



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Exaltation of the  
Holy Cross**  
September 14, 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

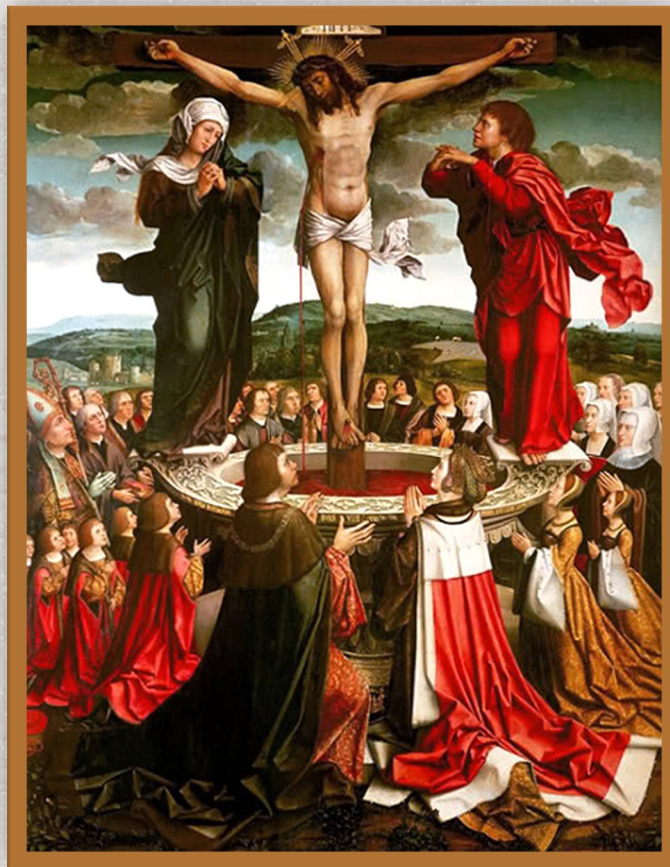
### **Confession Schedule**

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



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## Liturgical Schedule

### **Sunday, September 14, 2025**

#### **Exaltation of the Holy Cross, 2nd Class—Red**

8AM LMO Katie Felice (Felice Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Hail Jesus Hail (pg. 64)

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

### **Monday, September 15, 2025**

#### **Our Lady of Sorrows, 2nd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Nicomedes*

12PM LM +Frank Buchman (MPBOJ)

7PM LMO Living and Deceased Members of Confraternity of the Christian Mothers (CCM)

### **Tuesday, September 16, 2025**

#### **Ss. Cornelius & Cyprian, 3rd Class—Red**

*Commemoration of Ss. Euphemia, Lucy & Geminian*

12PM LM +Anthony Piermani (Comas & Ambroffi Family)

7PM LM +Paul T. & Josephine K. Hlavac (Anthony Hlavac)

### **Wednesday, September 17, 2025**

#### **Holy Stigmata of St. Francis, 4th Class—White**

12PM LM Genevieve Griswold (Brandon & Katie McGinley)

### **Thursday, September 18, 2025**

#### **St. Joseph of Cupertino, 3rd Class—White**

12PM LM Christopher & Mariana Warnagiris -Anniversary (Christopher & Christina Warnagiris)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

### **Friday, September 19, 2025**

#### **St. Januarius & Companions, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM Amalia Giallorenzo

### **Saturday, September 20, 2025**

#### **Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Eustace & Companions*

9AM LM +John Martin (Mary Porter)

### **Sunday, September 21, 2025**

#### **15th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

*Commemoration of St. Matthew the Apostle*

8AM LMO Jack & Mary Lou Aul 39th Wedding Anniversary

11AM HM *Pro populo*

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

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

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, September 7, 2025*

Offertory .....\$14,184.00

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$40.00

Poor Box .....\$240.00

Parish Improvement .....\$120.00

General Collection .....\$533.34

Bishop's Education Fund .....\$10.00

Mission Co-op.....\$10.00

*Attendance: 8AM 650; 11AM 329; Total 979*

## **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, October 4th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "Catechism Bee"**. 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 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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

## **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](mailto:jubileepilgrimage@mpboj.com).*

## **Rosary Rally September 20th**

Please join in a Rosary Rally to Fight the Satanic Influences in our Society on 20 September 2025 at MPBOJ parking lot at 12:00 noon.

