



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Feast of the Holy Name of Jesus

January 4, A.D. 2026

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

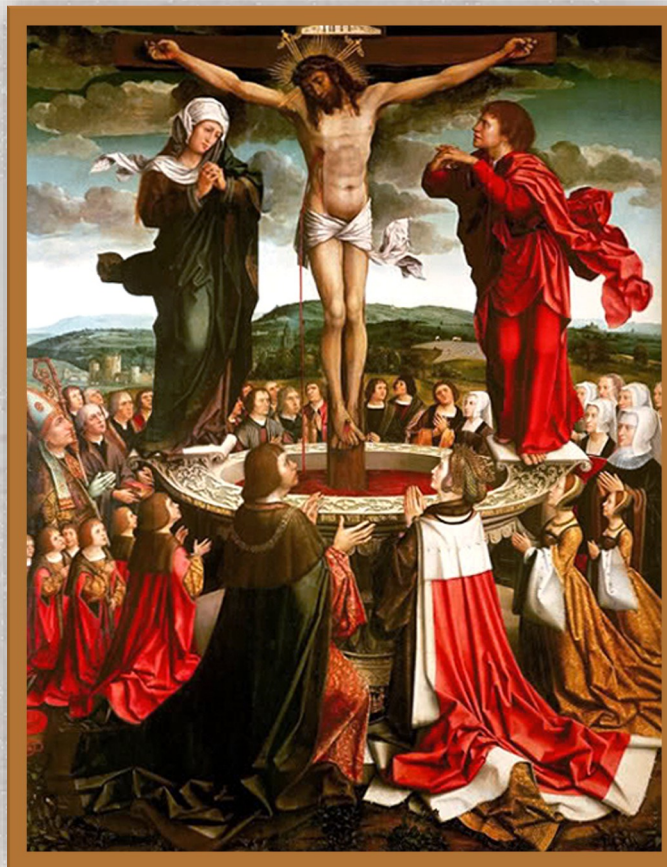
Confession Schedule

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, January 4, 2026

Holy Name of Jesus, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO Our Great-Grandson (Jerry and Peggy Wrabley)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

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

Recessional: Adeste Fidelis (pg. 52)

Monday, January 5, 2026

St. Telesphorus, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM +Poor Souls in Purgatory (Ray Aul Family)

6PM Epiphany Water Blessing

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

Epiphany of Our Lord, 1st Class—White

12PM LM +Justine Fello (Priscilla Fello)

7PM HM +Skip Bradburn (Michael Bradburn)

Recessional: Watchman Tell Us of the Night (pg. 97)

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Feria of Epiphany, 4th Class—White

12PM LM +Grandparents (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Thursday, January 8, 2026

Feria of Epiphany, 4th Class—White

12PM LM +Edward Yochum (Gary Yochum)

Friday, January 9, 2026

Feria of Epiphany, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Our Children (D'Souza Family)

Saturday, January 10, 2026

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

9AM LM Glenn Wilson Family (Glenn & Judith Wilson)

Sunday, January 11, 2026

Holy Family, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +June Pumford (Andrew & Marianne Pumford)

Processional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (pg.78)

Recessional: Bethlehem of Noblest Cities (pg. 56)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, December 28, 2025

Offertory	\$30,586.00
Offertory (Christmas).....	\$14,482.00
Offertory (Octave of Christmas).....	\$205.00
Poor Box	\$1,000.00
Christmas Flowers	\$5.00
Christmas Charities.....	\$1,067.00
100 Years/Shrine.....	40.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$20.00
ICRSS/Sister Adorers	\$5.00

ParishSoft Report (November 27 — Dec 16, 2025)

Offertory	\$17,864.01
Offertory (Christmas).....	\$2,006.64
Offertory (Immaculate Conception).....	\$251.99
Parish Appeal 2025	\$401.99
Parish Improvement	\$676.98
Poor Box	\$297.20
Christmas Flowers	\$135.72
Christmas Charities.....	\$72.85

Attendance: 8AM 338; 11AM 396; Total 734

Christmas: 12AM 435; 8AM 234; 11AM 257; Total 926

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on Saturday, February 7th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "The Works of Mercy: To clothe the naked and harbor the harborless". 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.

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.

Epiphany and Blessings

Tomorrow evening is the Vigil of Epiphany (Monday, Jan. 5). At 6 p.m., the Epiphany Water Blessing will take place. The water will be provided by the parish, so please bring empty holy water bottles to take Epiphany Water home. The Blessed Water will be available as supplies last. If you are planning on having salt or chalk blessed, please bring it beforehand.

Tuesday, January 6th is the Epiphany of the Lord. Masses will be offered at 12 noon and 7 p.m.



