



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**First Sunday
of Advent**

November 30, 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

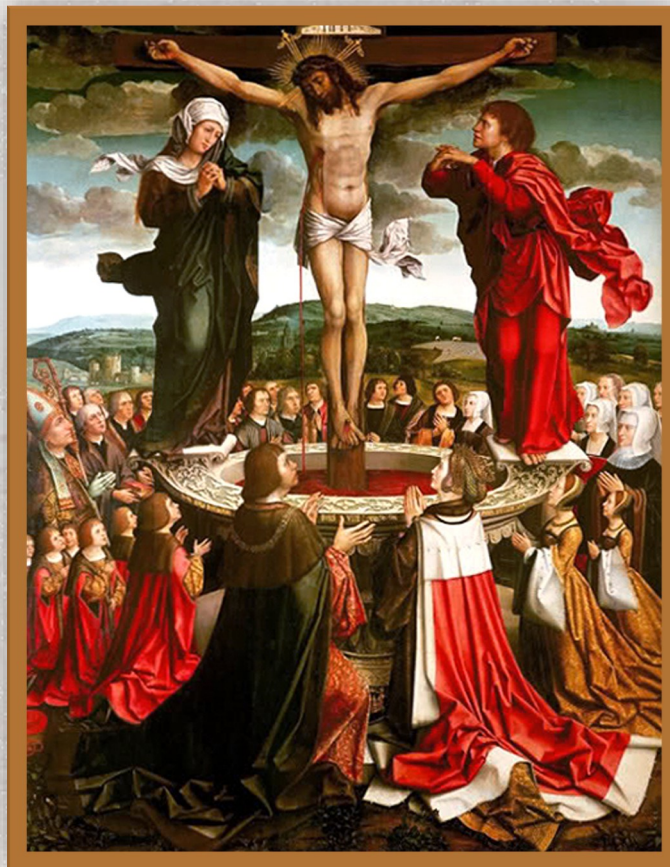
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com

Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
1-800-932-0313
Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



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Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, November 30, 2025

First Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM Ray & Judy Rotuna, 56th Wedding Anniversary
(Mike & Sharon Burchill)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Veni, Emmanuel, vs.1-2 (Men Chant) (pg.101)

Recessional: Come Thou Long Expected Jesus (pg.57)

Monday, December 1, 2025

Feria of the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Francis & Shirley Horning (Sean & April Monger)

7PM LM +Carol Ann Staud

Tuesday, December 2, 2025

St. Bibiana, 3rd Class—Red*

12PM LM D'Aloiso Family (Robbins Family)

7PM LMO +Albert & Roseanna Henchar (Alice Steigerwald)

Wednesday, December 3, 2025

St. Francis Xavier, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM Thomas Kelly (Nicole Kelly)

7PM LMO +Carol Ann Staud

Thursday, December 4, 2025 *First Thursday*

Votive Mass of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM +Edward LeVeque, Jr. (Mark LeVeque)

7PM LMO +Carol Ann Staud

Friday, December 5, 2025 *First Friday*

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

12PM LM +Joseph & Maryanne Remaklus (Haggerty Family)

7PM LMO +Stanley Gorski

Saturday, December 6, 2025 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White*

9AM LMO Mrs. Elizabeth Blume (Mylott Family)

Sunday, December 7, 2025

Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM Our Children (Thomas & Lori Evans)

Processional: Alma Redemptoris Mater, (Women Chant)

Recessional: The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns (pg.94)

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

*Commemoration of the Advent Feria

(Collect, Secret & Post-Communion of the First Sunday in Advent)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 23, 2025

Offertory\$9,443.00

Thanksgiving\$110.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$470.00

Poor Box\$55.00

Christmas Flowers\$10.00

ICRSS/Provincial Appeal\$5.00

Retirement Fund for Religious.....\$1,973.00

Archdiocese for Military Services\$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 588; 11AM 355; Total 943

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet this 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. *After two years, the RLG Board Members are ready to pass the baton. If interested in any of the positions; Chair, Secretary, subcommittee chairs for Legislation & Education, or would like more info, please contact Fabiola Gergerich at 724-777-6782 or by email at fgergerich@gmail.com.*

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.

