9am LM +Jerome E. LeDonne (Wife, Carol)

Tuesday, September 2, 2025

St. Stephen of Hungary, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Christopher Johnson (Family)

7PM LM +Carolyn Mozlack (Robin Mauser)

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

St. Pius X, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Guenther & Newman Families (Jessica Guenther)

Thursday, September 4, 2025 *First Thursday*

V.M. of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Parish Friends (Dave & Mandy Capan)

No Holy Hour nor Compline

Friday, September 5, 2025 *First Friday*

Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Lawrence Justinian

12PM LM +Cindy Moran (Mylott Family)

7 PM LM +Victoria Briola (Brenda Briola)

Saturday, September 6, 2025 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM Mariam A. Hazlette (B. Hete)

Sunday, September 7, 2025

13th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM All involved in our Catechism Program

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, August 24, 2025

Offertory\$10,212.00

Offertory (All Saints).....\$20.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$20.00

Poor Box\$10.00

World Mission Sunday\$10.00

Catholic University\$567.00

ICRSS/Seminary\$45.00

Attendance: 8AM 416; 11AM 353; Total 769

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. *Look for the RLG's September/October Newsletter in next Sunday's bulletin.*

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.

Canon Avis Reappointed by Bishop Eckman

In 2019, when Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish was established, Canon William Avis was appointed pastor of the parish by His Excellency, Bishop David Zubik. Generally pastors serve for a six year term. Canon Avis' first term ended in July of this year. With the recommendation by Canon Matthew Talarico, the U.S. Provincial for the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest, His Excellency Bishop Mark Eckman has reappointed Canon Avis for a second term as pastor. Canon Avis is very grateful to Bishop Eckman for this reappointment and looks forward to serving the faithful at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish for another term. Please, pray for him as he continues his pastoral care of the parish.

Jubilee Walking Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage is a traditional act of adoration. For well over a thousand years, Catholics have grown in devotion by making pilgrimage to holy sites: Rome, Canterbury, Armagh, the Holy Sepulcher in Jerusalem, or one's local cathedral. 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 am Low 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.*

Donut Vacante

Today is the Coffee-and-Donut-Free interregnum between the end of the Summer Donuts, and the start of Catechism next week, when those refreshments will resume in the gym under the auspices of Brendon Miller-Boldt and his many helpers.

Labor Day Mass at 9; No Holy Hour

On Labor Day, Mass will be at 9 a.m., and the Parish Office will be closed. There will not be the customary Holy Hour of Adoration, Benediction, and Compline this Thursday, Sept. 4th.

2024 – 25 Financial Report

The July 2024 – June 2025 Financial Report is included as an insert in today's bulletin. It will also be posted on the parish website in coming days.

Parking Behind the School

Starting next Sunday, Sept. 7th, please do not park behind the school/Parish Hall at any time on Sunday mornings, unless you teach Catechism or sing in the choir. Because access to the parking lot behind the school is a single-lane driveway with limited visibility & mobility, we need to ensure that vehicles are not exiting and entering at the same time. Thus parking in the school lot is only permitted for vehicles displaying a valid 2025 –26 PERMIT on the rear-view mirror.

Catechism Registration Fees

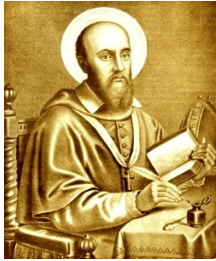
Parents are reminded, if they have not already done so, to submit their catechism registration fee using a clearly marked envelope placed in the collection basket before the start of classes on September 7th. The fee is \$15 per child up to a maximum of \$45 for three or more children. Checks should be made out to *Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish*. If the fee poses a financial hardship, please contact the catechism administrator at catechism@mpboj.com. Thank you for supporting the purchase of books and materials.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales
(Book 5, Chapter 12)

The Example of the Saints

Consider the example of the Saints on all sides, what have they not done in order to love God and lead a devout life? Call to mind the Martyrs in their invincible firmness, and the tortures they endured in order to maintain their resolutions; remember the matrons and maidens, whiter than lilies in their purity, ruddier than the rose in their love, who at every age, from childhood upward, bore all manner of martyrdom sooner than forsake their resolutions, not only such as concerned their profession of faith, but that of devotion; some dying rather than lose their virginity, others rather than cease their works of mercy to the sick and sorrowful. Truly the frail sex has set forth no small courage in such ways. Consider all the Saintly Confessors, how heartily they despised the world, and how they stood by their resolutions, taken unreservedly and kept inviolably. Remember what



