

# ***Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish***

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form  
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**8th Sunday after Pentecost  
July 26, A.D. 2020**

## **Temporary Schedule**

### ***Mass Schedule (in-person)***

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am  
Monday through Friday: 7pm  
Saturday: 9am

### ***Mass Schedule (live streamed only)***

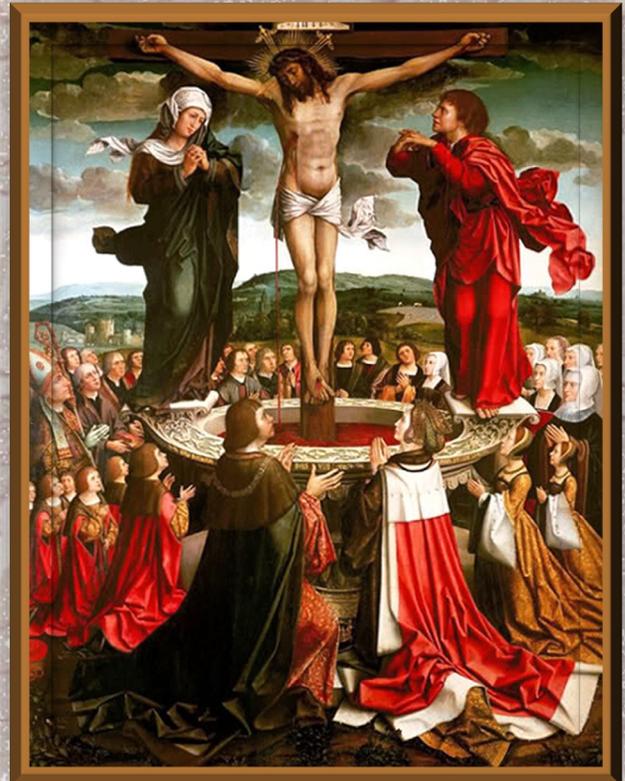
Sundays: 8am  
Monday through Saturday: 12noon

### ***Confession Schedule***

*See page 2 for confession locations.*

Sundays: 7-7:25am, 8:40-9:20am, 10:40-11:20am  
Monday-Friday: 6-6:30pm  
Saturday: 8-8:30am

*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*  
Gail Buchman, *Administrative Assistant*  
Gerry Redic, *Business Manager*  
John Rokosz, *Music Director*  
Jeannine Goelz, *Office Coordinator*

*Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)*  
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1-888-808-1235

## ***Contact Information***

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## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, July 26, 2020**

#### **8th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

*Commemoration of St. Anne*

7:30AM† + Earl Mousseau (Jim & Diane Mousseau)

8AM\* *Special Intention*

9:30AM† *Pro Populo*

11:30AM† + Casimir & Cecilia Krawicki (Friend Family)

### **Monday, July 27, 2020**

#### **St. Pantaleon, 4th Class—Red**

12PM\* *Private Intention*

7PM† + Hilda Bradel (Charles & Deanna Shannon)

### **Tuesday, July 28, 2020**

#### **Ss. Nazarius & Celsus, Victor I, Innocent I, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM\* + William Allen Obricki (Charles & Deanna Shannon)

7PM† *Relatives & Friends, Living & Deceased (RJA)*

### **Wednesday, July 29, 2020**

#### **St. Martha, 3rd Class—White**

12PM\* *Private Intention*

7PM† + David R. McKeating (Tim & Patricia Rowlands)

### **Thursday, July 30, 2020**

#### **Ss. Abdon & Sennen, 4th Class—Red**

12PM\* *Private Intention*

7PM† + Pauline McCormick (Reynolds Family)

### **Friday, July 31, 2020**

#### **St. Ignatius of Loyola, 3rd Class—White**

12PM\* *Private Intention*

7PM† *Temporal & Spiritual Welfare of Fr. David Rombold (Dave & Mandy Capan)*

### **Saturday, August 1, 2020**

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

*Commemoration of the Holy Maccabees*

9AM† + Raymond A. Jurewicz (N. Jurewicz)