## **Youth Choirs**

Our Youth Choir program consists of three children's choirs: *Pueri Cantorum* (grades 2-4), *Harmonia Cantorum* (grades 5-8), and *Gradus 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. There are also monthly Mini Chant classes held for children ages 5-7 at 10:00 a.m. (dates TBA)

**New and returning choristers and their parents should attend the Meeting and Rehearsal this Saturday, Sept. 20, at 10:00 a.m.** Information about the Youth Choir Program and choir season schedule will be shared, followed by registration and a brief rehearsal for all singers grades 2-12.

## **Interested in Altar Serving?**



Altar server training will be resuming soon and the parish is looking for more altar servers. We accept males who are in grades 4 and up. If you are interested in joining or have any questions, contact Jude Young at [judeyoung4321@gmail.com](mailto:judeyoung4321@gmail.com) or 412-491-4415.

## **Second Collection Today**

The diocesan second collection today benefits the Bishop's Education Fund.

## **Second Collection Next Week**

There will be a second collection next Sunday, Sept. 21, for the Mission Co-op. A representative of the Clarists (Order of Saint Clare) will join us. Please see the bulletin insert for more details.

## **Weather Blessing Ends Today**

The Holy Cross Weather Blessing, which has been given after Low Masses since early May, ends today on the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales  
(Book 5, Chapter 14)

### The Eternal Love of God for Us

Consider the Eternal Love God has borne you, in that, even before our Lord Jesus Christ became Man and suffered on the Cross for you, His Divine Majesty designed your existence and loved you. When did He begin to love you? When He began to be God, and that was never, for He ever was, without beginning and without end. Even so He always loved you from eternity, and therefore He made ready all the graces and gifts with which He has endowed you. He says by His prophet, "I have loved thee" (and it is YOU that He means) "with an everlasting love, therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee." And amid these drawings of His Love He led you to make these resolutions to serve Him.

What must resolutions be which God has foreseen, pondered, dwelt upon from all eternity? How dear and precious to us! Surely we should be ready to suffer anything whatsoever rather than let go one particle of the same. The whole world is not worth one soul, and the soul is worth but little without its good resolutions.

### New Candidates at the Parish

With great joy, our parish will, for a third year, participate in the Pre-Seminary Candidacy Program, hosting three candidates who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood with the Institute. On Monday, Sept. 8th, the candidates arrived in Pittsburgh: Kyle Richter from Connecticut, Estevan Covarrubias from California, and Christopher De La Viesca from Florida.

The eleven-month Candidate Program, funded by the ICKSP, is designed to develop fluency in French, Latin and spirituality of the Institute of Christ the King. While the candidates will be called upon to assist with temporal matters

around at the parish, their primary directive is learning and discernment. With this in mind, please remember the candidates are not available for social invitation. Please pray for these young men in formation.

### PA March for Life Sept. 22nd

Our parish is sending a chartered bus to the Pennsylvania March for Life in Harrisburg on Monday, Sept. 22, and plenty of seats are still available. Details and signup link here:

[mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/everyone/note/33052029](https://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/everyone/note/33052029), or contact Jeannine Goelz ([volunteer@mpboj.com](mailto:volunteer@mpboj.com)) to reserve seats.

For others who are planning to travel by private transportation to Harrisburg, we pass along this invitation to Mass and breakfast, sent to us by the FSSP church there:

"The Pro-Life Group of St. Lawrence Church will be organizing a group of parishioners to the fifth annual Pennsylvania March for Life at the Capitol in Harrisburg on Monday, September 22, 2025. **Holy Mass will be at St. Lawrence at 9:30am, followed by a light breakfast in the Parish Center.** Parishioners will then walk over to the capitol for the rally and march at 11am. This event will be an opportunity to advocate for the sanctity of all human life.

Please register at <https://bit.ly/stlawrencepamarchforlife> and email [prolife@stlawrence.cc](mailto:prolife@stlawrence.cc) for questions."