Saint Augustine says of his mother Monica, of her determination to serve God in her married life and in her widowhood; and Saint Jerome and his beloved daughter Saint Paula amid so many changes and chances. What may we not achieve with such patterns before our eyes? They were but what we are, they wrought for the same God, seeking the same graces; why may not we do as much in our own state of life, and according to our several vocations, on behalf of our most cherished resolutions and holy profession of faith?

Thanks to the Grahams

As they leave Pittsburgh, we thank Mark and Kathy Graham, who for the past four years have run the Summer Coffee and Donuts program (along with other volunteer work at our parish). Their generosity in donating their time and toil, along with the refreshments, will be missed next summer.



Praying for the Pope

Whenever possible, the priests of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest add a second prayer—called a 'collect'—to the collect of the day's Mass. This is a prayer for the Holy Father.

These 'Pro Papa' prayers (Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion) are from the "Mass on the Anniversary of the Election or Consecration of a Pope." They are prayed after the Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion for the day and after any additional Collect, Secret, and Postcommunion that may be prayed for a commemoration on that day. They are found in traditional Missals.

Collect

O God, the Shepherd and Ruler of all the faithful, graciously look upon Thy servant Leo whom Thou hast been pleased to appoint pastor over Thy Church: grant, we beseech Thee, that by both word and example he may edify those over whom he is set, and together with the flock committed to his care, may attain to eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, thy Son Who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end.

Secret

Favorably accept, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and by Thy continual protection govern Thy servant Leo whom Thou hast been pleased to appoint as pastor over Thy Church. Through our Lord...

Postcommunion

We beseech Thee, O Lord, may the partaking of this divine Sacrament protect us, and ever save and defend Thy servant Leo whom Thou hast been pleased to appoint as pastor over Thy Church, together with the flock committed to his care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Thy Son...

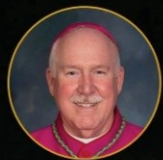
Through Him, With Him, In Him

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!



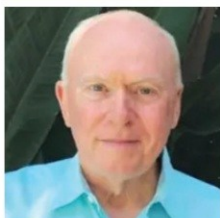
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at GospaMissions.org, call us at (724) 538-3171, or scan the QR code below.

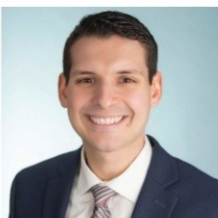


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Tom McConnell
Director of Evangelization, All Saints Parish, Butler

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.

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(Quarter-4 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	1,078,132
Donations & Bequests	79,071
Fundraising	5,603
Other Income	25,546
	1,188,352

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	403,304
Operations & Maintenance	323,851
Liturgical & Rectory	144,093
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	112,626
Property & Liability Insurance	50,228
Social/ Outreach/ Other	38,174
	1,072,276

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 116,076

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(34,061)
Net Third Party Collections	4,202
	(29,859)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 6/30/2025

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	241,238
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	9,017
	250,255

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
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LIABILITIES:

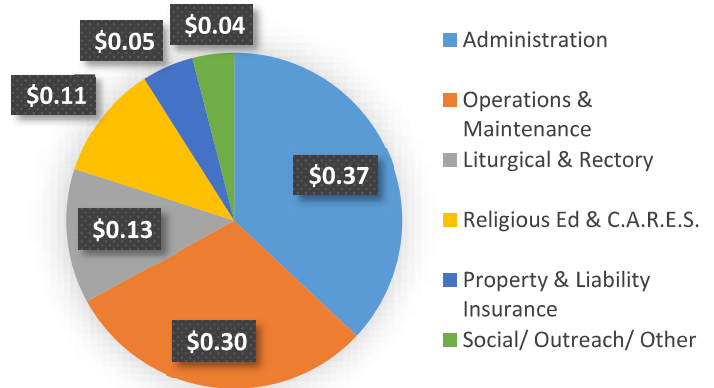
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	507,173
Other Payables	-
	507,173

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 6-30-2025

Revenue: **1,188,352**

Expense: **1,072,276**

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Dear Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish,

Having completed our sixth fiscal year of operation, please review the additional financial details in the Summary Statement of Cash Flows.