St. Nicholas Party Dec. 13th

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Nicholas party in the school gym Saturday, December 13th, following the 9 AM Low Mass. The event will begin with a brunch potluck, St. Nicholas themed treat bags, craft table to make Christmas cards for nursing home residents and a visit with St. Nicholas! We hope to see you there! Please sign up for potluck/volunteering here:

<https://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/235591>

Second Collection Next Week

There will be a diocesan second collection next Sunday, December 7th, for the "100th Anniversary of First Mass celebrated inside National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception."

Christmas Giving Tree

If you've taken part in the Christmas Giving Tree, please return your gift under the tree *by tomorrow, Monday, December 1st*.

No Classes, Coffee, or Donuts Today

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, there are no Catechism classes, or their attendant refreshments, today.

Parish Financial Report

The parish's Financial Report for the first quarter of the new fiscal year (7/1/2025 – 6/30/2026) is included as an insert in this bulletin. It is also posted on the parish website.

Let our Lady bless your home!

Sign up for a turn to honor the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima in your home for a month. (Given by Father Fred Gruber to the Christian Mothers.) Contact Bethany for more information: bethanymarygianna@gmail.com.

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 being led by Canon Matheus.

Quas Primas (Part 6)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

20. If the kingdom of Christ, then, receives, as it should, all nations under its way, there seems no reason why we should despair of seeing that peace which the King of Peace came



to bring on earth—he who came to reconcile all things, who came not to be ministered unto but to minister, who, though Lord of all, gave himself to us as a model of humility, and with his principal law united the precept of charity; who said also: “My yoke is sweet and my burden light.” Oh, what happiness would be Ours if all men, individuals, families, and nations, would but let themselves be governed by Christ! “Then at length,” to use the words addressed by our predecessor, Pope Leo XIII, twenty-five years ago to the bishops of the Universal Church, “then at length will many evils be cured; then

will the law regain its former authority; peace with all its blessings be restored. Men will sheathe their swords and lay down their arms when all freely acknowledge and obey the authority of Christ, and every tongue confesses that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father.”[33]

21. That these blessings may be abundant and lasting in Christian society, it is necessary that the kingship of our Savior should be as widely as possible recognized and understood, and to the end nothing would serve better than the institution of a special feast in honor of the Kingship of Christ. For people are instructed in the truths of faith, and brought to appreciate the inner joys of religion far more effectively by the annual celebration of our sacred mysteries than by any official pronouncement of the teaching of the Church. Such pronouncements usually reach only a few and the more learned among the faithful; feasts reach them all; the former speak but once, the latter speak every year—in fact, forever. The church’s teaching affects the mind primarily; her feasts affect both mind and heart, and have a salutary effect upon the whole of man’s nature. Man is composed of body and soul, and he needs these external festivities so that the sacred rites, in all their beauty and variety, may stimulate him to drink more deeply of the fountain of God’s teaching, that he may make it a part of himself, and use it with profit for his spiritual life.

22. History, in fact, tells us that in the course of ages these festivals have been instituted one after another according as the needs or the advantage of the people of Christ seemed to demand: as when they needed strength to face a common danger, when they were attacked by insidious heresies, when they needed to be urged to the pious consideration of some mystery of faith or of some divine blessing. Thus in the earliest days of the Christian era, when the people of Christ were suffering cruel persecution, the cult of the martyrs was begun in order, says St. Augustine, “that the feasts of the martyrs might incite men to martyrdom.”[34] The liturgical honors paid to confessors, virgins and widows produced wonderful results in an increased zest for virtue, necessary even in times of peace. But more fruitful still were the feasts instituted in honor of the Blessed Virgin. As a result of these men grew not only in their devotion to the Mother of God as an ever-present advocate, but also in their love of her as a mother bequeathed to them by their Re-

