

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*

**Sunday within the Christmas Octave
December 27, 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

Live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 4pm

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

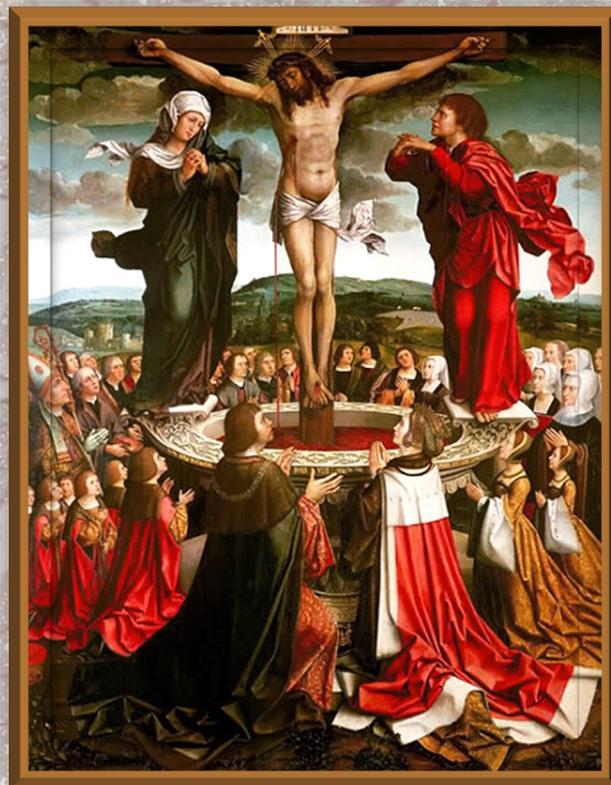
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am

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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 27, 2020

Sunday withing Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. John the Apostle

7:30AM + Alberta Stefanik (O'Connell Family)

9:30AM *Pro Populo*

11:30AM + Elmer Hartlep (DT)

4PM* *Private Intention*

Monday, December 28, 2020

Holy Innocents, 2nd Class—Red

Commemoration of Christmas Octave

12PM Andrew & Maggie Budd & Family (Jack & Mary

Lou Aul & Family)

Tuesday, December 29, 2020

Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Thomas à Becket

12PM Peter DeLuca (Joan DeLuca)

7PM St. Elizabeth of the Trinity & St. Ignatius Loyola
for prayers answered (Cosmas Family)

Wednesday, December 30, 2020

Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

12PM + Martin Albert Michael Walz (Laurie Walz)

Thursday, December 31, 2020

Christmas Octave, 2nd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Sylvester

12PM + Laurette Cribbons (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Friday, January 1, 2021

Octave Day of Christmas, 1st Class—White

7:30AM + Alberta Stefanik (O'Connell Family)

9:30AM *Pro Populo*

11:30AM + Elmer Hartlep (DT)

4PM* *Private Intention*

Saturday, January 2, 2021

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

9AM + Nina DeNinno (Tim & Patricia Rowlands)

Sunday, January 3, 2021

Holy Name of Jesus, 2nd Class—White

7:30AM *Pro Populo*

9:30AM Special Intention of the Jan Bolea Family (Jan Bolea)

11:30AM Father Dolan (Paras Family)

4PM* *Private Intention*

* Live stream only

N.B. Please check the parish website for updates concerning in-person and live-stream Masses.

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. There is a donation box on the table, if you wish to contribute to the cost of publication. Wishing you a blessed 2021!

Notices

* 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.

* On Friday, January 1st, Feast of the Circumcision of our Lord, Low Masses at 7:30am and 9:30am; High Mass at 11:30am. Live streamed Mass at 4pm.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

Our Weekly Offerings

Immaculate Conception, December 8, 2020

Offertory \$1723.00

Parish Share 2020 \$345.00

Christmas Flowers \$10.00

Food Pantry..... \$10.00

Sunday, December 13, 2020

Offertory \$7,396.00

Parish Share 2020 \$460.00

Christmas Flowers \$493.00

Food Pantry..... \$35.00

Due to the early submittal of this bulletin, the offertory information for Sunday, December 20th will be published in next week's bulletin.