Overall, the parish experienced a modest 6.1% increase in total revenue as planned spending increases were held to 3.7%. This represents the lowest percentage increase of annual spending in the last six years.

Extraordinary Maintenance projects completed this year include new confessionals and slate roof repairs on the church. Looking forward, there are several significant repair projects planned for the first quarter of the new fiscal year which include reconstruction of retaining walls as well as catch basin reconstruction for the upper church parking lot.

<i>SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (\$)</i>						
<i>For the Fiscal Year Ending:</i>	<i>6/30/2025</i>	<i>6/30/2024</i>	<i>6/30/2023</i>	<i>6/30/2022</i>	<i>6/30/2021</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
<i>BEGINNING CASH BALANCE</i>	172,625	127,781	366,426	404,926	235,068	-
Operating Income (Donations)	1,188,351	1,120,387	968,736	780,645	744,568	553,662
<i>Cash Available for Operations</i>	1,360,976	1,248,167	1,335,162	1,185,571	979,636	553,662
<i>Expenditures</i>						
Administration (net of Mgt Fee)	304,611	282,737	288,507	274,128	218,157	188,022
Diocesan Management Fee	98,693	98,693	49,347	-	-	-
Operations & Maintenance	323,851	316,080	345,665	283,209	101,432	71,929
Liturgical & Rectory	144,093	186,325	177,140	127,854	82,005	51,043
Religious Ed. (net of Subsidy)	56,630	31,193	38,664	39,667	28,594	29,681
School Subsidy	55,996	55,996	61,451	33,453	-	-
Social Outreach (net of interest)	27,840	20,867	21,994	29,742	7,336	8,933
Property & Liability Insurance	50,228	34,975	32,249	33,644	34,115	23,364
D&L Loan Payments	27,847	27,847	9,282	-	-	-
Extraordinary Maintenance	34,061	23,617	200,822	79,415	212,812	10,582
Insurance Claim Proceeds	-	(1,905)	(7,810)	-	-	-
D&L Investments	89					
Net Parish Share Activity	-	-	(9,232)	(81,489)	(109,741)	(64,960)
Net Third Party Activity	(4,202)	(881)	(696)	(477)	-	-
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	1,119,738	1,075,542	1,207,382	819,145	574,710	318,594
Net Period Surplus (Deficit)	68,613	44,845	(238,646)	(38,500)	169,859	235,068
<i>ENDING CASH BALANCE</i>	241,238	172,625	127,781	366,426	404,926	235,068

Reflecting on God's Grace upon our parish it is apparent that we have been quite blessed.

With your past donations you have made it possible for our parish to fulfill this great commission of the Lord to the Holy Mother Church. With your continuing donations, you ensure that we will be able to continue to do so, now and in the future. Be assured of my gratitude and my prayers for you all at the Holy Altar of God.

<i>ANNUAL PARISH STATISTICS</i>						
	<i>6/30/2025</i>	<i>6/30/2024</i>	<i>6/30/2023</i>	<i>6/30/2022</i>	<i>6/30/2021</i>	<i>6/30/2020</i>
Parishioners	1,860	1,717	1,707	1,522	1,361	1,162
Registered Families	641	598	614	559	495	433
Baptisms	45	51	43	35	31	31
RCIAs	4	7	7	5	6	9
Marriages	15	8	7	6	6	-
Deaths	12	6	4	6	6	6
Catechism Enrollment	209	246	238	209	187	148
Total Donations	\$1,188,351	\$1,120,387	\$968,736	\$780,645	\$744,568	\$553,662
CHG/PY (%)	6.1%	15.7%	24.0%	5.0%	34.0%	
Contributing Families	450	445	438	385	322	279
Avg Donation per Family	\$2,641	\$2,518	\$2,212	\$2,028	\$2,312	\$1,984
Contributing Family %	70%	74%	71%	69%	65%	64%

In Christo Rege et Maria,

Canon William Avis