deemer. Not least among the blessings which have resulted from the public and legitimate honor paid to the Blessed Virgin and the saints is the perfect and perpetual immunity of the Church from error and heresy. We may well admire in this the admirable wisdom of the Providence of God, who, ever bringing good out of evil, has from time to time suffered the faith and piety of men to grow weak, and allowed Catholic truth to be attacked by false doctrines, but always with the result that truth has afterwards shone out with greater splendor, and that men’s faith, aroused from its lethargy, has shown itself more vigorous than before.

REFERENCES:

33: Enc. Annum Sanctum, May 25, 1899; 34: Sermo 47 de Sanctis. (To be continued.)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 29 to Dec. 7: Immaculate Conception Novena

Mon., Dec. 8: Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Holy Day)

Sat., Dec. 13, after Mass: Saint Nicholas Party in the gym

Thurs. Dec. 18, 6 a.m.: Rorate Sung Mass

Sat., Dec. 20, 1 p.m.: Decorating the church for Christmas

Thurs. Dec. 25: Christmas—Midnight High Mass, 8 a.m. Low Mass, 10 a.m. High Mass

Sat., Dec. 27, 9 a.m.: St. John—Low Mass with organ, followed by blessing of wine

Mon., Jan. 5, 6 p.m.: Epiphany Water Blessing

Thank you from Network of Life

Our parish donated \$4,058 to the Baby Bottle Campaign this fall, and has received this thank-you:

The team at Network of Life is so very grateful for your generous gifts to their ministry! They are averaging 117 clients per month this year—up from 79 per month in 2024. As of October 31, they have served 1,019 unique clients this year, performed 792 ultrasounds, and had 347 fathers-to-be present to see their babies for the first time. Their Wellness Journey program is helping to prepare families for birth and parenting with at least one class or appointment with a nurse scheduled in each trimester, plus a postpartum follow-up. They can document 355 babies saved this year, and more than 8,200 since they opened in 1985. Thank you for making all of this possible! God bless you!

FNE—Local Honey for Sale

The St. Francis Xavier Group of the Federation of North American Explorers (FNE) will be selling local, organic honey and honey products after the Masses **next Sunday, Dec. 7th**. Thank you for your support of our FNE group as we strive to provide an authentically Catholic scouting experience for our youth in Pittsburgh.

Taxes Into Tuition

The Diocese of Pittsburgh has announced a wonderful way to support their Pittsburgh Catholic Schools Scholarship Program through the “Turn Your Taxes Into Tuition” program. If you are interested in more information, please take a copy of the informational handout available at both Church entrances, or read the posters on the bulletin boards.

Welcome Bill Warnagiris, Deputy Manager!

Please welcome Bill Warnagiris, who is joining the MBPOJ Parish Office as Deputy Manager. Bill will be assisting part-time in the office, both with administrative tasks and bookkeeping duties. We are so very grateful for Bill’s willingness to do “whatever necessary” for the parish. Bill can be reached at his new email: manager@mpboj.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 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.



2025 Christmas Cards from the Institute

The Institute's beautiful Christmas cards for 2025 are available for purchase at both church entrances each Sunday, continuing through December 21st. This year's boxes of 10 cards contain two cards each of five 16th & 17th Century 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.

