



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Fourth Sunday
of Advent
December 21, 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**

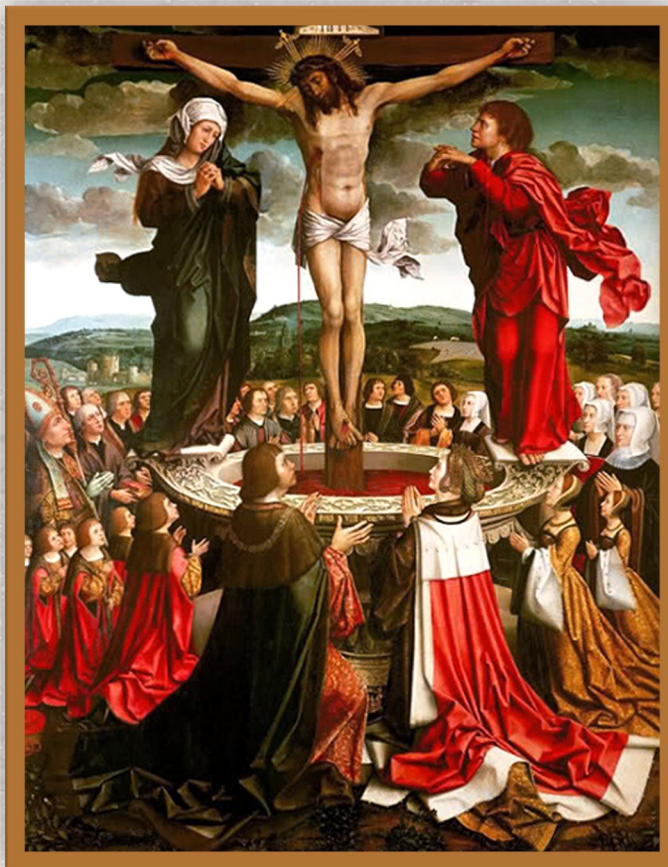
Confession Schedule

**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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, December 21, 2025

Fourth Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Gino Pochapsky (Mom & Dad)

Processional: Veni Emmanuel, vs. 3-4 (Women Chant) (pg.101)

Recessional: Savior of the Nations, Come (pg. 90)

Monday, December 22, 2025

Advent Feria, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Jim Mastroianni (David Zigarovich)

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

Advent Feria, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Faithful Departed Relatives (Matthew Vincenzi)

7PM LM *Private Intention*

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord, 1st Class—Violet

9AM LM Quinn Family (Steve & Allison Girone)

11:30 PM Carols prior to Midnight Mass

Thursday, December 25, 2025 *Holy Day of Obligation*

Christmas, 1st Class—White

12 AM HM Pro Populo

Processional: Silent Night

Recessional: Joy to the World (pg. 76)

8 AM LM MPBOJ Staff

10 AM HM MPBOJ Volunteers

Processional: Adeste Fidelis (pg.52)

Recessional: Joy to the World (pg. 76)

Friday, December 26, 2025

St. Stephen the Proto-Martyr, 2nd Class—Red*

12PM LMO Alfred & Valerie Akner Wedding Anniv. (Family)

Saturday, December 27, 2025 *Blessing of Wine*

St. John the Apostle, 2nd Class—White*

9AM LMO +Betty Kantz (Brenda Briola)

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Sunday within the Octave of Christmas, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of the Holy Innocents

8AM LMO +Anna Manz (MPBOJ)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: The First Nowell (pg.88)

Recessional: Hark the Herald Angels Sing (pg. 70)

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

*Commemoration of the Octave of Christmas

(Collect, Secret & Post-Communion of the 3rd Mass of Christmas)

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, December 14, 2025

Offertory	\$10,587.00
Offertory (Christmas).....	\$500.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$510.00
Poor Box	\$250.00
Parish Improvement	100.00
Christmas Flowers	\$920.00
100 Years of Worship	\$20.00

Attendance: 8AM 168; 11AM 287; Total 455

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, January 3rd, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "The Works of Mercy: To feed the hungry and give drink to the thirsty".** 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. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.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.

Christmas Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve—Wednesday, December 24

• Confessions 8 a.m. - 8:50 a.m. and 11 p.m. - 11:50 p.m.

• Mass at 9 a.m.; No Mass at noon

Christmas—Thursday, December 25

• 12 Midnight High Mass "in media nocte" (no confessions during Mass)

• Carols begin at 11:30

• Hot chocolate reception following Mass

• Confessions 7:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.

