



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**15th Sunday after
Pentecost
September 21, 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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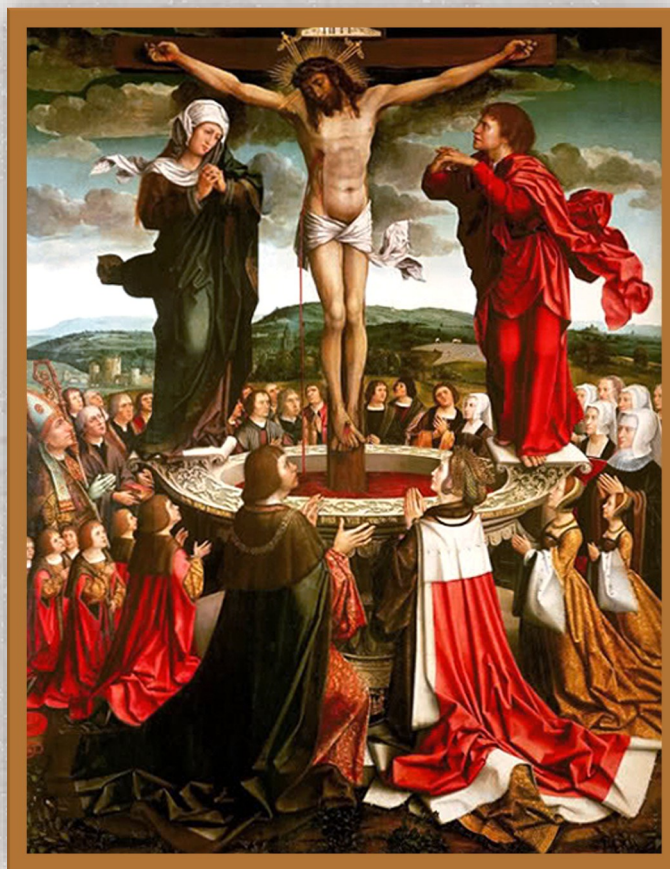
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mpboj.com

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, 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)

Monday, September 22, 2025

St. Thomas of Villanova, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Maurice & Companions

12PM LM +Valerie Akner (Alfred Akner & Family)

Tuesday, September 23, 2025

St. Linus, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Thecla

12PM LM +Michael Falvo (Falvo Family)

7PM LM Mark Vogel (Carol Vogel)

Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Ember Wednesday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of Our Lady of Ransom

12PM LM +Wittie & Frances Warnagiris

(William & Christine Warnagiris)

Thursday, September 25, 2025

Votive Mass of Blessed Sacrament, 4th Class—White

12PM LM +Alexander J. & Mary Washinski (Washinski Family)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, September 26, 2025

Ember Friday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of Ss. Cyprian & Justina

12PM LM Luke Ziegler (Michelle Ziegler)

Saturday, September 27, 2025

Ember Saturday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of Ss. Cosmas & Damian

9AM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of James Hete (B. Hete)

Sunday, September 28, 2025

16th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Paul Warnagiris (William & Christina Warnagiris)

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

Recessional: Praise To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (pg.89)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, September 14, 2025

Offertory\$8,712.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$300.00

Poor Box\$20.00

Bishop's Education Fund\$564.00

ICRSS/Seminary Appeal\$25.00

Attendance: 8AM 594; 11AM 334; Total 928

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, October 4th**, beginning with the **9AM Mass**. The topic: **"On Scruples & Anxiety"**. 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. **REMINDER: the comment period with the Federal Trade Commission re "Gender Affirming Care" closes on Friday, September 26, 2025 - [regulations.gov/docket/FTC-2025-0264](https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FTC-2025-0264).**

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.

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.*

Second Collection Today for Mission Co-op

There is a second collection today for the Mission Co-op. A representative of the Franciscan Clarist Sisters will join us.

Early Office Closures

The Parish Office will close at Noon on Wednesday, Sept. 24th and Friday, Sept. 26th.

