



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**21st Sunday after
Pentecost
November 2, 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.

Clergy & Staff

Canon William Avis, Pastor
pastor@mpboj.com

Canon Heitor Matheus, Parochial Vicar
canon.matheus@institute-christ-king.org

Geraldine Redic, Business Manager
businessmanager@mpboj.com

Gail Buchman, Administrative Assistant
office@mpboj.com

Charles R. Friend, Budgets & Financial Reporting
temporalaffairs@mpboj.com

John Rokosz, Music Director
music@mpboj.com

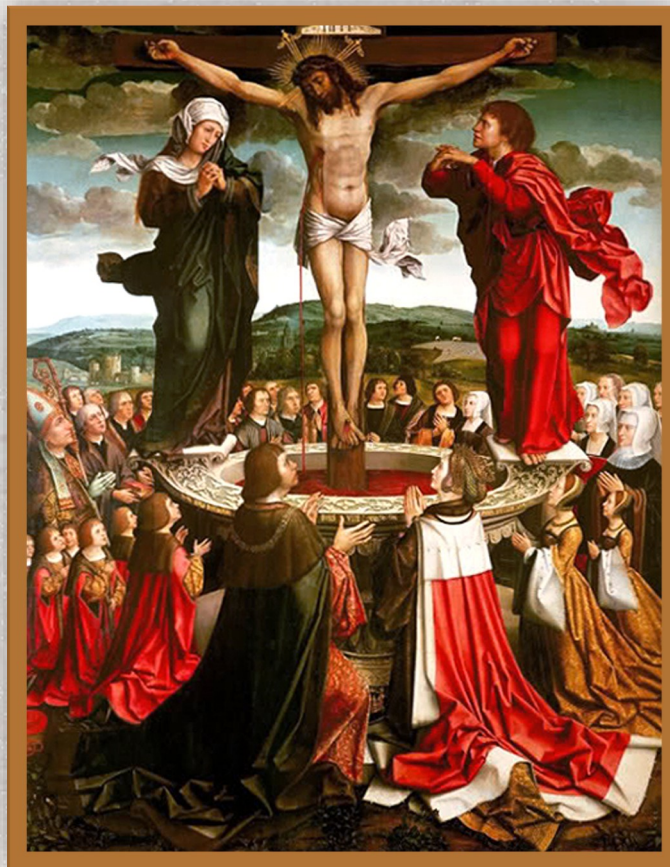
Jeannine M. Goelz, Office Coordinator
volunteer@mpboj.com

Jack Aul, Project Superintendent
projectsuper@mpboj.com

George Wright, ERT/Usher Coordinator
usher-ert@mpboj.com

Michael Eyler, Catechism Administrator
catechism@mpboj.com

Karen Kondracki, Safe Environment Coordinator
safeenvironment@mpboj.com



Contact Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday - Friday 9am-2pm
3250 California Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15212
Phone 412-761-1508
Fax: 412-761-6454
Email: office@mpboj.com
Website: mostpreciousbloodparish.org or
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, November 2, 2025

(Daylight Savings Time Ends)

21st Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO For Vocations

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Help Lord the Souls (pg. 71)

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

6PM Vespers of the Dead

Monday, November 3, 2025

All Souls Day, 1st Class—Black

(Traditional Three Low Masses Beginning at Noon)

12PM LM + Otto & Nypaver Families (Tom & Carol Nypaver)

7PM HM Private Intention

Tuesday, November 4, 2025

Deceased of ICRSS, 4th Class—Black

12PM LM + Deceased of ICRSS

7PM LM + Deceased of ICRSS

Wednesday, November 5, 2025

Votive Mass of All Saints, 4th Class—White

12PM LM +Richard & Mary Sibbet (Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

Thursday, November 6, 2025 *First Thursday*

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

12PM LM Joseph & Barbara Dudek Wed. Anniv. (Walter & Maggie Schulte)

8 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9 PM Compline

Friday, November 7, 2025 *First Friday*

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

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

7PM LM +Alfred Trautman

Saturday, November 8, 2025

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

Commemoration of the Four Crowned Martyrs

9AM LM +All Poor Souls in Purgatory (Matthew & Amanda Camm)

Sunday, November 9, 2025

Dedication of the Lateran Basilica, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO +Deceased Members of Confraternity of Christian Mothers

