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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

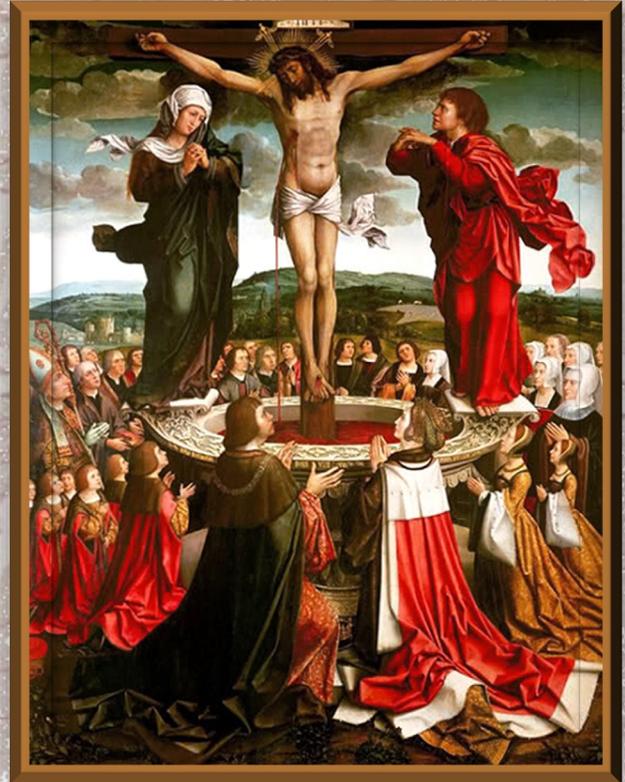
**4th Sunday after Easter
May 10, A.D. 2020**

Special Epidemic Schedule

Mass Schedule

Due to the epidemic, these Masses are live-streamed only
Sundays: 8am & 11am
Monday through Friday: 12 Noon
Saturday: 8am

*Please consult weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule
(eg. Holy Days, Civil Holidays...).*
*For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or
Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*



Clergy & Staff

Canon William Avis, *Pastor*
Canon John O'Connor, *Parochial Vicar*
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Gerry Redic, *Business Manager*
John Rokosz, *Music Director*
Jeannine Goelz, *Office Coordinator*

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

Contact Information

Parish Office Hours: Office closed.

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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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Mass Intentions

Due to current events, these Masses will be live-streamed at the given times. Go to <https://www.institute-christ-king.org/pittsburgh-home>

Sunday, May 10, 2020

4th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM + Joseph Wakelin (Mary Wakelin)
11AM *Pro Populo*

Monday, May 11, 2020

Ss. Philip & James, 2nd Class—Red

12noon Paras Family (Family)

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

Ss. Nereus, Achilleus, Domitilla & Pancras, 3rd Class—Red

12noon + Sarah Brunn (Al Brunn)

Wednesday, May 13, 2020

St. Robert Bellarmine, 3rd Class—White

12noon Karen Benton (Reynolds Family)

Thursday, May 14, 2020

St. Boniface, 4th Class—Red

12noon Norma Cummings (Ryan McCartney)

Friday, May 15, 2020

St. John Baptist de la Salle, 3rd Class—White

12noon + Gerard R. Gergman (Tim & Patricia Rowlands)

Saturday, May 16, 2020

St. Ubaldo, 3rd Class—White

8AM Helena Mills (McMeans Family)

Sunday, May 17, 2020

5th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM *Pro Populo*
11AM 50th Wedding Anniversary Kay & Thomas Byrne
(Kate & Thomas Byrne)

Our Weekly Offerings

Thank you to all who have mailed their envelopes to the parish office, or who have found another way to make continued contributions for our parish expenses, either by placing envelopes through the Priory's mail slot, or utilizing Faith Direct. The parish continues to pay its bills, and, if you are able, you may make up contributions once everything returns to normal. Your generosity is most appreciated during this difficult time and may God bless you for your sacrifice.

Faith Direct

You can register for donations to be made directly from your bank account or charged to your personal credit card by visiting www.faithdirect.net or by calling 866-507-8757. The parish code for Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is PA678.

Bulletin Publication Deadline

All announcements for publication in the parish bulletin must be received in printed form by Monday at Noon.

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Happy Mother's Day!

"Who shall find a valiant woman? far and from the uttermost coasts is the price of her. Her children rose up, and called her blessed: her husband, and he praised her. [Proverbs 31: 10, 28] May Almighty God bless and keep all mothers now and forever.

Food Assistance

Our parishioners have been very generous with donations towards the Food Pantry since we became a parish last July, and we typically use donations to purchase gift cards for the food bank operated by Christ Our Savior at St. Cyril's Church. This was the practice in place while we were still attached to Holy Wisdom Parish. Since Christ Our Savior is not opened during the pandemic, our parish has decided to keep a limited number of gift cards in the administrative office for use to purchase groceries. If you need some financial assistance getting groceries at this point in time, or you are unable to leave your home due to the 'stay at home' directives for elderly/immune deficient people, please contact our office (412-761-1508) and we will attempt to provide help.