### Who's up for an adventure?

The St. Francis Xavier Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) are accepting new scouts for the 2025/26 year. FNE is an international lay association of the Faithful of Pontifical Right, committed to authentically Catholic youth scouting. Enrollment is now open through October for Otters (ages 6–7), Timberwolf boys or girls (8–12), and Explorer boys or girls (ages 13+).

If interested, email [fnepgh@gmail.com](mailto:fnepgh@gmail.com). Meetings are typically two Saturday afternoons a month outside in Carnegie, sometimes at parks around Pittsburgh, and occasionally at MPBOJ Parish Center in the Winter. We camp a few weekends throughout the year. National website: <https://fneexplorers.com/>

### Volunteers Needed

In order for the Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) to continue in our mission to make saints through an authentically Catholic scouting program, we are seeking intrepid male and female volunteers willing to mentor children ages 6–8, 8–12, or 12+ through outdoor programming. Not outdoorsy? We also need behind the scenes helpers! Introduce yourself and get more info about how you can pour into the next generation at [fnepgh@gmail.com](mailto:fnepgh@gmail.com) (Eric Williams and Leah Krummert are Group Chiefs). Or inquire in person with Brian Hirth or Gina McNulty—on Sept. 7th & 14th they will have an info table at Coffee and Donuts. (Volunteers will need to obtain their diocesan Safe Environment clearances before they are able to volunteer.)

40 DAYS  
FOR LIFE™



Our Parish Has "adopted" Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9 am till 5 pm to provide the sidewalk prayer witness! Contact Nikki at 412-926-9413 to sign up!

From Sept. 24nd through Nov. 2nd, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: **Nikki Bruni, [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com)**

- More than 25,000 babies saved • 270 workers converted
- 170 abortion centers closed!

[40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](https://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh) for more info, or check out our blog at [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](https://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com)

**Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church (184 Washington Pl, Pgh 15219) on Tuesday, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 pm, followed by a Candle-lit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood.** Fr. John Sweeney, Main Celebrant; Fr. Joe Freedy, Homilist; Fr. Jason Charron, carrying Our Lord on Procession. *All Christians are welcome to participate in this free event!* **There will be a Diaper Drive to benefit local pregnancy centers!**  
Please bring diapers and drop off in front of the church before Mass.

## 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.

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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 any 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.

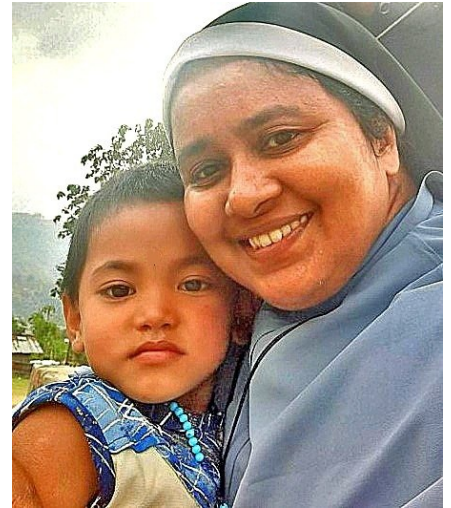
# 2025 Mission Appeal

## Franciscan Clarist Sisters

### Sunday, September 21, 2025

In our mission appeal on September 21, you will learn how we can dramatically improve the lives of girls living in extreme poverty in India by providing them with a safe home, education, and hope.

Sister Jolly Jose, provincial superior from the Franciscan Clarist Congregation in India, sends her warm greetings to you. In Veo, Arunachal Pradesh, one of the poorest areas of India, girls have virtually no hope and few prospects for their future without your help.



Sister Jolly asks this of you: “Please help the girls of Veo who are deprived of their right to education as we provide our love, support, and a good faith formation so that they may be able to stand on their own two feet.”

Construction of a hostel in Veo is underway. It will become home for up to 60 girls, age 4 and above. Your generous donations will help complete the home and build a future for hundreds of girls who will walk through the hostel’s doors in years to come.

As a special thank you, each \$3,000 raised in the mission appeal will be memorialized with the name of our parish on a Stepping Stone that will lead to the new hostel. The sisters and girls will pray those stones – much like a rosary – for you each day. Imagine a prayer for you each day – just when you might need it the most.

For more information, contact Carol Skoglund

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