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Come Down O Love Divine (pg. 56)

Recessional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg.59)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, October 26, 2025

Offertory (includes Nov/Dec special offertories)\$10,747.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$300.00

Parish Improvement\$200.00

Poor Box\$10.00

Christmas Flowers\$10.00

World Mission Sunday\$5.00

Archdiocese for Military Services\$20.00

Retirement Fund for Religious\$10.00

Christmas Charities\$10.00

ICRSS/Seminary\$6,969.00

Attendance: 8AM 471; 11AM 551; Total 1,022

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. **The RLG meeting is on Sat, Nov 15 @ 10:00 a.m.** in the school bldg. All are welcome. Dr Jeff Starre will be our guest speaker. He will be speaking on Advanced Directives & Organ Transplantation. Refreshments will be provided. (Bio below)
Dr. Jeffrey Starre, MD, is a Board-Certified Family Physician currently serving as the Medical Director of the Hospitalist group at Trinity Health System in Steubenville, Ohio. In addition to his role at the hospital, Dr. Starre continues to operate a small family practice. Beyond his work in general family medicine, Dr. Starre is also the Medical Director of AIM Women's Center, a crisis pregnancy center located in Steubenville.



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.

Second Collection

The diocesan second collection today is for the benefit of the Archdiocese for Military Services, USA.

Save the Date – Confirmation 2026

Confirmations and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament will occur on **May 2nd, 2026 at 2 p.m.** with Bishop Waltersheid. Information on confirmation preparation and paperwork will be provided in the near future. If a candidate cannot participate on this date, please call the parish office to discuss alternative arrangements.

Vespers of the Dead This Evening

Vespers of the Dead will be sung in the church at 6 p.m. today. These prayers are the First Vespers of All Souls Day.

Rosary Rally November 15th

Please join in a Rosary Rally in honor of St. Michael the Archangel and to pray for Law Enforcement personnel on Saturday, 15 November 2025, at 12:00 noon at MPBOJ parking lot. Contact Mary Brodka at 724 816-5573 for further information.

Beautiful Music by our Youth Choirs

On Corpus Christi, the parish Youth Choirs performed a special motet at the High Mass composed in memory of our dearly departed organist, Gino Pochapsky. Due to the generous donations made in memory of Gino, the parish commissioned an original sacred motet from our former organist and associate choir director, Dr. Paul Webern. The motet is entitled "Vexilla Christus Inclita," and was composed specifically to accommodate our three youth choirs. The text is from the Hymn at Lauds for the Feast of Christ the King, and the musical score includes a special personalized dedication: "In loving gratitude for the life of Gino Pochapsky." The parish music program is grateful to Dr. Weber for his generous talent and continued friendship.



Quas Primas (Part 2)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING



5. Moreover, since this jubilee Year marks the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea, We commanded that event to be celebrated, and We have done so in the Vatican basilica. There is a special reason for this in that the Nicene Synod defined and proposed for Catholic belief the dogma of the Consubstantiality of the Only begotten with the Father, and added to the Creed the words “of whose kingdom there shall be no end,” thereby affirming the kingly dignity of Christ.

6. Since this Holy Year therefore has provided more than one opportunity to enhance the glory of the kingdom of Christ, we deem it in keeping with our Apostolic office to accede to the desire of many of the Cardinals, Bishops, and faithful, made known to Us both individually and collectively, by closing this Holy Year with the insertion into the Sacred Liturgy of a special feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ. This matter is so dear to Our heart, Venerable Brethren, that I would wish to address to you a few words concerning it. It will be for you later to explain in a manner suited to the understanding of the faithful what We are about to say concerning the Kingship of Christ, so that the annual feast which We shall decree may be attended with much fruit and produce beneficial results in the future.

