



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**23rd Sunday after
Pentecost
November 16, 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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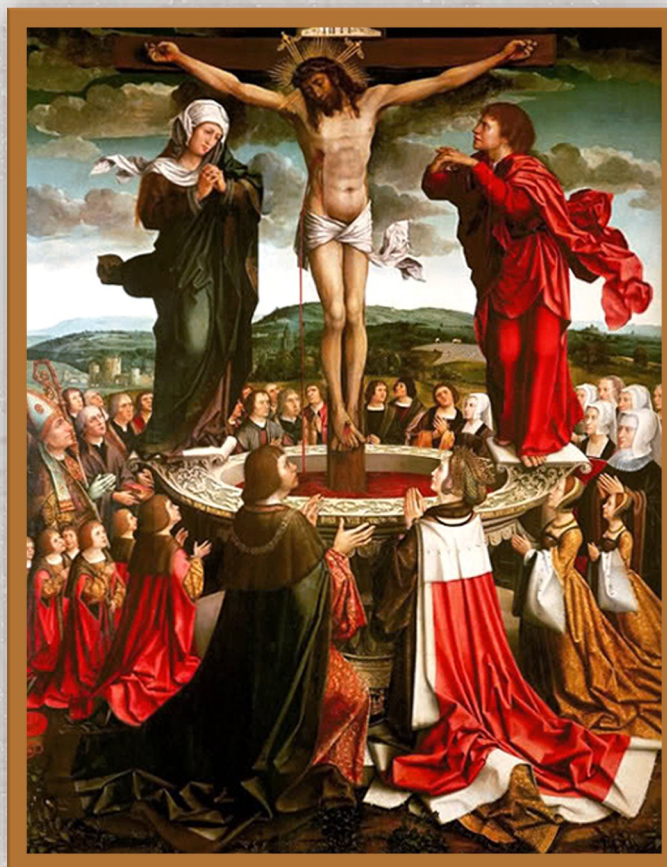
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Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
1-800-932-0313

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 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)

Monday, November 17, 2025

St. Gregory the Wonderworker, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM All our Godchildren (Bernard & Christine Brueggemann)

Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Dedication of Ss. Peter & Paul, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Nadine Walz (Laurie Walz)

7PM LM Kathleen Cardellini (James Cardellini)

Wednesday, November 19, 2025

St. Elizabeth of Hungary, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Pontian

12PM LM Canon William Avis (Mary Eileen Cokley)

Thursday, November 20, 2025

St. Felix of Valois, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Livolsi Family (Pam Livolsi)

5:30 PM Vespers

6 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, November 21, 2025

Presentation of Our Lady, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM +Rose Marie Roytas (Michael & Julie Roytas)

Saturday, November 22, 2025

St. Cecilia, 3rd Class—Red

9AM LM +Guerreiro & de Oliveira Families (Michael & Christina Eyler)

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Last Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LMO In Thanksgiving

11AM HM *Pro populo*

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

Recessional: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King (pg.89)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 9, 2025

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| Offertory | \$14,234.00 |
| Parish Appeal 2025 | \$840.00 |
| ICRSS/Seminary | \$140.00 |
| ICRSS/Provincial..... | \$5.00 |

Faith Direct Report (September 15 – 30, 2025)

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| Offertory | \$600.79 |
| Parish Appeal 2025 | \$50.00 |
| Mission Co-op..... | \$70.00 |
| ICRSS/Candidates..... | \$100.00 |

ParishSOFT Deposits (October 1 – 15, 2025)

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| Offertory | \$9,320.94 |
| Parish Appeal 2025 | \$425.00 |
| Parish Improvement | \$673.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$30.00 |

ParishSOFT Deposits (October 16 – 22, 2025)

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| Offertory | \$9,645.00 |
| Parish Appeal 2025 | \$170.00 |
| Parish Improvement | \$965.00 |
| World Mission Sunday | \$40.00 |

Attendance: 8AM 542; 11AM 363; Total 905

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. *The RLG thanks everyone who contributed to the Network of Life Baby Bottle Campaign.*

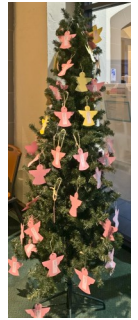
SURSUM CORDA–YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18–35, at Institute apostolates. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, text **Corda** to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." For more information, contact José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Thursday Holy Hour Changes

Beginning this Thursday, November 20th, the weekly **Holy Hour of Adoration will begin at 6:00 p.m.**, preceded by Vespers at 5:30 p.m.

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 is located near the side entrance beginning today. 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.



Second Collection Next Week

There will be a diocesan second collection next Sunday, November 23rd, benefitting the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Missing Saints Medals

A parishioner left “a few plastic baggies with saints medals and necklaces on the blessing table” on All Saints Day, but reports that those items have disappeared. If you picked up these items by mistake, please contact the parish office (412-761-1508).

YCP Pittsburgh Networking Event

Come join YCP Pittsburgh for our November Networking Happy Hour at The Distillery on the South Side Thursday, November 20, 7:00 – 9:00 PM. This event is free and open to all Catholics in their 20s and 30s, both members and non-members! Food and drinks are available for purchase. YCP Networking Happy Hours, held at local bars and restaurants, bring young Catholic professionals together in a more casual setting to encourage one another through the challenges and successes of professional life.



