



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**18th Sunday after
Pentecost**

October 12, 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

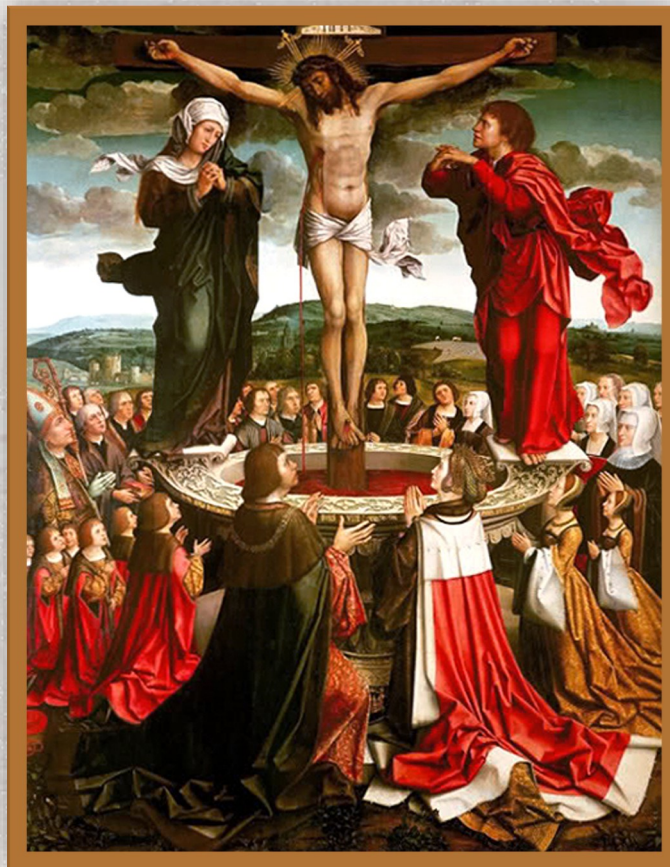
Confession Schedule

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 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)

Monday, October 13, 2025

St. Edward, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Philip Kaufman (Katie & Brandon McGinley)

Tuesday, October 14, 2025

St. Callistus, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Fekete Family (Claire Lucas)

7PM LM +Michael Falvo (Falvo Family)

Wednesday, October 15, 2025

St. Teresa of Avila, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Breerwood Family (Andy & Connie Szafraniec)

Thursday, October 16, 2025

St. Hedwig, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Charlene Johnson (Mike Bradburn)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, October 17, 2025

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Alexander James Olshanski (Judith Callaghan)

Saturday, October 18, 2025

St. Luke, 2nd Class—Red

9AM LMO John & Jennifer Schaffner Wedding Anniv. (José Piñero)

Sunday, October 19, 2025

19th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO +Raymond Manz (Manz Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Come Holy Ghost (pg. 57)

Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (pg.78)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, October 5, 2025

Offertory	\$11,745.00
Offertory/All Saints	\$10.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$435.00
Parish Improvement	\$100.00
Mission Co-op.....	\$20.00
ICRSS/Seminary	\$30.00

Attendance: 8AM 667; 11AM 333; Total 1000

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 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: Please return Baby Bottles next Sunday, Oct. 19 & place inside one of the labeled boxes which can be found at each entrance.**

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.

Mass Intentions for 2026

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

Adult Convert Class Begins Today

The MPBOJ Adult Convert class begins today, in preparation for reception of the Sacraments of Initiation in 2026. If you or anyone you know intended to register but did not, please go to this afternoon's class anyway.

Rosary Rally October 18th

Our Lady of Fatima said: "Pray, pray a great deal, and make sacrifices for sinners, for many souls go to Hell because they have no one to make sacrifices and pray for them." Make a sacrifice for them by joining in a Rosary Rally on 18 October 2025 at 12 noon at MPBOJ parking lot and praying for them. Contact Mary Brodka at 724 816-5573 for further information.

Upcoming Second Collections

Next Sunday, October 19, there will be a diocesan second collection for World Mission Sunday. On Sunday, October 26, the Feast of Christ the King, there will be a second collection for the Institute of Christ the King's Seminary in Gricigliano, Italy.

Seeking Rosary Warriors

From parishioner Jean Cotter: "Looking for Rosary Warriors to pray the bead meditation Rosary with me nightly at 8 p.m. on Zoom. For more information contact Jean Cotter at 724-448-5449 or email me at cotterj154@gmail.com for PDF copies of the rosary and prayers we will be saying. Zoom coordinates/link will be sent when you contact me. This is a great way to end your day in prayer."

Faith Direct is now ParishSOFT

Faith Direct, the company that handles our online giving, is becoming ParishSOFT during October 2025. This is a planned upgrade to the existing system and will mean little change to your stored donor information or donation selections. One change that may impact you directly is that if you've selected "weekly" contributions, the amount you designated will be deducted every week and not twice per month like under the prior system. You can continue to log in using your saved credentials and may wish to do so to select the exact days of the month that you want your contributions to be processed. Also, the entity on your credit/account debit notification will now indicate "Payment Brand Ministries." Notifications were emailed to all users, but should you like more information, please check out the instructions on the parish website. Also feel free to contact the Parish Office should you encounter any problems. As always, the parish is most appreciative of your continued generous support.

