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

12th Sunday after Pentecost
August 23, A.D. 2020

Temporary Schedule

Mass Schedule (in-person)

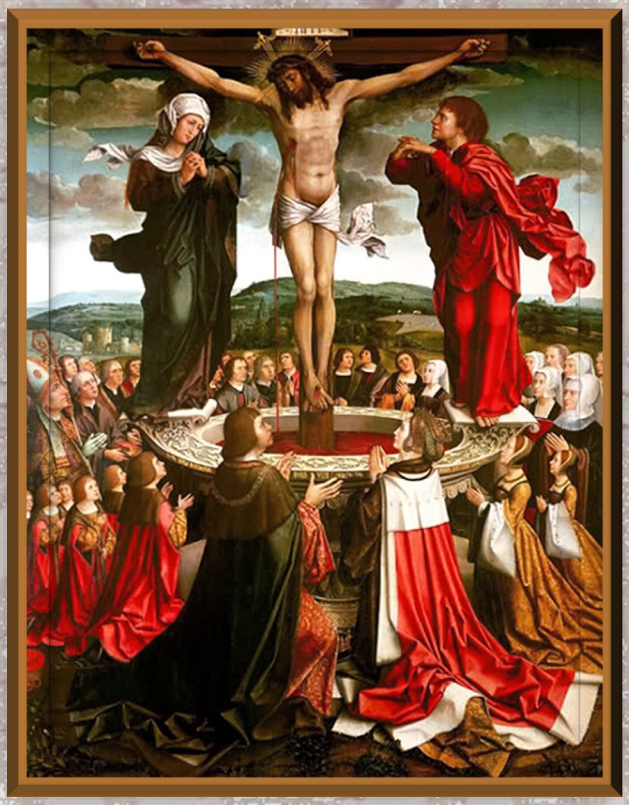
Sundays: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm
Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon
1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday: 9am

Mass Schedule (live streamed only)

Sundays: 8am

Confession Schedule

See page 2 for confession locations.
Sundays: 7-7:25am, 8:40-9:20am, 10:40-11:20am
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm
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

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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 23, 2020
12th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green
7:30AM† + Sten & Anna Mae Wagner (Tim & Patricia Rowlands)
8AM* *Pro Populo*
9:30AM† + Dennis Neureuther (David Witter)
11:30AM† + Marie Capan (Dave & Mandy Capan)

Monday, August 24, 2020
St. Bartholomew, 2nd Class—Red
12PM† + William Allan Obricki (Charles & Deanna Shannon)

Tuesday, August 25, 2020
St. Louis, 3rd Class—White
12PM† + Hannah Stephenson
~~7PM†~~ ***No 6:15pm confessions nor 7pm Mass this week, will resume next week***

Wednesday, August 26, 2020
St. Zephyrinus, 4th Class—Red
12PM† + Fr. Vincent Bertoline (Dr. Ammie Maravelli)

Thursday, August 27, 2020
St. Joseph Calasanctius, 3rd Class—White
12PM† + Lance Uno (Carol R. LeDonne)

Friday, August 28, 2020
St. Augustine, 3rd Class—White
Commemoration of St. Hermes
12PM† George & Constance Schawl-50th Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Saturday, August 29, 2020
Beheading of St. John the Baptist, 3rd Class—Red
Commemoration of St. Sabina
9AM† Jeffrey O'Hara (Jason Spak)

Sunday, August 30, 2020
13th Sunday after Pentecost, 2nd Class—Green
7:30AM† + Patricia Kindall O'Connell (O'Connell Family)
8AM* *Pro Populo*
9:30AM† + James Neff (David Witter)
11:30AM† James Paras (Paras Family)

* Live streamed only † In-person only

Our Weekly Offerings

Collection, August 15th & 16th
Offertory $7,779.00
Parish Share 2020 ..... $1,070.00
General Donation $345.00

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Parish Improvement $704.00
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Catholic University $20.00

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Catechism Classes

We're moving forward with plans for Catechism classes to resume in early September, but are awaiting the final directives from the diocese relating to the Coronavirus restrictions before announcing the particulars. In the meantime, students in the 7th and 8th grades need to prepare for the receipt of the sacrament of Confirmation in the fall. If your child(ren) will be entering the 7th or 8th grade Catechism class, and they haven't yet received the sacrament, please contact the parish office (412.761.1508 OR office@mpboj.com) so we can plan accordingly.

