

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*

**Second Sunday of Advent
December 6, A.D. 2020**

Temporary Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule

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

* 7:30am Sunday Mass will also be live-streamed

Confession Schedule

On Sundays, confessions are heard in the school, first floor

Sundays: 7-7:25am, 8:40-9:20am, 10:40-11:20am

Monday - Saturday, confessions are heard in the cry room in the church

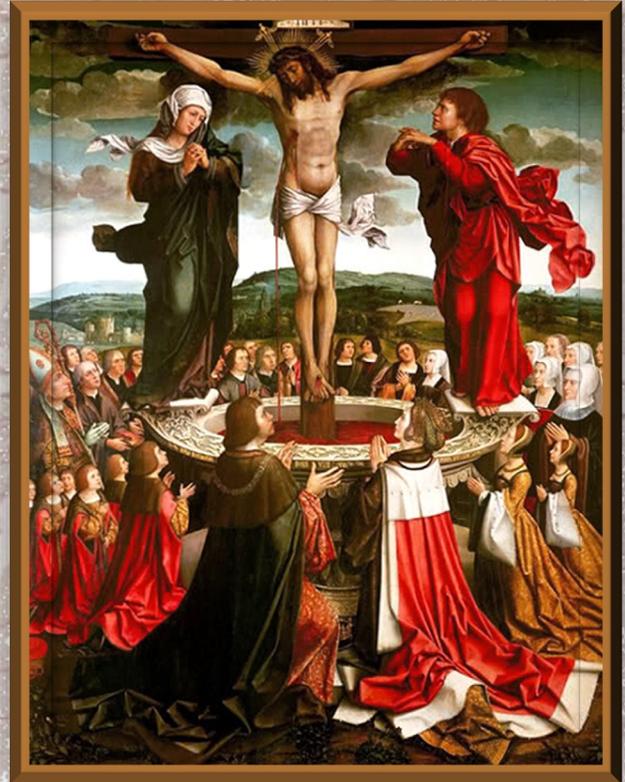
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am

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)

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

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 6, 2020

Second Sunday of Advent, 1st Class—Violet

7:30AM* + Charles & Mary Louise Wiley (Rita)

9:30AM *Pro Populo*

11:30AM Charlie Caruana (Margaret Mary Herbst)

Monday, December 7, 2020

St. Ambrose, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

12PM + Francis & Thelma Greb (Jack & Mary Lou Aul & Family)

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 IC Novena ends

Immaculate Conception, 1st Class—White

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

7AM* *Private Intention*

12PM Maria Rikk & Family (Maria Rikk)

7PM *Pro Populo*

Wednesday, December 9, 2020

Advent FERIA, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM + Robert Blume (Margaret Hertrich)

Thursday, December 10, 2020

Advent FERIA, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Melchisedech

12PM + Amy McQuaide (Dave & Mandy Capan)

Friday, December 11, 2020

St. Damasus I, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

12PM Andrew Spak (Jason Spak)

Saturday, December 12, 2020

Our Lady of Guadalupe—White

Commemoration of the Advent FERIA

9AM + Fr. Michael P. Allison (Ian M. Brown)

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent “Gaudete”, 1st Class—Violet/Rose

7:30AM* + John G. Redic (Bill & Gerry Redic)

9:30AM *Pro Populo*

11:30AM + Dr. Robert Blume (The Mylott Family)

* also live streamed

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, November 22, 2020

Offertory \$13,745.00

Parish Share 2020 \$1085.00

Parish Improvement \$110.00

Food Pantry \$875.00

Religious Retirement Fund \$1472.00

Sunday, November 29, 2020

Offertory \$6,217.00

Parish Share 2020 \$720.00

Food Pantry \$870.00

Christmas Flowers \$15.00

Religious Retirement Fund \$35.00

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 or by calling 866-507-8757. The parish code for Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is PA678.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

Notices

* In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a **Holy Hour of Adoration** in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, December 10th at 8pm.

* The church uses Flocknote to keep parishioners aware of parish news. If you'd like to sign up, text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

Immaculate Conception Novena

From November 30th to December 8th, join us in the Novena in honor of Our Lady's Immaculate Conception. At daily Mass there will be a sermon on the various titles of Our Lady. Following the Mass there will be the Novena Devotions.

ICRSS Calendars Available

2021 is right around the corner and the parish is making available for all parishioners calendars produced by the Institute of Christ the King. Please pick up a calendar in the narthex to the church, beginning December 1st. There is a donation box on the table, if you wish to contribute to the cost of publication. Wishing you a blessed 2021!

Betsy Ann Chocolates Fundraiser

Our parish has had our Christmas candy sale with delicious Betsy Ann Chocolates to benefit our music and educational programs. Orders can be picked up at church on Saturday, December 5 or at the school on Sunday, December 6. We are very grateful to Jim and Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for their generous support of our parish. Thank you for your support!