7. It has long been a common custom to give to Christ the metaphorical title of “King,” because of the high degree of perfection whereby he excels all creatures. So he is said to reign “in the hearts of men,” both by reason of the keenness of his intellect and the extent of his knowledge, and also because he is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind. He reigns, too, in the wills of men, for in him the human will was perfectly and entirely obedient to the Holy Will of God, and further by his grace and inspiration he so subjects our free-will as to incite us to the most noble endeavors. He is King of hearts, too, by reason of his “charity which exceedeth all knowledge.” And his mercy and kindness[1] which draw all men to him, for never has it been known, nor will it ever be, that man be loved so much and so universally as Jesus Christ. But if we ponder this matter more deeply, we cannot but see that the title and the power of King belongs to Christ as man in the strict and proper sense too. For it is only as man that he may be said to have received from the Father “power and glory and a kingdom,”[2] since the Word of God, as consubstantial with the Father, has all things in common with him, and therefore has necessarily supreme and absolute dominion over all things created.

8. Do we not read throughout the Scriptures that Christ is the King? He it is that shall come out of Jacob to rule,[3] who has been set by the Father as king over Sion, his holy mount, and shall have the Gentiles for his inheritance, and the utmost parts of the earth for his possession.[4] In the nuptial hymn, where the future King of Israel is hailed as a most rich and powerful monarch, we read: “Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever; the scepter of thy kingdom is a scepter of righteousness.”[5] There are many similar passages, but there is one in which Christ is even more clearly indicated. Here it is foretold that his kingdom will have no limits, and will be enriched with justice and peace: “in his days shall justice spring up, and abundance of peace...And he shall rule from sea to sea, and from the river unto the ends of the earth.”[6]

REFERENCES:

1. Eph. iii, 19; 2. Dan. vii, 13-14; 3. Num. xxiv, 19; 4. Ps. ii; 5. Ps. xlv; 6. Ps. lxxi. (*To be continued.*)

Business Manager's Corner

Please consider using your parish envelopes when donating a check in the collection basket. When you do this, the parish office can easily record your donation in the parishioner database for your year-end tax report, without performing the extra step of looking up your envelope number.

If you contribute via ParishSOFT (Faith Direct), please notify the office to stop delivery of your envelopes, since there is an associated expense with production of the envelopes—nearly \$1000/quarter! As always, the parish greatly appreciates your support.

Men's Night Nov. 15th

At 6:00pm on Saturday November 15th the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish center. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring snack food, drinks, or a few dollars to defray expenses. The basketball court, bowling alley, and pool table will be open. Please RSVP to Mike Konopelski via email to: mike.konopelski@gmail.com. Contact Mike with any questions.

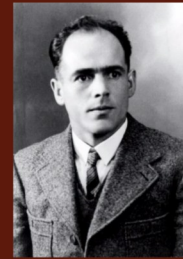
Indulgences for the Poor Souls Nov. 1 – 8

On All Souls' Day, the Church Militant observes a day of prayer for the “Church Suffering”, the souls in Purgatory, asking the Lord to grant them forgiveness of their sins in the healing purification of Purgatory and eternal rest in Heaven. A plenary indulgence, *applicable only to the Poor Souls*, is granted under the usual conditions to those who *visit any parish or public oratory on All Souls' Day and there recite one Our Father and one Credo*. In addition, on the days from November 1st through the 8th, a plenary indulgence can be obtained for the Poor Souls by *visiting a cemetery and there praying for the deceased*.

Saint Genesius of Rome Theater Group Presents...

An Act of Reparation

A play depicting the inspiring life of Blessed Franz Jägerstätter



Written by Cathal Gallagher

In Nazi occupied Europe, one lone stubborn Austrian farmer, a husband and father of three, seemingly stands against the world. From his wild and irresponsible youth to opposing one of the greatest evils in the history of humanity, *An Act of Reparation* brilliantly dramatizes the life of Blessed Franz Jägerstätter. Don't miss out as the SGR players bring this inspiring story to the stage!

Stage Performances

Friday, November 7th at 7:00pm
Saturday, November 8th at 12:00pm
Saturday, November 8th at 7:00pm

**Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center
Bishop McDowell Auditorium**

2900 Noblestown Road; Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Suggested Donation:

\$10 for adults

\$5 for students

Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, and young children are free.

Please be aware that *An Act of Reparation* contains references to immoral situations and World War II violence. For more information, contact Jude Young at 412-491-4415 or judeyoung4321@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.



MOST PRECIOUS
BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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.

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.

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 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 ParishSOFT (formerly known as Faith Direct), please visit: 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 for instructions and assistance.

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.

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.

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish reserves all copyrights to the contents of the bulletin.