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OPEN
HOUSE

Sunday, October 19
1:00–3:00 pm

Register online!

www.ols.org/openhouse



Student-Led Tours Athletics Fair

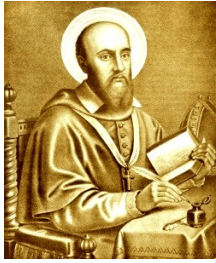
Meet Faculty & Staff Activities Fair

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales
(Book 5, Chapter 18)

Three Important and Final Counsels

On the first day of every month renew the resolution given in Part I. after meditation, and make continual protestation of your intention to keep it, saying with David, "I will never forget Thy Commandments, for with them Thou hast quickened me." And whenever you feel any deterioration in your spiritual condition, take out your protest, and prostrating yourself in a humble spirit, renew it heartily, and you will assuredly find great relief.



Make open profession of your desire to be devout; I will not say to be devout, but to desire it; and do not be ashamed of the ordinary, needful actions which lead us on in the Love of God. Acknowledge boldly that you try to meditate, that you would rather die than commit a mortal sin; that you frequent the Sacraments, and follow the advice of your director (although for various reasons it may not be necessary to mention his name). This open confession that you intend to serve God, and that you have devoted yourself deliberately and heartily to His Holy Love, is very acceptable to His Divine Majesty, for He would not have any of us ashamed of Him or of His Cross. Moreover, it cuts at the root of many a hindrance which the world tries to throw in our way, and so to say, commits us to the pursuit of holiness. The philosophers of old used to give themselves out as such, in order to be left unmolested in their philosophic life; and we ought to let it be known that we aim at devotion in order that we may be suffered to live devoutly. And if any one affirms that you can live a devout life without following all these practices and counsels, do not deny it, but answer meekly that your infirmity is great, and needs more help and support than many others may require.

Finally, my beloved child, I intreat you by all that is sacred in heaven and in earth, by your own Baptism, by the breast which Jesus sucked, by the tender Heart with which He loves you, and by the bowels of compassion in which you hope—be steadfast and persevere in this most blessed undertaking to live a devout life. Our days pass away, death is at hand. "The trumpet sounds a recall," says Saint Gregory Nazianzen, "in order that every one may make ready, for Judgment is near." When Saint Symphorian was led to his martyrdom, his mother cried out to him, "My son, my son, remember life eternal, look to Heaven, behold Him Who reigns there; for the brief course of this life will soon be ended." Even so would I say to you: Look to Heaven, and do not lose it for earth; look at Hell, and do not plunge therein for the sake of this passing life; look at Jesus Christ, and do not deny Him for the world's sake; amid if the devout life sometimes

seems hard and dull, join in Saint Francis' song—

*"So vast the joys that I await,
No earthly travail seemeth great."*

Glory be to Jesus, to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Ghost, be honor and glory, now and ever, and to all Eternity. Amen.

What the Baby Bottle Campaign Supports

For the past 40 years Network of Life has been seeking to empower those in the Pittsburgh region most vulnerable to abortion to choose life. At their three Women's Choice Network Clinics in Oakland, Monroeville, and the North Side, they offer pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, abortion pill reversal, post-abortion care and counseling, medical consultations, STD/STI testing, and ongoing care and education, all at no charge to their clients. They serve women and men and seek transformation in their lives through the power of the gospel. They help to address the obstacles that cause women to consider abortion, empowering them to choose life for their babies. Since opening their doors in 1985, they have saved more than 8,200 babies! 100% of your Baby Bottle contribution is used to serve abortion-vulnerable clients.

Hayride and Bonfire Next Sunday

The annual Parish Hayride and Bonfire is next **Sunday, Oct. 19th from 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.** at Youthtowne in Clinton, PA. The kitchen will be open—so feel free to store any food items or drinks in there. *This is a dry event and alcohol is strictly prohibited.* Cash donations are most welcome. Signup sheets are at both church entrances and in the school entrance during catechism today. Questions? Email Ethan Suquet at suquetethan@gmail.com.

Join your fellow Parishioners at Youthtowne in Clinton, PA for Hayrides, Bonfires, Hotdogs, S'mores, and much more!

Hotdogs & S'mores will be provided, please feel free to bring additional food or non-alcoholic drinks to share.

If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Ethan Suquet, his email is suquetethan@gmail.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 ParishSOFT (formerly called 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.



Two Recent Events at Our Parish

Sixty children participated in Chant Camp in August. The four-day seminar culminated with the choristers singing two motets and nearly all of the chants of the *Missa de Angelis* on the Feast of the Assumption.

On September 22nd, parishioners traveled to Harrisburg to march in the Pennsylvania March for Life.

More pictures from both events can be seen on the parish website at MPBOJ.com.

Photos courtesy of John Rokosz and Maria Kish