



# MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**17th Sunday after  
Pentecost  
October 5, 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

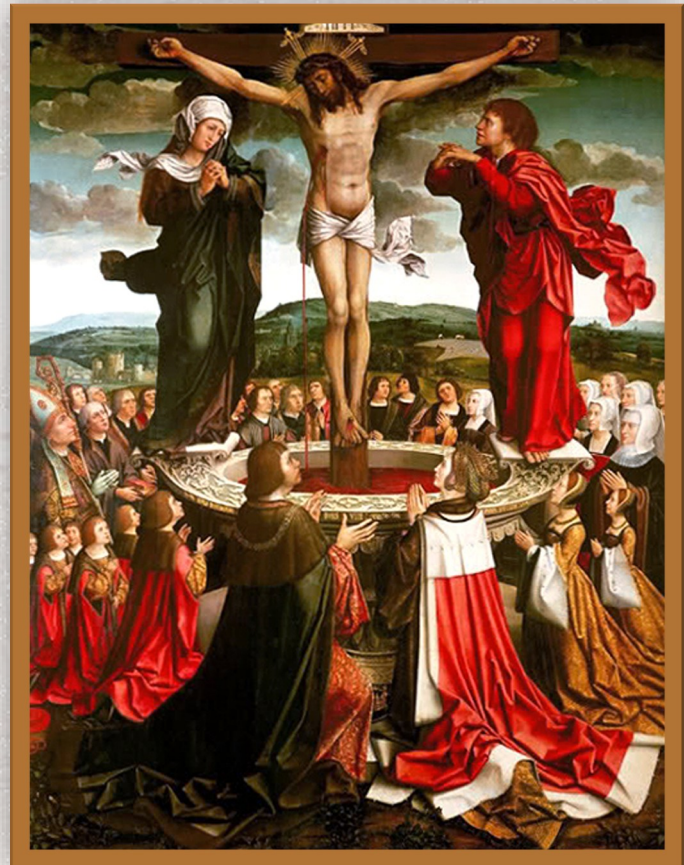
## **Confession Schedule**

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, 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)

### Monday, October 6, 2025

#### St. Bruno, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Jack & Anna Marie Killian (David & Rebecca Killian)

### Tuesday, October 7, 2025

#### Our Lady of the Rosary, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Mark

12PM LMO +Agostinelli & Giallorenzo Families (Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

7PM LM +Edward R. Falvo, Jr. (Falvo Family)

### Wednesday, October 8, 2025

#### St. Bridget of Sweden, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Sergius, Bacchus, Marcellus & Apuleius

12PM LM +Helen Reilly (Tim & Pat Rowlands)

### Thursday, October 9, 2025

#### St. John Leonard, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of Ss. Denis, Rusticus & Eleutherius

12PM LM +Elaine Campana (Mike & Sharon Burchill)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

### Friday, October 10, 2025

#### St. Francis Borgia, 3rd Class—White

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

### Saturday, October 11, 2025

#### Maternity of the Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

9AM LMO Szafranec & Henderson Families (Andy & Connie Szafranec)

### Sunday, October 12, 2025

#### 18th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Joseph Pisula (Aaron & Margaux Pisula)

Processional: O Queen of the Holy Rosary (pg. 81)

Recessional: Jesus My Lord, My God, My All (pg.74)

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

### *Sunday, September 28, 2025*

Offertory .....\$8,100.00

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$80.00

Poor Box .....\$10.00

Mission Co-op.....\$210.00

### *Faith Direct Report (September 1 – 15, 2025)*

Offertory .....\$8,641.33

Parish Appeal 2025 .....\$170.00

Parish Improvement .....\$1,230.00

Poor Box .....410.00

Bishop's Education Fund.....\$70.00

ICRSS/Candidates.....\$700.00

Attendance: 8AM 558; 11AM 366; Total 924

## **Parish Group News**

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, November 8th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "On Holidays & Families".** 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. **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](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. **This 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).

## **Feast of the Holy Rosary**

Tuesday, October 7th, the feast of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, marks the anniversary of the Institute's reception of the permanent status of Pontifical Right from the Holy See in 2008. In gratitude to Our Lady, Holy Mass will be offered at 12pm and 7pm that day with a sermon offered by Canon Matthew Talarico, the Institute Provincial for the U.S. He is in town to visit the new candidates in our pre-seminary program.

