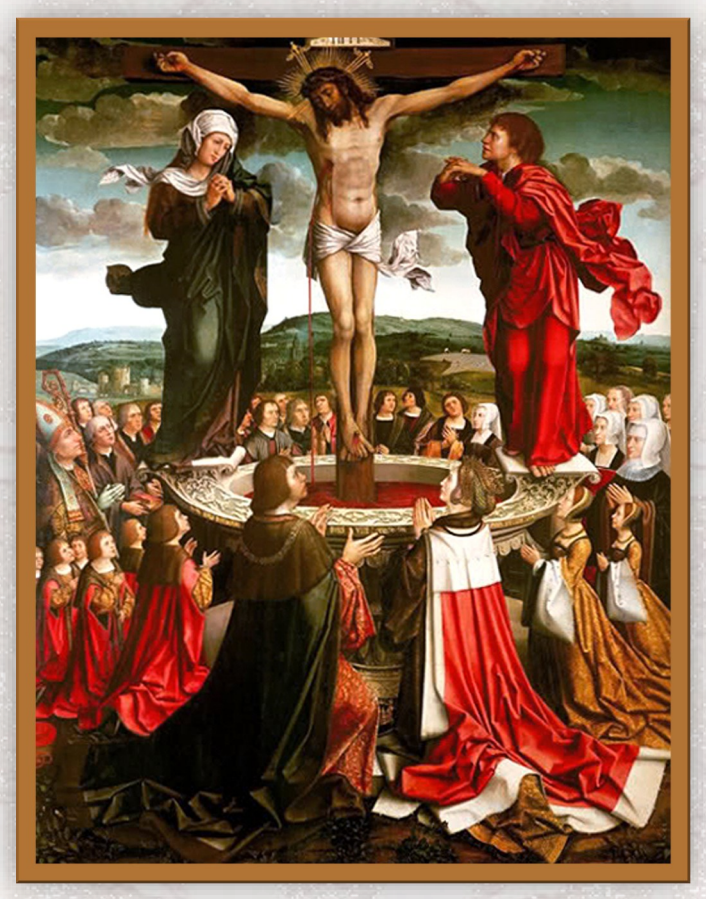
Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

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

10th Sunday after Pentecost

August 2, 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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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, August 2, 2026
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green
8AM **LMO** +Alfred & Margaret Ferla (Family)
11 AM **HM** *Pro populo*
Processional: Come Holy Ghost (p.57)
Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling (p.78)

Monday, August 3, 2026
Finding of St. Stephen the Proto-martyr, 4th Class—Red
12PM **LM** Conversion of Koch Family (Michael & Julie Roytas)

Tuesday, August 4, 2026
St. Dominic, 3rd Class—White
12PM **LM** Vocation of Estevan Covarrubias (Irma Covarrubias)
7PM **LM** Francis Kelty & All our Family (Robert Kelty)

Wednesday, August 5, 2026
Our Lady of Snows, 3rd Class—White
12PM **LM** +Alfred Trautman, Sr. (Kevin Bryan)

Thursday, August 6, 2026 ***First Thursday***
Transfiguration of Our Lord, 2nd Class—White
Commemoration of St. Xystus II & Companions
12PM **LMO** +Bob Marefka (Michael & Cristina Eyler)
****No Vespers nor Adoration this evening****

Friday, August 7, 2026 ***First Friday***
Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White
Commemoration of St. Cajetan
12PM **LM** Our Children's Vocations (Andrew & Marianne Pumford)
7PM **LM** +Janet Kosuda (N. Cvetic)

Saturday, August 8, 2026
St. John Vianney, 3rd Class—White
Commemoration of Ss. Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus
9 AM **LMO** +Daniel Harshman (Lynne Badstibner)

Sunday, August 9, 2026
Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green
8AM **LMO** *Pro populo*
11 AM **HM** League of St. Martin (Glenn & Judith Wilson)
Processional: Faith of Our Fathers (p.59)
Recessional: O God, Almighty Father (p.79)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, July 26, 2026
Offertory $6,735.00

ParishSoft Report (June 16 — July 2, 2026)
Offertory $19,942.33
Parish Appeal 2026 ..... 186.02
Parish Improvement 400.65
Poor Box 420.25
ICRSS/Sisters 354.62
Peter's Pence 149.01

*Attendance: 8AM **463;** 11AM **341;** Total **804***

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, August 8th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "To counsel the doubtful".** All adult women are welcome to attend. Contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

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.

