

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*

**9th Sunday after Pentecost
August 2, 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

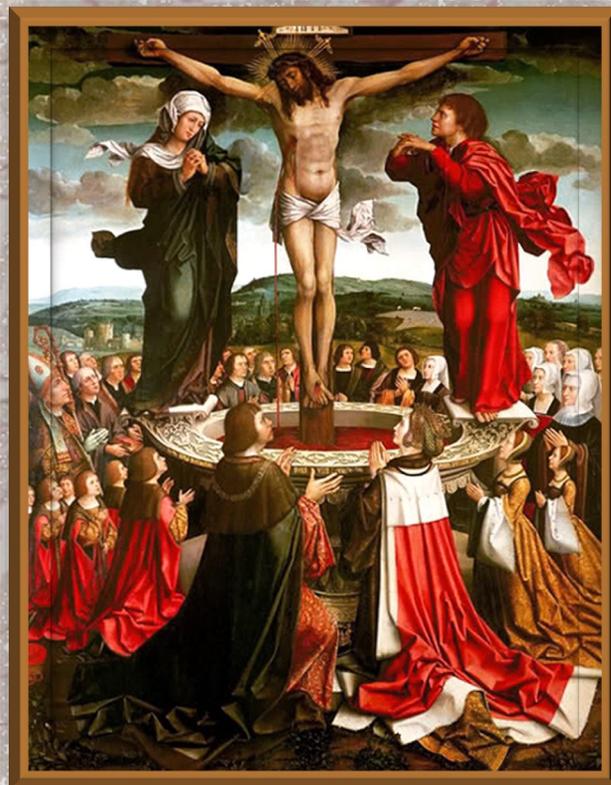
Confession Schedule

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)

1-800-932-0313

Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)

1-888-808-1235

Contact Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday– Friday: 9am-2pm

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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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Mass Intentions

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)

Monday, August 3, 2020

Finding of St. Stephen, 4th Class—Red

- 12PM* Private Intention
7PM† Rebecca King-Special Intention (Margaret Mary Herbst)

Tuesday, August 4, 2020

St. Dominic, 3rd Class—White

- 12PM* + Joan Flood (Mary & Robert Licurse)
7PM† For All Grandparents, Living & Deceased (RJA)

Wednesday, August 5, 2020

Our Lady of Snows, 3rd Class—White

- 12PM* Private Intention
7PM† + Pat Hite (AMS)

Thursday, August 6, 2020

Transfiguration of Our Lord, 2nd Class—White

- 12PM* Private Intention
7PM† Beatrice Maria Szele-Szechenyi (Anthony Hadford)

Friday, August 7, 2020

Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White

- Commemoration of St. Cajetan*
12PM* Cunningham Family (Scott & Judy Wheeler)
7PM† + Raymond G. Jurewicz (N. Jurewicz)

Saturday, August 8, 2020

St. John-Marie Vianney, 3rd Class—White

- Commemoration of Ss. Cyriacus, Largus & Smaragdus*
9AM† + Mary Rees (N. Jurewicz)
12PM* Private Intention

Sunday, August 9, 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green

- 7:30AM† + Louis Talarico, Sr. (Tom & Ceci Gallucci)
8AM* *Special Intention*
9:30AM† *Pro Populo*
11:30AM† + Anthenia Lamb (Charles Hillberry & Vincent
Bernardo)

* Live streamed only † In-person only

Our Weekly Offerings

Collection Sunday, July 26th

Offertory \$5,478.00
Parish Share 2020 \$840.00

Faith Direct, July 1st-15th

Offertory \$5,236.00
Parish Share 2020 \$130.00
Parish Improvements \$385.00
One time gifts \$1,535.00

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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 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), 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!

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. There is hand sanitizer at the entrance. 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. 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. Remember to tilt your head slightly back, open your mouth and extend your tongue. Also please refrain from congregating before or after Mass.

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.

Pray the Rosary Daily!!