## **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 **next Sunday, Oct. 12th**, 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](mailto: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.

## **Hayride and Bonfire October 19th**

The annual Parish Hayride and Bonfire will be on **Sunday, October 19th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Youthtowne in Clinton, PA. Hot dogs, buns and ingredients for s'mores will be provided, as well as paper products and utensils. Parishioners are encouraged to bring non-alcoholic beverages and any food items to share. The kitchen will be open—so feel free to store any food items or drinks in there. *We must stress that this is a dry event and alcohol is strictly prohibited.* Any and all cash donations are most welcome. Signup sheets will be at both church entrances as well as in the school entrance during catechism today and next Sunday, October 12th. Please mark your calendars so you can enjoy this Fall event with your fellow parishioners. Any questions, feel free to email Ethan Suquet at [suquetethan@gmail.com](mailto:suquetethan@gmail.com).



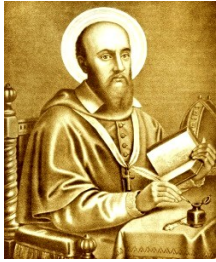
## **Introduction to the Devout Life**

*By St. Francis de Sales  
(Book 5, Chapter 17)*

### **An Answer to Two Objections Which May Be Made to This Book**

The world will tell you, my child, that all these counsels and practices are so numerous, that anybody who tries to heed them can pay no attention to anything else. Verily, my dear daughter, if we did nothing else we should not be far wrong, since we should be doing all that we ought to do in this world. But you see the fallacy? If all these exercises were to be performed every day they would undoubtedly fill up all our time, but it is only necessary to use them according to time and place as they are wanted. What a quantity of laws there are in our civil codes and digests! But they are only called into use from time to time, as circumstances arise, not every day. Besides, for that matter, David, king as he was, and involved in a multiplicity of complicated affairs, fulfilled more religious duties than those which I have suggested; and Saint Louis, a monarch unrivalled in time of peace or war, who was most diligent in the administration of justice and in ruling his country, nevertheless was wont to hear two masses daily, to say vespers and compline with his chaplain, and to make his meditation daily. He used to visit the hospitals every Friday, was regular at confession, took the discipline, often attended sermons and spiritual conferences, and withal he never lost any opportunity of promoting the public welfare, and his court was more flourishing and notable than that of any of his predecessors. Be bold and resolute then in performing the spiritual exercises I have set before you, and God will give you time and strength for all other duties, yea, even if He were to cause the sun to stand still, as He did in Joshua's time. We are sure always to do enough when God works with us.

Moreover, the world will say that I take it for granted that those I address have the gift of mental prayer, which nevertheless every one does not possess, and that consequently



this book will not be of use to all. Doubtless it is true that I have assumed this, and it is also true that every one has not the gift of mental prayer, but it is a gift which almost every one can obtain, even the most ignorant, provided they are under a good director, and will take as much pains as the thing deserves to acquire it. And if there are any altogether devoid of this gift (which I believe will very rarely be the case), a wise spiritual father will easily teach them how to supply the deficiency, by reading or listening to the meditations and considerations supplied in this book or elsewhere.

### **Parish Day of Prayer on the Sidewalk**

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

### **Sewing/Crafting Social & Help Wanted!**

The St. Veronica Altar Guild is sponsoring a sewing & crafting social on **Friday, October 10, 6:00-9:00 p.m. in Room 102.** All ladies in the parish are welcome to join the fun—just bring your current project-in-progress and a snack/drink to share. Additionally, the guild is looking for ladies who may be able to regularly or at least temporarily assist with altar linen laundry from November-January. If you are interested and able to help with this task, come to the social for the first hour and we'll demonstrate/talk through the process of laundering & pressing the linens. Questions and Inquiries can be emailed to: [altarguildpittsburgh@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:altarguildpittsburgh@institute-christ-king.org).

### **Aquinas Academy Admissions Open House**

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Preschool - Grade 12 Admissions Open House this Saturday, October 11th, 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](http://www.aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org) or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724)444-0722 ext. 15, [austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org](mailto:austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org).

**40 DAYS  
FOR LIFE™**



**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!**

**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!**

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



### Two projects completed

Reconstruction of the retaining wall along the exit driveway from the church parking lot has been completed. Additional repair work on the slate roof of our church was also needed, and was completed at the same time.