12PM\* *Private Intention*

### **Sunday, August 2, 2020**

#### **9th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green**

7:30AM† + Arthur Gloff (Gloff Family)

8AM\* *Special Intention*

9:30AM† *Pro Populo*

11:30AM† *Thanksgiving to God, the Father of all mankind (William Carriello)*

\* Live streamed only † In-person only

## Our Weekly Offerings

### *Collection Sunday, July 19th*

Offertory .....	\$5,649.00
Parish Share 2020 .....	\$678.00
Parish Improvements .....	\$100.00
Peter's Pence .....	\$10.00
ICRSS Province .....	\$150.00

### *Faith Direct, June 16th-30th*

Offertory .....	\$7,985.00
Parish Share 2020 .....	\$383.00
Parish Improvements .....	\$674.00
One time gifts .....	\$385.00

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 credit card by visiting [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or by calling **866-507-8757**. The parish code for Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is **PA678**.

## **Would you like to usher?**

The parish needs more men to help with usher duties at all of the Sunday Masses. If you are interested in serving as an usher, please contact our Usher Coordinator, BJ Osso (856-981-5992 or [bjopghsteelers@yahoo.com](mailto:bjopghsteelers@yahoo.com)), who will be happy to explain what's involved. Thank you for your willingness to help the parish.

## **We need Volunteers**

Many hands make light work! To be more efficient in the cleaning and disinfecting between Masses on Sundays, we are hoping for at least six volunteers after each Mass. If you would like to help in this effort, please stop by the back vestibule (narthex) after Mass to pitch in.

## **A Note from the Catechism Director**

In anticipation that the Catechism Program will once again start on the Sunday after Labor Day (September 13th), could everyone please return all catechism program books to the church as soon as possible, so we can determine what we will need to order for the next school year. Since the cost of *My Catholic Faith* (7th & 8th grades) and the *Apologetics* series (11th & 12th grades) are expensive, please make every effort to return what you have at home. There will be a box located under the St. Anthony statue in the back vestibule (narthex) of the church, for the collection of the books. Thank you so much for your cooperation!

## **Sunday Mass Attendance**

The dispensation given by the Bishop of Pittsburgh concerning attendance at Mass (Precept of the Church) on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation is still in effect. The obligation to rest from unnecessary servile work and to sanctify the day by prayer (3rd Commandment) remains in effect.

Our 25% capacity is set at 250 persons. The side entrance will be the only entrance used. Individuals or households will maintain social distancing from other individuals and use the pews that are not sectioned off. Attendees must wear masks unless they have a condition or are less than 2 years old. For those who arrive after we have reached the 250 person limit, they have the option of waiting for the next Mass or notifying kindly an usher if they would like to receive Holy Communion after the Mass. The usher can then let them how to go about that.

## **Confessions**

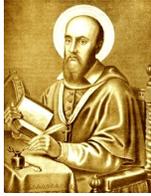
Confession times can be seen on the front cover of the bulletin. Confessions will be heard in the priory garage and/or the gym. The line for confession will be in the driveway between the priory and the school.

## **Holy Communion**

Holy Communion will be distributed on Sundays after the Masses. The *Rite for the Distribution of Holy Communion outside of Mass* will be used. This ritual can be found in some hand-missals. After the *Confiteor* and *Ecce Agnus Dei*, the communicants go to the communion rail (or wherever it is to be distributed) while respecting social distancing. In the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion can only be received on the tongue. As the priest approaches, you remove your mask. Should the priest accidentally touch the communicant or the communicant exhales on the priest's fingers, the priest will purify and disinfect his hands before proceeding to the next communicant.

## Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

With gentleness and peace, make your small efforts to better serve the Divine Goodness, but do not be frightened by the difficulties that crop up. What good, what precious thing has ever been obtained without effort and hard work? On our part, it is only necessary to remain faithful to our resolution to reach the perfection of holy love by doing all we can to make it perfect. If we do not do that we are not aiming very high.