Christmas Giving Tree

A special *Thank you* for all those who contributed to the Christmas Giving Tree. Your generosity will bring joy to many this Christmas season.

Christmas Decorating

This is your chance to help the parish with something for all to enjoy! Please save the date, December 19, 2020, to help with decorating the Church for the arrival of Our Savior. Starting at 1 pm and until we finish or you need to leave.

Teens and those older are encouraged to help with decorating, assembling trees, adding lights, assembling the creche, or making the Church spotless in anticipation of the Christ Child's birth, please take time to help with this enormous undertaking. If your child is in the Confirmation class, this is terrific opportunity for him or her to help the parish; but please leave other smaller children at home.

Bulletin Publication Deadline

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

Please Patronize the Advertisers in our Bulletin. Their support allows us to provide this service. Interested in Advertising in our Bulletin? Call 1-800-945-6629.

Catechism Corner

From The Catechism of St. Pius X—first issued in 1908 by Pope St. Pius X to fulfill this holy pope's desire to have a plain, simple and brief catechism for laypeople.

The Apostles' Creed The Creed in General

1 Q: What is the first part of Christian Doctrine?

A: The first part of Christian Doctrine is the Symbol of the Apostles, commonly called the Creed.

2 Q: Why do you call the Creed the Symbol of the Apostles?

A: The Creed is called the Symbol of the Apostles because it is a summary of the truths of faith taught by the Apostles.

3 Q: How many articles are there in the Creed?

A: There are twelve articles in the Creed.

4 Q: Recite them.

- A: (1) I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth;
(2) And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord;
(3) Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost; born of the Virgin Mary;
(4) Suffered under Pontius Pilate: was crucified, dead, and buried;
(5) He descended into hell: the third day He rose again from the dead;
(6) He ascended into Heaven: sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
(7) From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.
(8) I believe in the Holy Ghost;
(9) The Holy Catholic Church; the Communion of Saints;
(10) The forgiveness of sins;
(11) The resurrection of the body;
(12) Life everlasting. Amen.

5 Q: What is meant by the word: "I believe", which you say at the beginning of the Symbol?

A: The word: I believe, means I hold everything that is contained in these twelve articles to be perfectly true; and I believe these truths more firmly than if I saw them with my eyes, because God, who can neither deceive nor be deceived, has revealed them to the Holy Catholic Church and through this Church to us.

6 Q: What do the articles of the Creed contain?

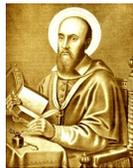
A: The articles of the Creed contain the principal truths to be believed concerning God, Jesus Christ, and the Church, His Spouse.

7 Q: Is it useful to recite the Creed frequently?

A: It is most useful to recite the Creed frequently, so as to impress the truths of faith more and more deeply on our hearts.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

The presence of venial sins does not actually deprive charity of its strength, but only keeps it bound as if it were a slave...giving us a love for creatures that deprives us of a closer communication with God. In a word, this attachment to venial sin makes us lose interior help and assistance which are the vital life-blood of the soul. Lack of this produces a certain paralysis that eventually leads to mortal sin.



Diocesan Reopening Guidelines

Please be sure to wear a face covering and maintain a six-foot distance between all non-family groups when entering the church, in the pews, and at the Communion rail. It is imperative that we follow the restrictions to provide a safe, comfortable environment for all and to ensure continued access to public Mass.

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.

Donation Envelopes

Thank you for your very generous donations to our parish family during 2020. Even with the unusual circumstances during this past year, the parish has been able to pay its bills and undertake a number of necessary improvement projects. As a reminder, it is extremely helpful if you utilize your parish envelopes for all collections, even when submitting a check, so the office can easily record your donations into the computer data base maintained for tax records. When you do not use your envelopes, and simply put your check into the collection, diocesan regulations require that the office staff take several extra steps to ensure your donations are properly recorded. If you have not received envelopes, and are a registered parishioner, please contact the parish office (412.761.1508). Thank you for your assistance in making the process a little easier for the parish staff!

March for Life

Online Registration is now open!

Registration deadline is January 7, 2021

Register early as seats are sure to fill quickly. Seating will be reserved by seat and section. All passengers are required to wear a mask and social distancing between groups. This will be a pilgrimage of sacrifices for the lives of the unborn. Parishioners will have first opportunity to register for seats.

Please register online at

<https://form.jotform.com/202065657523151>

and send appropriate payment to:

"Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish"
3250 California Ave. Pgh. PA 15212

It is preferred that you donate by check directly to MPBOJ Parish.

Pre-ordered dinner is available, payable by cash only in advance.

Write "attende" on memo line of check. Enclose your check in an envelope marked "March for Life" and drop into the collection basket on Sunday or mail to the office.

If you would like to help defray the cost of the March for Life for an attendee or help the parish pay for the cost of the buses please consider sending your best gift.

Write "sponsor" on memo line of check. Enclose your check in an envelope marked "March for Life" and drop into the collection basket on Sunday or mail to the office.

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