NETWORKING

HAPPY HOUR



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The Distillery Complex - South Side
59 South 2nd Street
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania





7 PM - 9 PM
with 6 PM Mass

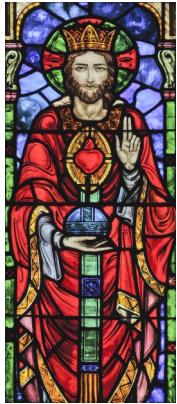
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Quas Primas (Part 4)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

13. The foundation of this power and dignity of Our Lord is rightly indicated by Cyril of Alexandria. "Christ," he says, "has dominion over all creatures, a dominion not seized by



violence nor usurped, but his by essence and by nature." [20] His kingship is founded upon the ineffable hypostatic union. From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures. But a thought that must give us even greater joy and consolation is this; that Christ is our King by acquired, as well as by natural right, for he is our Redeemer. Would that they who forget what they have cost their Savior might recall the words: "You were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious

blood of Christ, as of a lamb unspotted and undefiled." [21] We are no longer our own property, for Christ has purchased us "with a great price"; [22] our very bodies are the "members of Christ." [23]

14. Let Us explain briefly the nature and meaning of this lordship of Christ. It consists, We need scarcely say, in a threefold power which is essential to lordship. This is sufficiently clear from the scriptural testimony already adduced concerning the universal dominion of our Redeemer, and moreover it is a dogma of faith that Jesus Christ was given to man, not only as our Redeemer, but also as a law-giver, to whom obedience is due. [24] Not only do the gospels tell us that he made laws, but they present him to us in the act of making them. Those who keep them show their love for their Divine Master, and he promises that they shall remain in his love. [25] He claimed judicial power as received from his Father, when the Jews accused him of breaking the Sabbath by the miraculous cure of a sick man. "For neither doth the Father judge any man; but hath given all judgment to the Son." [26] In this power is included the right of rewarding and punishing all men living, for this right is inseparable from that of judging. Executive power, too, belongs to Christ, for all must obey his commands; none may escape them, nor the sanctions he has imposed.

15. This kingdom is spiritual and is concerned with spiritual things. That this is so the above quotations from Scripture amply prove, and Christ by his own action confirms it. On many occasions, when the Jews and even the Apostles wrongly supposed that the Messiah would restore the liberties and the kingdom of Israel, he repelled and denied such a suggestion. When the populace thronged around him in admiration and would have acclaimed him King, he shrank from the honor and sought safety in flight. Before the Roman magistrate he declared that his kingdom was not of this world. The gospels present this kingdom as one which men prepare to enter by penance, and cannot actually enter except by faith and by baptism, which, though an external rite, signifies and produces an interior regeneration. This kingdom is opposed to none other than to that of Satan and to the power of darkness. It demands of its subjects a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things, and a spirit of gentleness. They must hunger and thirst after justice, and more than this, they must deny themselves and carry the cross.

REFERENCES:

20: In huc. x; 21: I Pet. i, 18-19; 22: 1 Cor. vi, 20; 23: I Cor. vi, 15; 24: Conc. Trid. Sess. VI, can. 21;

25: Joan. xiv, 15; xv, 10; 26: Joan. v, 22.
(To be continued.)

Christmas Card Sale

The Institute's beautiful Christmas cards for 2025 have arrived and will be available for purchase at both church entrances each Sunday 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. *Note that checks should be made payable to the parish (Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish).* Each card recipient will be remembered by the U.S. Provincial Superior at Holy Mass on Christmas Day. *See pictures of the card designs on page 4.*

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Canon Matheus

Join Canon Matheus on a 12-day ICKSP Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, April 13-24, 2026.

The Sacred Scriptures will come to life as you walk in Christ's footsteps—to re-live His birth, childhood, public ministry, Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The pilgrimage tour follows the life of Christ and allows you to pause in prayer at the holy sites. See the cave where Christ was born in Bethlehem. Pray on Mount Calvary in Jerusalem. Be amazed when you see the empty tomb and know that He is truly risen.



Visit the parish website (MPBOJ.com) to view the brochure with full details about this Holy Land Pilgrimage to be led by Canon Matheus.

Betsy Ann Fundraiser Ends Wednesday

The annual Betsy Ann Christmas Candy Fundraiser continues through this Wednesday, November 19th, with order pickup next weekend, Nov. 22 & 23, in the Parish Center. All orders must be placed on-line; detailed instructions are posted on the parish website, and in a recent Flocknote. 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!

December Vocational Retreat for Girls

The Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus invite all girls 12-17 to participate in Marian Retreat, a vocational weekend at our Convent in Steubenville, Ohio. It will take place December 5 - 7. It will include prayer, Holy Mass, crafts and activities, sports, formation talks and sisters' testimonies. To register your daughter or for more information please call 740-346-2625.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

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 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.

On Line Contributions: Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in donating on-line via ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct), visit: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678 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.



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