Thank you, Volunteers

In beginning of this new year, we would like greatly to thank the many volunteers who contribute their time and toil to the smooth running of our parish. Canon Avis wrote this when our parish was established in July 2019:

“Our parish is very blessed to have talented volunteers willing to spend their time on important, essential projects. For anyone that has life experience in business, carpentry, communication, construction, engineering, garment production, IT, law, mechanical systems, or other experience that you wish to offer to the parish, please contact our parish office. As little as an hour a week can make a significant difference as we build this apostolate — For the Glory of Christ our King.”

No One Dies Alone

No One Dies Alone (NODA) is a program at UPMC Mercy that seeks to ensure that dying patients, who may otherwise be alone, have the gift of human presence in their final hours. This presence is provided by specially trained volunteers called “Compassionate Companions”. If you are interested in serving as a “Compassionate Companion”, please contact Fr. Igor Hohosha, Pastor of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church (our neighbor on California Ave.) and Chaplain at UPMC Mercy, at 412-478-5685, or by email at hohoshai2@upmc.edu.

Be Informed, Not Surprised—Read the Bulletin

The Sunday "Propers", or changeable prayers of the Mass, will henceforth be printed weekly here in the bulletin. This is principally for the benefit of those who use the "red booklets" to follow the Mass (which booklets contain the propers from the Feast of the Holy Trinity).

FEAST OF THE MOST HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Introit: Philip. 2, 10, 11. In the name of Jesus let every knee bow of those that are in heaven, on earth, and under the earth; and let every tongue confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is in the glory of God the Father. **Ps. 8, 2.** O Lord, our Lord, how wonderful is Thy name in the whole earth! V. Glory.

Collect: O God, Who didst appoint Thine only-begotten Son to be the Saviour of the human race, and didst command that He be called Jesus, mercifully grant that we may enjoy in heaven the vision of Him Whose holy name we venerate on earth. Through the same.

Epistle: Acts 4, 8-12. In those days, Peter, filled with the Holy Ghost, said, Ye princes of the people and ancients, hear: If we this day are examined concerning the good deed done to the infirm man, by what means he hath been made whole, be it known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom ye crucified, Whom God hath raised from the dead, even by Him this man standeth here before you whole. This is the stone which was rejected by you the builders; which is become the head of the corner: neither is there salvation in any other. For there is no other name under heaven given to men, whereby we must be saved.

Gradual: Ps. 105, 47. Save us, O Lord, our God, and gather us from among the nations: that we may give thanks to Thy holy name, and may glory in Thy praise. V. **Is. 63, 16.** Thou, O Lord, art our Father and Redeemer, Thy name is from eternity. Alleluia, alleluia. **Ps. 144, 21.** My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord, and let all flesh bless His holy name. Alleluia.

Gospel: Luke 2, 21. At that time, after eight days were accomplished that the child should be circumcised, His name was called Jesus, which was called by the angel, before He was conceived in the womb.

Offertory: Ps. 85, 12, 5. I will praise Thee, O Lord my God, with my whole heart, and I will glorify Thy name forever; for Thou, O Lord, art sweet and mild, and plenteous in mercy to all that call upon Thee. Alleluia.

Secret: May Thy blessing, O most merciful God, by which the whole creation hath life, sanctify this our sacrifice, which we offer Thee to the glory of the name of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that it may be pleasing to Thy majesty as an act of praise and be profitable to us for our salvation. Through the same.

Communion: Ps. 85, 9, 10. All the nations Thou hast made shall come and adore before Thee, O Lord; and they shall glorify Thy name: for Thou art great, and dost wonderful things. Thou art God alone. Alleluia.

Postcommunion: Almighty, eternal God, Who hast created and redeemed us, graciously regard our desires, and deign to receive with kind and peaceful countenance the sacrifice of the saving victim, which we have offered to Thy majesty, in honor of the name of Thy Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that, Thy grace being poured out upon us, we may rejoice in the glorious name of Jesus, the title of eternal predestination, because our names are written in heaven. Through the same.

Movable Feasts in 2026

Know, dear brethren, that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy we announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the first day of February will be Septuagesima Sunday.

On the eighteenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season.

On the fifth day of April you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the fourteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-fourth day of the same month, the feast of Pentecost.

On the fourth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-ninth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

2026 Institute Calendars

The 2026 Institute of Christ the King calendars are still 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 Deadline to Register is Only Nine Days Away!

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.

Donation Statements for 2025

In an effort to save time and expense, the parish no longer sends end-of-year donation summaries to all of those parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you would like to have a printed summary mailed to you, please contact the parish office (phone 412-761-1508 or email office@mpboj.com). Those who utilize ParishSoft will receive a summary directly from the company.

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 may not 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
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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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