



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Dedication of the
Lateran Basilica
November 9, 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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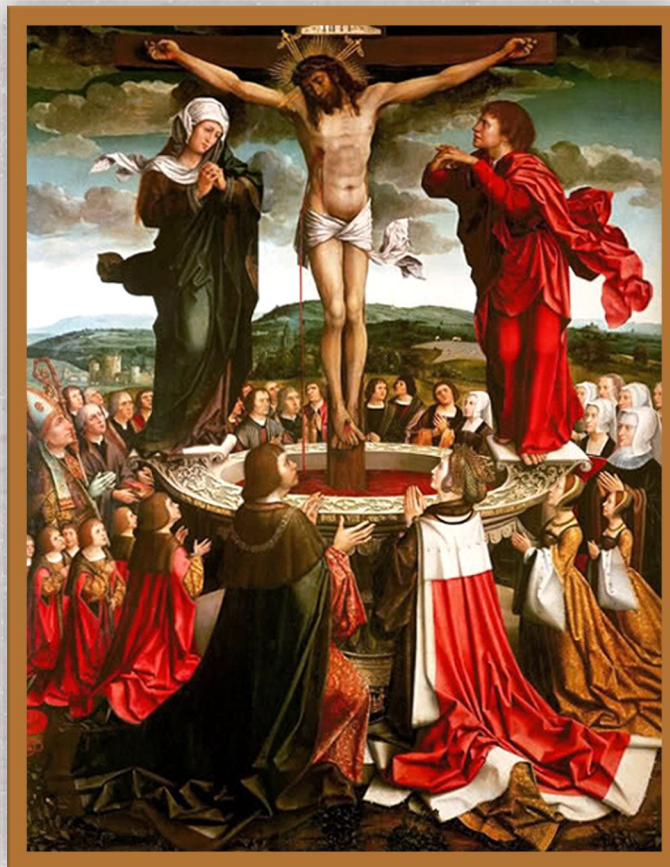
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1-800-932-0313

Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



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Liturgical Schedule

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)

Monday, November 10, 2025

St. Andrew Avellino, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Tryphon & Companions

12PM LM Safe & Healthy Birth of Baby Pisula (Aaron & Margaux Pisula)

Tuesday, November 11, 2025

St. Martin Of Tours, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Mennas

12PM LM + Fardo & Colangelo Families (M/M Joseph Rattay)

7PM LM John D. Fischer, Jr. Family (John & Susan Fischer)

Wednesday, November 12, 2025

St. Martin I, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Schultz Family Tree (Judy Wheeler)

Thursday, November 13, 2025

St. Didacus, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Canon Antoine Bunnens (Laurie Walz)

**** No Holy Hour of Adoration nor Compline this week. Starting on Thursday, November 20th, the weekly Holy Hour will be at 6pm with Vespers at 5:30pm.**

Friday, November 14, 2025

St. Josaphat, 3rd Class—Red

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

Saturday, November 15, 2025

St. Albert the Great, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM +Mark Livolsi (Pam Livolsi)

Sunday, November 16, 2025

23rd Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO +Our Parents Wrabley & Werner (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence (pg. 77)

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

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 2, 2025

Offertory	\$12,690.00
Offertory/All Saints	\$2,901.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$340.00
Parish Improvement	\$75.00
Poor Box	\$20.00
World Mission Sunday	\$45.00
Archdiocese/Military Services.....	\$1,677.00
ICRSS/Seminary	\$2,115.00

Attendance: 8AM 602; 11AM 336; Total 938

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, December 6th, 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 RLG meeting is this 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.**



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.

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.

Men's Night Nov. 15th



At 6:00 p.m. 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.

Betsy Ann Candy Fundraiser

Once again this year, the parish is sponsoring a fundraiser selling the most delectable candy in the USA! See the insert in this bulletin for details about our annual Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser.



All orders must be placed online; detailed instructions will be posted on the parish website, and in a Flocknote, in addition to the insert in this bulletin. A huge THANK YOU to Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible.



Thanks also to Peggy Wrabley, who coordinates this fundraiser every year. Please support your parish by eating fabulous chocolates!

Christmas Giving Tree

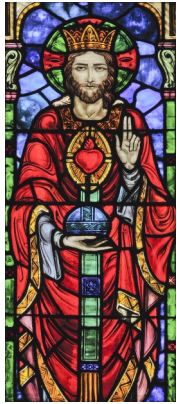
In the spirit of the Christmas Season, please consider participating in our Christmas Giving Tree program, by donating a Christmas gift to someone in need. The parish Giving Tree will be located near the side entrance beginning next Sunday, Nov. 16th. Please take one of the ornaments and return the requested item under the tree by December 1st. Thank you for sharing this special season with those less fortunate.



Quas Primas (Part 3)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

9. The testimony of the Prophets is even more abundant. That of Isaias is well known: "For a child is born to us and a son is given to us, and the government is upon his shoulder, and his name



shall be called Wonderful, Counselor, God the mighty, the Father of the world to come, the Prince of Peace. His empire shall be multiplied, and there shall be no end of peace. He shall sit upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom; to establish it and strengthen it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth and for ever." [7] With Isaias the other Prophets are in agreement. So Jeremias foretells the "just seed" that shall rest from the house of David — the Son of David that shall reign as king, "and shall be wise, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth." [8] So, too, Daniel, who announces the kingdom that the God of heaven shall found, "that shall never be destroyed, and shall stand for ever." [9] And again he says: "I beheld, therefore, in the vision of the night, and, lo! one like the son of man came with the clouds of heaven. And he came even to the Ancient of days: and they presented him before him. And he gave him power and glory and a kingdom: and all peoples, tribes, and tongues shall serve him. His power is an everlasting power that shall not be taken away, and his kingdom shall not be destroyed." [10] The prophecy of Zachary concerning the merciful King "riding upon an ass and upon a colt the foal of an ass" entering Jerusalem as "the just and savior," amid the acclamations of the multitude, [11] was recognized as fulfilled by the holy evangelists themselves.