Live Streaming options

Assisting at Holy Mass and other liturgical functions through Live Streaming does not replace the physical presence in the Sacred Liturgy, it does permit us to unite ourselves with the Mass being celebrated somewhere in the world. Here below are some possibilities:
<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/pittsburgh-home>
<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/videostream>
<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/stlouis-home>

ICRSS Seminary Collection

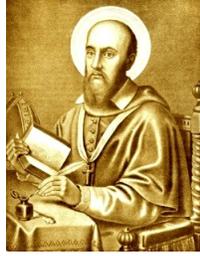
You may have noticed that there is a second collection envelope for Sunday, April 26, benefiting the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest seminary in Gricigliano, Italy. Our parish collects for the seminary twice each year, on the last Sunday of October (Christ the King), and the second Sunday after Easter (Good Shepherd Sunday). Given the current pandemic situation, and the effect it has had on the seminary, please consider sending your donation to the Parish Office (3250 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212) or holding the envelope until we are once again permitted to attend Mass in church. All funds directly benefit the seminary, so thank you for your generosity to our seminarians.

Votive Candles

The church may be locked, but our prayers and intentions can still burn brightly in honor of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, Our Lady, St. Joseph, and/or the Cross of Golgotha! While the church is closed, votive candles can still be lit. All you need to do is send a request to the parish office and indicate at which statue and for whom you would like to have a candle lit. Our Office Coordinator will be happy to brighten the church by lighting a candle for your intentions. A donation per a candle is \$3.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

After this conversion, the repentant Augustine humbly used to say, "O Lord ... you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving." [Ps 116:16-17] Take note, I beg you, how the heart of the saint was full of gratitude toward God. Certainly one of the most serious sins that people commit is forgetting the graces which they have received. This defect has its roots in the failure in the first place to acknowledge the debt contracted with Divine Goodness for all His graces and benefits. When this ingratitude resides in the intellect, it is truly bad and dangerous because it passes on to the will and becomes such a vice that it makes a person completely forgetful of the debt of gratitude he or she owes to God. This is the greatest of all evils and one of the major impediments to grace.



The Hail Mary

*Excerpts from The Secret of the Rosary
by St. Louis de Montfort*

Rose 15—The Hail Mary

The Angelic Salutation is so heavenly and so beyond us in its depth of meaning that Blessed Alan de la Roche held that no mere creature could ever possibly understand it, and that only Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Who was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary can really explain it. Its enormous value is due first of all to Our Lady to whom it was addressed, to the purpose of the Incarnation of the Word for which reason this prayer was brought from heaven, and also to the Archangel Gabriel who was the first ever to say it.

The Angelic Salutation is a most concise summary of all that Catholic theology teaches about the Blessed Virgin. It is divided up into two parts, that of praise and petition: the first shows all that goes to make up Mary's greatness and the second all that we need to ask her for and all that we may expect to receive through her goodness.

The Most Blessed Trinity revealed the first part of it to us and the latter part was added by Saint Elizabeth who was inspired by the Holy Spirit. Holy Mother Church gave us the conclusion in the year 430 when she condemned the Nestorian heresy at the council of Ephesus and defined that the Blessed Virgin is truly the Mother of God. At this time she ordered us to pray to Our Lady under this glorious title by saying:

"Hail Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death."

The greatest event in the whole history of the world was the Incarnation of the Eternal Word by Whom the world was redeemed and peace was restored between God and men. Our Lady was chosen as His instrument for this tremendous event and it was put into effect when she was greeted with the Angelic Salutation. The Archangel Gabriel, one of the leading princes of the heavenly court, was chosen as ambassador to bear these glad tidings.

In the Angelic Salutation can be seen the faith and hope of the patriarchs, the prophets and the apostles. Furthermore it gives to martyrs their unswerving constancy and strength, it is the wisdom of the doctors of the Church, the perseverance of holy confessors and the life of all religious. (Blessed Alan de la Roche) It is also the new hymn of the law of grace, the joy of angels and men, and the hymn which terrifies devils and puts them to shame.

By the Angelic Salutation God became man, a virgin became the Mother of God, the souls of the just were delivered from Limbo, the empty thrones in heaven filled. In addition sin was forgiven, grace was given to us, sick people were made well, the dead were brought back to life, exiles were brought home, and the anger of the Most Blessed Trinity was appeased and men obtained eternal life.

Finally, the Angelic Salutation is a rainbow in the heavens, a sign of the mercy and grace which God has given to the world. (Blessed Alan de la Roche)

Rose 18—The Hail Mary "Blessings"

This Heavenly Salutation draws down upon us the blessings of Jesus and Mary in abundance, for it is an infallible truth that Jesus and Mary reward in a marvelous way those who glorify them. They repay us a hundredfold for the praises that we give them. "I love them that love me....that I may enrich them that love me and fill their treasures." Jesus and Mary have always said: "We love those who love us; we enrich them and fill their treasures to overflowing." "He who soweth in blessings, shall also reap blessings."

Now, if we say the Hail Mary properly, is not this a way to love, bless and glorify Jesus and Mary?

In each Hail Mary we bless both Jesus and Mary: "Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus."

By each Hail Mary we give Our Lady the same honor that God gave her when He sent the Archangel Gabriel to greet her for Him. How could anyone possibly think that Jesus and Mary, who often do good to those that curse them, could ever curse those that bless and honor them by the Hail Mary?

Both Saint Bernard and Saint Bonaventure say that the Queen of Heaven is certainly no less grateful and conscientious than gracious and well-mannered people of this world. Just as she excels in all other perfections, she surpasses us all in the virtue of gratitude; so she would never let us honor her with love and respect without repaying us one hundredfold. Saint Bonaventure says that Mary will greet us with grace if we greet her with the Hail Mary.

Who could possibly understand the graces and blessings which the greeting and tender regard of Our Lady effect in us? From the very first instant that Saint Elizabeth heard the greeting that the Mother of God gave her, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and the child in her womb leaped for joy. If we make ourselves worthy of the greeting and blessings of Our Lady we shall certainly be filled with graces and a flood of spiritual consolations will come down into our souls.

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