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: **L**egislation, **E**ducation, and **A**dvocacy. *RLG will be seeking donations until Sept. 6th for **five Pro-Life billboards**. Our goal for the billboards is $3500. If you wish to write a check, please make it payable to MPBOJ, and kindly note "ProLife BB" on the memo line. If donating cash, please write "ProLife BB" on the outer envelope, or drop off money at the office. These billboards will go up on October 12. Thank you in advance for your donation in advancing the ProLife message!*
To date, $1,835 has been donated.

Coffee & Donuts

"Summer Coffee & Donuts" are served in the cool comfort of Room 101 of the Parish Center following the 8 a.m. Mass.

Children's Chant Camp 2026

What do cookies, chalk, and airplanes have to do with singing chant? Find out at this year's Children's Chant Camp!
Registration now open for our annual Children's Chant Camp, to be held from **August 10-15**. Choristers in grades 2-12 will receive daily instruction in vocal pedagogy, chant singing and theory, and part singing (polyphony), in preparation to sing for Mass on the Feast of the Assumption .

Grades 2-8 will meet from 9:00-11:30 a.m., and grades 9-12 will meet from 1:00-3:30 p.m.
Children ages 5-7 are welcome to attend a special Mini Chant Camp on M, T, and W from 9-10 a.m. This camp will be led by Miss Gracie Burchill, Organist and Sacred Music Major (Franciscan University of Steubenville).
There is only a $5 materials fee for new campers grades 2-12.
Please email Mrs. Burchill at orotuna@yahoo.com to register with your child's name, grade, and parental contact information.

Men's Night August 15

The next Men's Night will be on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at 6 p.m. (The Feast of the Assumption). All men age 21+ are invited. Please RSVP to Aaron Pisula at apisula721@gmail.com, or at 814-244-4245. There's no need to be officially registered at the parish and you are welcome to bring a friend. Expect lively conversation and an address by Canon Avis on a Marian theme. Weather permitting, we will have a fire pit in the school parking lot. Bring a chair if you like! We hope to see you there!

Call for Landscaping Talent

Green thumbs needed in the following areas to keep our parish beautiful and well-groomed: weed-whacking, hedge trimming, sweeping and blowing debris off of walkways, pruning and planting flowers, also watering.

- Please contact Julie Roytas at 412-818-1393 or email julier.Lom@hotmail.com

ATTN: Men & muscle needed for special landscaping projects.

- Please contact Matthew Vincenzi at 412-742-9805 or email vincenzim5111@gmail.com

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

Introit: Psalm 54: 17, 18, 20, 23. When I cried to the Lord He heard my voice, from them that draw near to me; and He humbled them, Who is before all ages, and remains for ever: cast thy care upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee. *Ps. 54: 2.* Hear, O God, my prayer, and despise not my supplication; be attentive to me and hear me. Glory be. When I cried to the Lord.

Collect: O God, Who dost chiefly manifest Thy power in forbearance and mercy, multiply upon us Thy pity, that, hastening on to Thy promises, we may be made partakers of the blessings of heaven. Through our Lord.