10. This same doctrine of the Kingship of Christ which we have found in the Old Testament is even more clearly taught and confirmed in the New. The Archangel, announcing to the Virgin that she should bear a Son, says that "the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of David his father, and he shall reign in the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." [12]

11. Moreover, Christ himself speaks of his own kingly authority: in his last discourse, speaking of the rewards and punishments that will be the eternal lot of the just and the damned; in his reply to the Roman magistrate, who asked him publicly whether he were a king or not; after his resurrection, when giving to his Apostles the mission of teaching and baptizing all nations, he took the opportunity to call himself king, [13] confirming the title publicly, [14] and solemnly proclaimed that all power was given him in heaven and on earth. [15] These words can only be taken to indicate the greatness of his power, the infinite extent of his kingdom. What wonder, then, that he whom St. John calls the "prince of the kings of the earth" [16] appears in the Apostle's vision of the future as he who "hath on his garment and on his thigh written 'King of kings and Lord of lords!'" [17] It is Christ whom the Father "hath appointed heir of all things"; [18] "for he must reign until at the end of the world he hath put all his enemies under the feet of God and the Father." [19]

12. It was surely right, then, in view of the common teaching of the sacred books, that the Catholic Church, which is the kingdom of Christ on earth, destined to be spread among all men and all nations, should with every token of veneration salute her Author and Founder in her annual liturgy as King and Lord, and as King of Kings. And, in fact, she used these titles, giving expression with wonderful variety of language to one and the same concept, both in ancient psalmody and in the Sacramentaries. She uses them daily now in the prayers publicly offered

to God, and in offering the Immaculate Victim. The perfect harmony of the Eastern liturgies with our own in this continual praise of Christ the King shows once more the truth of the axiom: *Legem credendi lex statuit supplicandi*. The rule of faith is indicated by the law of our worship.

REFERENCES:

7: Isa. ix, 6-7; 8: Jer. xxiii, 5; 9: Dan. ii, 44; 10: Dan. vii, 13-14; 11: Zach. ix, 9; 12: Luc. i, 32-33; 13: Matt. xxv, 31-40; 14: Joan. xviii, 37; 15: Matt. xxviii, 18; 16: Apoc. 1, 5; 17: Apoc. xix, 16; 18: Heb. 1, 2; 19: Cf. 1 Cor. xv, 25.
(To be continued.)

Today: Land of Peace and Bethlehem Christian Families

In these challenging times, we invite you to a special event today in the Parish Center. Following both Masses, Roni Salsa from the Bethlehem Christian Families, a not-for-profit organization through Land of Peace, will be with us to shed light on the struggles faced by Christians in the Holy Land. This mission aims to bring hope and support to Christian families and churches in the Middle East, who are enduring continuous violence and a decline in tourism. Your participation can help make a profound difference.

Available for purchase are religious articles made from Olive Wood, a material native to the Holy Land and Bethlehem. These items, including crucifixes and rosaries, offer a tangible connection to a land that holds deep spiritual significance.

We encourage you to join us and support this meaningful cause. For more information, please visit www.landofpeace.org.



Christmas Card Sale

The Institute's beautiful Christmas cards for 2025 have just arrived and will be available for purchase at both church entrances beginning today, continuing through December 21st.



This year's boxes of 10 cards contain two cards each of five different paintings of the Madonna and Child. The cost is \$20/box, with a portion of the proceeds directly benefitting our parish. Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas 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.

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.

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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.

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.

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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.



Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish Christmas Candy Fundraiser

Order on-line November 9 through November 19, 2025

Pick-up at the Parish Hall/School after Mass

on Saturday, November 22nd or Sunday, November 23rd



Enjoy the best chocolates anywhere AND thank you for supporting the Parish!

On-line orders ONLY—ordering instructions on reverse side

If you have any questions, please email Peggy Wrabley at pwrabley@gmail.com

or Roxanne at office@betsyann.com

MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS PARISH FUNDRAISER

SALE begins Sunday, November 9, 2024

LAST DAY TO ORDER is Wednesday, November 19, 2024

**PICK UP at Parish Hall/School after Mass on
Saturday, November 22nd or Sunday, November 23rd**

Instructions for ordering on-line:

- 1) Go to the Betsy Ann website at www.betsyann.com or use the QR code below. Create an account if you do not have already have one;
- 2) Start shopping—you are able to order anything on the website;
- 3) Under each item are two options—to “ship” or “pick up at the factory store” You must select an option for each item, but if you select “pick up at factory store”, you will be able to pick up at the factory store or at MPBOJ on the above dates (see further instructions, below);
- 4) If you do not select “pick up at factory store”, your order will default to direct shipment to you and shipping costs will be added to your order;
- 5) Once finished with your order, go to checkout. At the bottom of the checkout area, you will see “comments and special instructions for Betsy Ann Chocolates”. Please enter **Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish**.
- 6) If you choose to “pick up at the store”, you can pick up your order at a convenient date at the factory store (322 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15229).
- 7) Alternatively, you can select to pick up your order at the parish on either of the above dates. If you wish to pick up at the parish, please select the option “pickup at factory store” and in the comment section, after you put the parish name, please add “pick up at MPBOJ”.
- 8) If you are shipping it to your home, you should receive an email stating your package has been shipped. If you do not receive an email, you can call 412-931-4288 and ask for Roxanne, and she will give you the tracking information.