• 8 a.m. Low Mass "in aurora"

• 10 a.m. High Mass "in die"

More Upcoming Events

Sat. Dec. 27: St. John; 9 a.m. Low Mass, with blessing of wine

Thu. Jan. 1, 2026: Circumcision (Holy Day of Obligation):

8 a.m. Low Mass, 11 a.m. High Mass (Sung *Veni Creator* before Mass)

Mon. Jan. 5: Epiphany Blessing of water, salt, & chalk, 6 p.m.

Parish Office Closures

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday–Friday, Dec. 24th–26th, and Wednesday & Thursday, Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st, 2026, for the Christmas and New Year holidays.

Second Collection—Christmas Day

The second collection on Christmas Day benefits Christmas Charities for Children & Youth. Thank you for your support!

Catechism Christmas Break

The Catechism program is taking a two-week Christmas break. *Coffee & donuts are likewise on hiatus.* Classes, coffee, and donuts will all resume on January 4, 2026.

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.

Et Verbum caro factum est,

And the Word was made flesh,

Et habitavit in nobis.

And dwelt among us.

Quas Primas (Part 9)

ON THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

28. Therefore by Our Apostolic Authority We institute the Feast of the Kingship of Our Lord Jesus Christ to be observed yearly throughout the whole world on the last Sunday



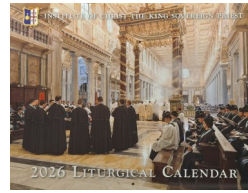
of the month of October — the Sunday, that is, which immediately precedes the Feast of All Saints. We further ordain that the dedication of mankind to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which Our predecessor of saintly memory, Pope Pius X, commanded to be renewed yearly, be made annually on that day. This year, however, We desire that it be observed on the thirty-first day of the month on which day We Ourselves shall celebrate pontifically in honor of the kingship of Christ, and shall command that the same dedication be performed in Our presence. It seems to Us that We cannot in a more fitting manner close this Holy Year, nor better signify Our gratitude and that of the whole of the Catholic world to Christ the immortal King of ages, for the blessings showered upon Us, upon the Church, and upon the Catholic world during this holy period.

29. It is not necessary, Venerable Brethren, that We should explain to you at any length why We have decreed that this feast of the Kingship of Christ should be observed in addition to those other feasts in which his kingly dignity is already signified and celebrated. It will suffice to remark that although in all the feasts of our Lord the material object of worship is Christ, nevertheless their formal object is something quite distinct from his royal title and dignity. We have commanded its observance on a Sunday in order that not only the clergy may perform their duty by saying Mass and reciting the Office, but that the laity too, free from their daily tasks, may in a spirit of holy joy give ample testimony of their obedience and subjection to Christ. The last Sunday of October seemed the most convenient of all for this purpose, because it is at the end of the liturgical year, and thus the feast of the Kingship of Christ sets the crowning glory upon the mysteries of the life of Christ already commemorated during the year, and, before celebrating the triumph of all the Saints, we proclaim and extol the glory of him who triumphs in all the Saints and in all the Elect. Make it your duty and your task, Venerable Brethren, to see that sermons are preached to the people in every parish to teach them the meaning and the importance of this feast, that they may so order their lives as to be worthy of faithful and obedient subjects of the Divine King. *(To be continued.)*

2026 Mass Intention Schedule

Our parish is blessed to have an abundance of Mass intention requests. All Mass intentions for 2026 have now been scheduled. Parishioners may check when their Masses will be offered by accessing the spreadsheet on the MPBOJ website, or by reviewing the hard copies posted on the church bulletin boards. The spreadsheet is in alphabetical order, by last name, for your ease in locating your Mass intentions.

2026 Institute Calendars



The 2026 Institute of Christ the King calendars are available at both entrances of the church. Please take a copy home with you. The calendars are provided free of charge, but if you wish to make a donation, you may utilize the *Benedictus* donation box at the side entrance.

Holy Land Pilgrimage with Canon Matheus **Don't wait! The deadline to register is Jan. 13th!**

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.

Thank You, Church Decorators

The parish thanks all the volunteers who helped with the Christmas decorating yesterday. Your efforts make the church look so wonderful in anticipation of our Lord's birth. May He bless you abundantly for the hours you spent in doing this beautiful work.

Guided Silent Retreats at SHRC

Registration is now open for guided silent retreats at Sacred Heart Retreat Center!

Weeklong and weekend options are available for both men and women. Go to shrcburlington.org or call 262-661-4083 to register.



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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 donating on-line via ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct), visit: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678 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.

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