



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**16th Sunday after
Pentecost
September 28, 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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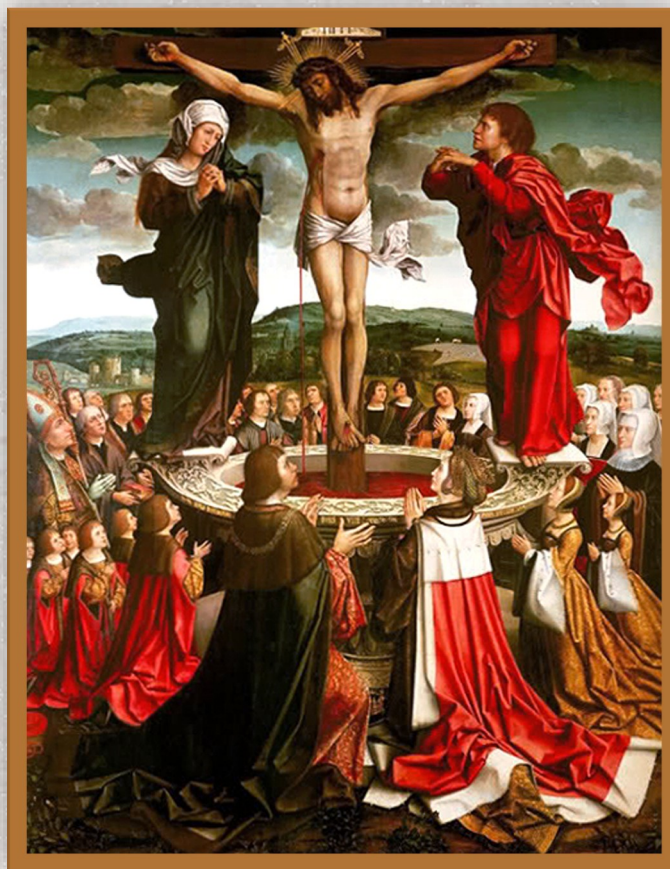
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mpboj.com

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 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)

Monday, September 29, 2025

Michaelmas, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO A.N.G.E.L.S., Gabriel, Thaddaeus, Eva Nypaver (Tom & Carol Nypaver)

Tuesday, September 30, 2025

St. Jerome, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Anna Kuk (Falvo Family)

7PM LM +Ilene Terwilliger (Jean Cotter)

Wednesday, October 1, 2025 *St. Thérèse Triduum*

St. Remigius, 4th Class—White

12PM LMO +Joseph & Mary Wilson (Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

Thursday, October 2, 2025 *St. Thérèse Triduum*

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

Commemoration of the Holy Guardian Angels

12PM LMO Conversion of our families (Dave & Mandy Capan)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, October 3, 2025 *St. Thérèse Triduum*

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, 1st Class—White

12PM LM +Holy Souls in Purgatory (Aileen Ruane)

7PM HM +Edward Yochum (Gary Yochum)

Processional: Little Flower of Jesus (pg. 75)

Recessional: High Let Us All Our Voices Raise (pg.69)

Saturday, October 4, 2025 *First Saturday*

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

Commemoration of St. Francis of Assisi

9AM LM +Rita Gloff (Gloff Family)

Sunday, October 5, 2025

17th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO Bishop Mark Eckman

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Come Holy Ghost (pg. 57)

Recessional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg.59)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Offertory\$9,787.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$1,224.00

Parish Improvement\$560.00

Mission Co-op.....\$5,548.00

Faith Direct Report (August 16 – 31, 2025)

Offertory\$16,743.30

Parish Appeal 2025\$485.00

Parish Improvement\$788.00

Poor Box\$355.00

Bishop's Education Fund.....\$72.00

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

Attendance: 8AM 583; 11AM 339; Total 922

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 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. **Next Sunday, Oct 5th, is the annual baby bottle campaign. Baby bottles will be handed out after each Mass.**

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. **See ad below for the Second Annual Ball at Bagatelle this Saturday.**

St. Thérèse Triduum

On Wednesday though Friday of this week, we will have a triduum in honor of St. Thérèse of Lisieux with devotions following the Masses. There will be a High Mass on her feastday, October 3rd at 7pm.

Mass Intentions for 2026

Mass intentions for 2026 may be scheduled from now through October 26th. Forms are available at both entrances of the church. Please read the sheet for new instructions.

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.

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



tinyurl.com/Bagatelle2

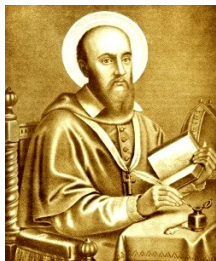


Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales
(Book 5, Chapter 16)

The Impressions Which Should Remain After This Exercise

On the day you make this renewal of your resolutions, and on those immediately following, you should often repeat with heart and voice the earnest words of Saint Paul, Saint Augustine, Saint Catherine of Genoa, and others like-minded, "I am not mine own, whether I live or whether I die, I am the Lord's. There is no longer any me or mine, my 'me' is Jesus, my 'mine' is to be His. Thou world, wilt ever be thyself, and hitherto I have been myself, but henceforth I will be so no more." We shall indeed not be ourselves any more, for our heart will be changed, and the world which has so often deceived us will in its turn be deceived in us; our change will be so gradual that the world will still suppose us to be Esau, while really we are Jacob. All our devout exercises must sink into the heart, and when we come forth from our meditation and retirement it behooves us to tread warily in business or society, lest the wine of our good resolutions be heedlessly spilt; rather let it soak in and penetrate every faculty of the soul, but quietly, and without bodily or mental excitement.



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 Sferra at BMSferra615@gmail.com for further details. Retreat house website: malvernretreat.com


40 DAYS
FOR LIFE™



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!

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.

Parish Day of Prayer on the Sidewalk

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish has adopted **Sunday, Oct 5th** to provide the prayer witness at Planned Parenthood from 9am – 5pm. Please see sign-up sheets in both entrances to sign up, or call or text Nikki at 412-926-9413.

Aquinas Academy Admissions Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Preschool - Grade 12 Admissions Open House on Saturday, Oct. 11, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and see how Aquinas Academy's academic, athletic, extracurricular, and virtues programs can form your child to succeed in school and life. Tyler Deschamps, Head of School, will give a presentation and families will have an opportunity to tour campus and meet teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. You are also invited to stay for a light reception at the end of your tour. Register online at www.aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724)444-0722 ext. 15, austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org.

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

- **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

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 open until October 26th. Forms are available at both entrances of the church. Please read the sheet for new instructions.

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.



Confraternity of Christian Mothers - Solemn Reception of New Members

On September 15, nine women were solemnly received into the Confraternity of Christian Mothers, a 175 year old, international sisterhood of Catholic women praying for the Christian education of their children. Canon Avis and the Christian Mothers had the honor of welcoming the National Father Director, Fr. Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap., and his confrere Bishop Donald Lippert, O.F.M. Cap., Bishop of Mendi, Papua New Guinea, and a native of Pittsburgh.

Photos courtesy of Charles Friend