## St. Marth—July 29th

*From The Liturgical Year of Dom Guéranger*

While Magdalene, then, keeps her better part at our Lord's feet, we must not think that Martha's lot is to be despised. *As in one body we have many members, but all the members have not the same office*, so each of us has a different work to perform in Christ, according to the grace we have received, whether it be to prophesy or to minister. And the Apostle explaining this diversity of vocations, says: *I say, by the grace that is given me, to all that are among you, not to be more wise than it becometh to be wise, but to be wise unto sobriety, and according as God hath divided to everyone the measure of faith.* How many losses in souls, how many shipwrecks even, might be prevented by discretion, the guardian of doctrine and the mother of virtues.

"Whoever," says St. Gregory with his usual discernment, "gives himself entirely to God must take care not to pour himself out wholly in works, but must stretch forward also to the heights of contemplation. Nevertheless, it is here very important to notice that there is a great variety of spiritual temperaments. One who could give himself peacefully to the contemplation of God would be crushed by works and fall; another, who would be kept in a good life by all the ordinary occupations of men, would be mortally wounded by the sword of a contemplation above his powers: either for want of love to prevent repose from becoming torpor, or for want of fear to guard him against the illusions of pride or of the senses. He who would be perfect must therefore first accustom himself on the plain to the practice of the virtues, in order to ascend more securely to the heights, leaving behind every impulse of the senses which can only distract the mind from its purpose, every image whose outline cannot adapt itself to the figureless light he desires to behold. Action first then, contemplation last. The Gospel praises Mary, but does not blame Martha, because the merit of the active life is great, though that of contemplation is greater."

If we would penetrate more deeply into the mystery of the two sisters, let us notice that, though the preference is given to Mary, nevertheless it is not in her house, nor in that of their brother Lazarus, but in Martha's house that the Man-God takes up His abode with those He loves. *Jesus, says St. John, loved Martha, and her sister Mary, and Lazarus.* Lazarus, a figure of the penitents whom His all-powerful mercy daily calls from the death of sin to divine life; Mary, giving

herself up even in this life to the occupation of the next; and Martha, who is here mentioned first as being the eldest, as first in order of time mystically, according to what St. Gregory says, and also as being the one upon whom the other two depend in that home of which she has the care.

Here we recognize a perfect type of the Church wherein, with the devotedness of fraternal love, and under the eye of our heavenly Father, the active ministry takes the precedence, and holds the place of government over all who are drawn by grace to Jesus. We can understand the Son of God showing a preference for this blessed house; He was refreshed from the weariness of His journeys by the devoted hospitality He there received, but still more by the sight of so perfect an image of that Church for whose love He had come on earth.

Martha, then, understood by anticipation, that he who holds the first place must be the servant, as the Son of Man came not to be ministered to, but to minister; and as, later on, the Vicar of Jesus, the Prince of Prelates in the holy Church, was to call himself the Servant of the servants of God. But in serving Jesus, as she served also with Him and for Him her brother and her sister, who can doubt that she had the greatest share in these promises of the Man-God: "He that ministers to me shall follow me, and where I am, there also shall my minister be, and my Father will honor him."



## Prayer to Saint Martha

O blessed St. Martha, thy faith led Jesus to proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life"; and faith let thee see beyond His humanity when thou cried out, "Lord I believe that Thou art the Christ, the Son of God." With firm hope thou didst say, "I know that God will give Thee whatever Thou askest of Him", and Jesus called thy brother Lazarus back from the dead. With pure love for

Jesus thou welcomed Him into thy home. Friend and servant of our Savior, I too am "troubled about many things". (*mention your intentions*) Pray for me that I may grow in faith, hope and charity, and that Jesus, who sat at thy table, will hear me and grant me a place at the banquet of eternal life. Amen.

## Feast of the Assumption Saturday, August 15th

7:30 am Low Mass

8am Live Stream Mass

9:30 am Low Mass

11:30 am High Mass

*Confessions will be heard  
as on Sunday.*

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