Epistle: I Corinthians 12: 2-11. Brethren, you know that when you were heathens, you went to dumb idols, according as you were led. Wherefore I give you to understand, that no man speaking by the Spirit of God, saith Anathema to Jesus; and no man can say, The Lord Jesus, but by the Holy Ghost. Now there are diversities of graces, but the same Spirit; and there are diversities of ministries, but the same Lord; and there are diversities of operations, but the same God, Who worketh all in all. And the manifestation of the Spirit is given to every man unto profit. To one indeed, by the Spirit, is given the word of wisdom; and to another, the word of knowledge, according to the same Spirit; to another, the grace of healing in one Spirit; to another, the working of miracles; to another, prophecy; to another the discerning of spirits; to another, divers kinds of tongues; to another, interpretation of speeches. But all these things one and the same Spirit worketh, dividing to every one according as He will.

Gradual: Psalm 16: 8, 2. Keep me, O Lord, as the apple of Thy eye: protect me under the shadow of Thy wings. Let my judgment come forth from Thy countenance: let Thy eyes behold the things that are equitable. Alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 64: 2.* A hymn, O God, becometh Thee in Sion: and a vow shall be paid to Thee in Jerusalem. Alleluia.

Gospel: St. Luke 18: 9-14. At that time, Jesus spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves as just, and despised others: Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one was a pharisee, and the other a publican. The pharisee standing, prayed thus with himself: O God, I give Thee thanks that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers; as also is this publican. I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I possess. And the publican standing afar off, would not so much as lift up his eyes towards heaven, but struck his breast, saying, O God, be merciful to me a sinner. I say to you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other: because every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled, and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

Offertory: Psalm 24: 1, 3. To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust, let me not be ashamed: neither let my enemies laugh at me: for none of them that wait on Thee shall be confounded.

Secret: Let the sacrifices dedicated to Thee, O Lord, be rendered back, since Thou hast given them to be presented for the honor of Thy name, so that in them Thou mightest afford us a remedy for all our ills. Through our Lord.

Communion: Psalm 50: 21. Thou wilt accept the sacrifice of justice, oblations, and holocausts, upon Thy altar, O Lord.

Postcommunion: O Lord, our God, we pray that in Thy loving-kindness Thou wilt not deprive of Thine assistance those whom Thou ceasest not to restore with divine sacraments. Through our Lord.

2026-2027 Catechism: Registration Open; Help Needed

Online catechism registration is open **through Saturday, August 15th (the Feast of the Assumption)** using the QR code at right (or this link). Please register early so we know how many books and desks are needed!

We will need help **moving furniture on Sat., Aug. 22nd** and **cleaning on Sat., Aug. 29th** so we can be ready for the school year. Please mark your calendars and check your email for a Flocknote signup!

Parish Cleanout

This Saturday, Aug. 8, from Noon to 2 pm at the School Building, please consider helping us transport large, heavy items for disposal. We will have a special dumpster scheduled on that day, and are in need of many helping hands. Thank you in advance!

Blessing of Flowers & Herbs

On Aug. 15th, there is a special blessing of flowers and herbs to commemorate the apostles finding these items in Our Lady's tomb after she was assumed into Heaven. This blessing will take place after each Mass. Please, place marked items at the Blessed Virgin Mary Altar before Mass and take your own items with you immediately after the Blessing.

Make-a-Will this Month

Did you know August is national "Make-a-Will" Month? I sure didn't! Having an up-to-date will in place is a powerful way to plan for the future, steward your resources, and protect the people and ministries you care about. If you are making a will for the first time or up-dating a will you have already and would like to donate to the parish endowment fund, please contact the legacy giving experts at the Catholic Foundation for Greater Pittsburgh to discuss making your legacy gift to the Fund for Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. CFGPitt.org

One Day. One Church. One Unforgettable Festival.
Something big is coming to Pittsburgh. On Saturday, September 19, thousands of people will gather at FNB Stadium in Station Square for FestPGH, a free day of live music, art, family fun, faith, and community. See Switchfoot, Jervis Campbell, The Arcadian Wild, and more, and experience the Family Area, Art Gallery, Faith in Action Village, prayer, service opportunities, and Vigil Mass. Bring your family. Invite your friends. Be part of a day Pittsburgh will remember. RSVP now at FestPGH.org. Learn more: FestPGH.org

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
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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 are 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.

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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