Sursum Corda Pittsburgh proudly invites you to the

2ND ANNUAL BALL AT BAGATELLE

A Night to Remember

- Ballroom & English Contra Dancing
- Cocktails & Hors d'ourves provided
- Black-tie dress code
- Dates required
- Open to 18-35 year olds

Saturday
October 4th, 2025
7:00pm – 11:00pm

For the address contact our Moderator Jose Piñero
(863) 450-5143

RSVP Below

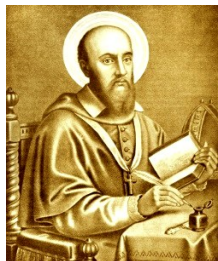
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Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales
(Book 5, Chapter 15)

General Affections Which Should Result From These Considerations, and Conclusion of the Exercise

O precious resolutions! ye are as the lovely tree of life planted by God's Own Hand in the midst of my heart, a tree which my Savior has watered with His Blood. Rather would I die a thousand deaths than suffer any blast of wind to root



you up—neither vanity, nor pleasure, nor wealth, nor sorrows shall ever overthrow my intentions.

Lord, Thou hast planted and nurtured this tree in Thy Bosom, but how many souls there are which have not been thus favored, how can I ever sufficiently acknowledge Thy Mercy? Blessed and holy resolutions, if I do but keep you, you will keep me! If you live in my soul, my soul will live in you. Live ever, then, ye resolutions, which have an eternity of your own in God's Mercy, live ever in me, and may I never forsake you.

Next, you must particularize the necessary means for maintaining your good resolutions, determining to use them diligently—such as frequency in prayer, in Sacraments, in good works; the amendment of the faults you have already discovered, cutting off occasions of sin, and following out carefully all the advice given you with this view. Then, take breath as it were in a renewed profession of your resolutions, and, as though you held your heart in your hands—dedicate, consecrate, sacrifice, immolate it to God, vowing never to recall it, but leave it for ever in His Right Hand of Majesty, prepared everywhere and in all things to obey His Commands. Ask God to renew your will, to bless your renewed resolutions and to strengthen them. While your heart is thus roused and excited, hasten to your spiritual father,

accuse yourself of any faults which you have discovered since you made your general confession, and receive absolution as you did at the first. Make your protest and sign it in his presence, and then lose no time in uniting your renewed heart to its Creator and Savior, in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Catholic Men's Retreat – Dec. 5–7, 2025 (Malvern, PA)

Schedule a weekend escape for personal spiritual reflection with Mark Houck (founder of The King's Men) and Fr. Anthony Baetzold (lecturer on "Christ as Our Model for Manliness"). This retreat also offers dedicated time for private adoration, confession, and other Catholic practices (all activities are optional—engage in what will benefit you most). Now with the Traditional Latin Mass which will be offered on Friday and Saturday. Please contact Bryan Sfera at BMsfera615@gmail.com for further details. Retreat house website: malvernretreat.com

Adult Convert Class to begin

The MPBOJ Adult Convert class will begin on **Sunday, Oct. 12th, 2025**, in preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation in 2026. If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, or if you simply wish to enrich your Catholic faith, please contact the parish office by email (office@mpboj.com) to register. Classes are held once a week here on the parish campus. Dates, times, and subjects will be announced via email to those registered.

Register Now, Young Adults

Reaching the age of eighteen or graduating from high school means that you have entered your adulthood. In addition to all of the responsibilities accompanying that milestone, you should become an individual member of the Catholic church by registering at your parish. Enrollment in the parish allows you to participate fully with parish life and includes important benefits, such as the ability to receive your sacraments (e.g.

Matrimony) at the parish, obtain a "letter of good standing" if needed, or request an annual itemized statement of your offertory donations. Newly married members should also register as a couple with the parish, even if individually registered prior to the wedding. Registration forms can always be found in the top shelves of the racks at both entrances to the church. Please consider becoming a committed member of MPBOJ.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE™



From Sept. 24th 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**

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

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

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

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church (184 Washington Pl, Pgh 15219) on **Tuesday, Sept. 23rd 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.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by
THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

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.

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 for instructions and assistance.

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.

Rebuilding of Retaining Wall Along Driveway

The retaining wall along the exit driveway from the parking lot has been increasingly leaning and bulging, and in danger of collapsing. It has been dismantled, and work is underway to rebuild it in a stable manner.

Shown below: the removed blocks stacked for reuse; a view towards Antrim Street, showing the wall's footing; excavated hillside and contractor's equipment.



Photos courtesy of Jack Aul