Transfiguration—August 6th *From The Liturgical Year of Dom Guéranger*

While the face of Jesus shone as the sun, *His garments became white as snow*. Now these garments so snow-white, as St. Mark observes, that no fuller on earth could have bleached them so, are the just men, the royal ornament inseparable from the Man-God, the Church, the seamless robe woven by our sweet Queen for her Son out of the purest wool and most beautiful linen that the valiant woman could find. Although our Lord personally has now passed the torrent of suffering and entered forever into His glory, nevertheless the bright mystery of the Transfiguration will not be complete until the last of the elect, having passed through the laborious preparation at the hands of the Divine Fuller, and tasted death, has joined in the Resurrection of our adorable Head. O Face of our Savior that dost ravish the heavens, then will all glory, all beauty, all love shine forth from Thee. Expressing God by the perfect resemblance of true Son by nature, Thou wilt extend the good pleasure of the Father to that reflection of His Word, which constitutes the sons of adoption, and reaches in the Holy Ghost even to the lowest fringes of His garment which fills the temple below Him. According to the doctrine of the Angel of the schools, the adoption of sons of God, which consists in being conformable to the image of the Son of God by nature, is wrought in a double manner: first by grace in this life, and this is imperfect conformity; and then by glory in *patria*, and this is perfect conformity, according to the words of St. John: *We are now the sons of God; and it hath not yet appeared what we shall be. We know that when He shall appear, we shall be like to Him: because we shall see Him as He is.* The word of eternity, *Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten Thee*, has had two echoes in time, at the Jordan and on Thabor; and God, who never repeats Himself, did not herein make an exception to the rule of saying but once what He says. For although the terms used on the two occasions are identical, they do not tend, as St. Thomas says, to the same end, but show the different ways in which man participates in the resemblance of the eternal filiation. At the baptism of our Lord, where the mystery of the first regeneration was declared, as at the Transfiguration which manifested the second, the whole Trinity appeared: the Father in the voice, the Son in His Humanity, the Holy Ghost under the form, first of a dove, and afterwards of a bright cloud; for if in baptism this Holy Spirit confers innocence symbolized by the simplicity of the dove in the Resurrection He will give to the elect the brightness of glory and the refreshment after suffering, which are signified by the luminous cloud.

But without waiting for the day when our Savior will renew our very bodies conformable to the bright glory of His own divine Body, the mystery of the Transfiguration is wrought in our souls already here on earth. It is of the present life that St. Paul says and the Church sings today: *God who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God, in the face of Christ Jesus.* Thabor, holy and divine mountain rivalling heaven, how can we help saying with Peter: "It is good for us to dwell on thy summit!" For thy summit is love, it is charity which towers above the other virtues, as thou towerest in gracefulness, and loftiness, and fragrance over the other mountains of Galilee, which saw Jesus passing, speaking, praying, working prodigies, but did not know Him in the intimacy of the perfect. It is after six days, as the Gospel observes, and therefore in the



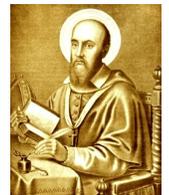
repose of the seventh which leads to the eighth of the resurrection, that Jesus reveals Himself to the privileged souls who correspond to His love. The Kingdom of God is within us; when, leaving all impressions of the senses as it were asleep, we raise ourselves above the works and cares of the world by prayer, it is given us to enter with the Man-God into the cloud: *there beholding the glory of the Lord with open face*, as far as is compatible with our exile, *we are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, as by the Spirit of the Lord.* "Let us then," cries St. Ambrose, "ascend the mountain, let us beseech the Word of God to show Himself to us in His splendor, in His beauty; to grow strong and proceed prosperously, and reign in our souls. For behold a deep mystery! According to thy measure, the Word diminishes or grows within thee. If thou reach not that summit, high above all human thought, Wisdom will not appear to thee; the Word shows Himself to thee as in a body without brightness and without glory."

If the vocation revealed to thee this day be so great and so holy, "reverence the call of God," says St. Andrew of Crete: "do not ignore thyself, despise not a gift so great, show not thyself unworthy of the grace, be not so slothful in thy life as to lose this treasure of heaven. Leave earth to the earth, and led the dead bury their dead; disdaining all that passes away, all that dies with the world and the flesh, follow even to heaven, without turning aside, Christ who leads the way through this world for thee.

Take to thine assistance fear and desire, lest thou faint or lose thy love. Give thyself up wholly; be supple to the Word in the Holy Ghost, in order to attain this pure and blessed end: thy deification, together with the enjoyment of unspeakable goods. By zeal for the virtues, by contemplation of the truth, by wisdom, attain to Wisdom, who is the principle of all, and in whom all things subsist."

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

What love can we have proportionate to the infinite goodness of our Creator, Who from all eternity has determined to create, preserve, govern, redeem, save and glorify all people in general and each person in particular? What was I when I was not? What was I, I who even now when I am something am still only a mere pitiful creature of earth? Yet from the depths of His eternity God thought thoughts of blessings on my behalf? He meditated and planned, yes, determined the hour of my birth, of my baptism, of all the inspirations He would give me, and, in sum, all the benefits He would provide and offer to me. Ah, is there any kindness like this?



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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