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**.

Christmas Thank You!

Both Canon O'Connor and I would like to thank all those who remembered us during this Christmas season by sending us Christmas cards and gifts. Be assured of our special prayers for you during this new year!

In Christo Rege et Maria, Canon Avis

Epiphany Water

On the Vigil of Epiphany, January 5th, there is a special blessing of holy water. Due to restrictions this blessing will take privately this year. Those who would like blessed salt can bring their containers of salt (labeled with their name) and leave them in the church prior to January 5th. They will be blessed during the blessing of the holy water and made available for pick up on January 6th. The holy water will be provided as last year and be taken from the holy water dispenser which will be placed near the Manger Scene.

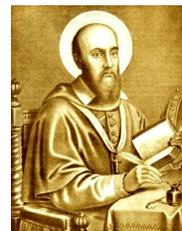


Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

You will never acquire perfect gentleness and charity if you do not exercise them amid repugnance, aversions and dislikes. True peace does not consist in not fighting, but in winning. Those who are defeated and no longer fight do not possess true peace. Let us humiliate ourselves deeply, seeing that we have so little control over ourselves and love ease and repose so much!

The Babe Who is about to be born does not come on earth to have an easy life or to enjoy spiritual and temporal comforts, but to fight, to mortify Himself and to die.

“And the angel said to them: Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, that shall be to all the people: For, this day, is born to you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord, in the city of David.”
—Luke 2: 10-11



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: 1st Article The Angels

13 Q: Which are the noblest of God's creatures?

A: The noblest creatures created by God are the Angels.

14 Q: Who are the Angels?

A: The Angels are intelligent and purely spiritual creatures.



15 Q: Why did God create the Angels?

A: God created the Angels so as to be honored and served by them, and to give them eternal happiness.

16 Q: What form and figure have the Angels?

A: The Angels have neither form nor material figure of any kind, because they are pure spirits created by God in such a way as to exist without having to be united to a body.

17 Q: Why then are the angels represented under sensible forms?

A: The Angels are represented under sensible forms: (1) As a help to our imagination; (2) Because they have thus appeared many times to men, as we read in Sacred Scripture.

18 Q: Were all the angels faithful to God?

A: No, the Angels were not all faithful to God, many of them through pride claimed to be His equals and independent of Him -- for which sin they were banished for ever from Paradise and condemned to hell.

19 Q: What are the Angels called who were banished for ever from Paradise and condemned to hell?

A: The Angels banished for ever from Paradise and condemned to hell are called demons, and their chief is called Lucifer or Satan.

20 Q: Can the demons do us any harm?

A: Yes, the demons can do us great harm both in soul and body, especially by tempting us to sin, provided God permits them to do so.

21 Q: Why do they tempt us?

A: The demons tempt us because of the envy they bear us, which makes them desire our eternal damnation; and because of their hatred of God, whose image is reflected in us. God on the other hand permits these temptations in order that we may overcome them by His grace, and thus practice virtue and acquire merit for Heaven.

22 Q: How are temptations conquered?

A: Temptations are conquered by watchfulness, prayer and Christian mortification.

23 Q: What are the angels called who remained faithful to God?

A: The Angels who remained faithful to God are called the good Angels, heavenly Spirits, or simply Angels.

24 Q: What became of the Angels who remained faithful to God?

A: The Angels who remained faithful to God were confirmed in grace, forever enjoy the vision of God, love Him, bless Him, and praise Him eternally.

25 Q: Does God use the Angels as His ministers?

A: Yes, God uses the Angels as His ministers, and especially does He entrust to many of them the office of acting as our guardians and protectors.

26 Q: Should we have a particular devotion to our Guardian Angel?

A: Yes, we should have a particular devotion to our Guardian Angel; we should honor him, invoke his aid, follow his inspirations, and be grateful to him for the continual assistance he affords us.

Would you like to read more from the Catechism of St. Pius X? Visit

<http://www.cin.org/users/james/ebooks/master/pius/pindex.htm>

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:

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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.

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.

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