Interested in Becoming Catholic?

Jesus Christ has founded the Catholic Church in order to pass on His teachings to a world so desperately in need of truth and in order to lead all men to heaven. Are you a non-Catholic interested in becoming a Catholic? Do you know a non-Catholic or a lapsed Catholic who has questions about the Catholic faith? If you would like to learn more about the claims and teachings of the Catholic Church, please contact Canon O'Connor by phone or e-mail in order to set up a meeting. There is nothing to lose, and eternity to gain!

Classes begin in September. Please call the Parish Office (412-761-1508) or email preciousblood@institute-christ-king.org to set up an appointment with Canon O'Connor.

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.

Latin Classes To Begin in September

Two Ecclesiastical Latin classes will be offered this fall via live online, interactive sessions. The Latin of the 1962 Roman Missal will be taught over ten weeks at two levels: Beginner Level 1 and Level 2. Parishioner Dr. Charles Blume will teach these classes on an independent basis beginning the week of September 14, with specific dates and times to be determined. To sign up and for more information please contact Dr. Blume at cblume1888@gmail.com.

In addition, three live online Latin classes will be offered this fall at CCAC. Dr. Blume will also teach these classes (Levels 1, 2, and 3). The sessions will meet on Monday (level 2), Tuesday (level 1) and Thursday (level 3) evenings, 6:30 - 9:30 pm, in an 8-week term beginning the week of September 14. You are invited to sign up for one of these courses at https://shopcommunityed.ccac.edu/Courses/Languages.aspx.

From the Church Fathers

From a sermon by the Venerable Bede

Blessed were the eyes not of Scribes and Pharisees, which saw but the Body of the Lord, but those eyes, eyes blessed indeed, which were able to see those things whereof it is written "Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes." Blessed are the eyes of those little ones unto whom it seems good in the eyes of the Son to reveal Himself and the Father also. Abraham rejoiced to see the day of Christ, and he saw it and was glad. (cf. John viii. 56) Isaiah, and Micah, and many among the Prophets, saw the glory of the Lord, wherefore also they be called Seers, but all they beheld it and hailed it afar off, seeing but as through a glass, darkly. (cf. 1 Cor. xiii. 12)

Otherwise were the Apostles, who saw the Lord face to Face, eating with Him, and learning from Him by asking whatsoever they listed. For them there was no need to be taught by Angels, or the shifting fabric of visions. They whom Luke called Prophets and kings, Matthew names as "Prophets and righteous men". Righteous men are indeed mighty kings, who know how to lord it over their own rebellious temptations, instead of falling under them to become their slaves.

"And, behold, a certain lawyer stood up, and tempted Him, saying Master, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" This lawyer, who stood up to ask the Lord a tempting question touching eternal life, took the subject of his asking, as I think, from the words which the Lord had just uttered, when He said "Rejoice, because your names are written in heaven". But his attempt was a proof of the truth of that which the Lord immediately added "I thank Thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that Thou hast hid these things from the wise and prudent, and hast revealed them unto babes!"

Mass Attendance

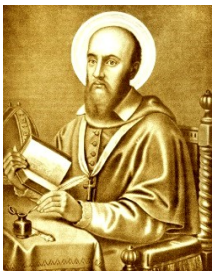
The dispensation given by the Bishop of Pittsburgh concerning attendance at Mass (Precept of the Church) on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation is still in effect. The obligation to rest from unnecessary servile work and to sanctify the day by prayer (3rd Commandment) remains in effect.

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.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales



God sends afflictions, but nothing comes from the divine hand that is not useful to those souls who fear Him. Be happy if they come and receive them with a heart filled with filial love, because God sends them with a heart that is paternally concerned with your perfection. He wishes to purify and refine His holy love in you. Think often about the duration of eternity and do not get upset about the mishaps of this transitory and mortal life.

Both Canon Avis and Canon O'Connor will be at the Institute's annual Chapter Meeting this week in Italy. They will return Saturday, August 29th. Please pray for their safe travels.

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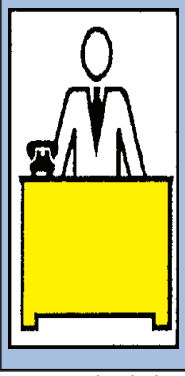

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