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(Quarter-1 2025/2026 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	249,679
Donations & Bequests	11,379
Other Income	22,437
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	283,495

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	109,210
Operations & Maintenance	66,895
Liturgical & Rectory	31,666
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	29,876
Social/ Outreach/ Other	16,639
Property & Liability Insurance	13,369
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	267,655

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 15,840

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(10,888)
Net Third Party Collections	2,004
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	(8,884)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 9/30/2025

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	243,738
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	9,039
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	252,777

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
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LIABILITIES:

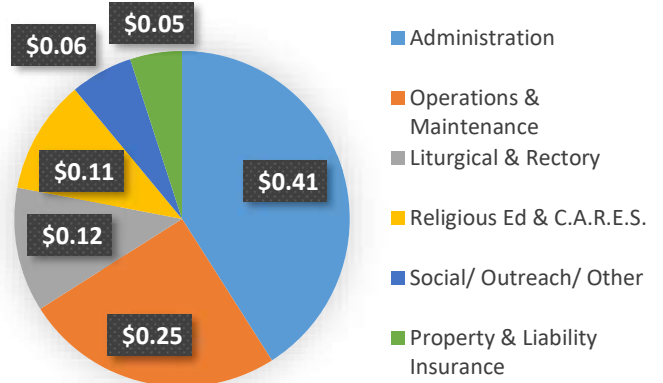
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	502,740
Other Payables	-
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Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 9-30-2025

Revenue: **283,495**

Expense: **267,655**

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.

Dear Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish,

With the first quarter of the new fiscal year complete (9.30.25), please note the following highlights:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (\$)			
For the Fiscal Quarter Ending:	9.30.2025	9.30.2024	Change
BEGINNING BALANCE OPERATING ACCT	241,238	172,625	68,613
Operating Income (Donations)	283,495	254,586	28,909
<i>Cash Available for Operations</i>	524,733	427,212	97,521
<u>Expenditures</u>			
Administration	78,258	75,544	2,714
Diocesan Management Fee	30,952	24,673	6,278
Operations & Maintenance	66,895	67,928	(1,033)
Liturgical & Rectory	31,666	30,787	879
Religious Education	12,314	5,626	6,688
School Subsidy	17,561	13,999	3,563
Social Outreach	14,134	4,263	9,871
Property & Liability Insurance	13,369	12,151	1,218
D&L Loan Payments	6,962	6,962	-
Extraordinary Maintenance	10,888	21,695	(10,808)
Net Third Party Activity	(2,004)	898	(2,902)
<i>Total Expenditures</i>	280,995	264,526	16,469
Net Period Surplus (Deficit)	2,500	(9,940)	12,440
ENDING BALANCE OPERATING ACCT	243,738	162,685	81,053

Total Revenue of **\$283,495** is up 12% over the first quarter of last year of \$254,586.

Diocesan Management Fee & School Subsidy are both reflective of the new fixed, three-year period. During this period, our assessment is based on the average of the last three years of donations. The current average assessable income for the parish is \$1,062,722 which has increased from \$847,147 of the last three-year period, or 25% from the last assessment.

Operations and Maintenance Expense for the quarter experienced a decrease of \$1,033 or 1.3% over the same period last year.

Religious Education Expenses are up over last year by \$6,688 primarily due to repairs in several classrooms.

Social Outreach Expenses this quarter include a Farewell Reception for Canon Bourgeois and a Welcome Reception for Canon Matheus.

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense for the quarter includes Business Office & Priory Computers totaling \$10,888.

UTILITY REVIEW	Electric	Gas	Water	Total
FY 2020	9,985	20,310	12,463	42,757
FY 2021	8,908	21,572	7,614	38,094
FY 2022	10,142	29,262	11,682	51,087
FY 2023	12,414	22,750	13,175	48,339
FY 2024	13,769	13,044	15,799	42,612
FY 2025	14,794	26,347	16,207	57,347
Total	70,011	133,285	76,940	280,236

To illustrate what the parish has experienced with utility cost, a review of the last six years of Utility Expense offers what most parishioners likely see in their own homes. Our cost of energy and utilities that we pay today has increased more than 50% of what it cost when we took over the parish, primarily due to rate increases. Yet, utilities are just one expense item with which we must keep pace. Please keep the parish in mind as you consider your donations throughout the year. We are blessed and very grateful for the contributions from parishioners to do The Lord's Good work, now and in

the future. May the Infant King reward you abundantly.

In Christo Rege et Maria,

Canon William Avis

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