

# 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*

**Holy Name of Jesus  
January 3, A.D. 2021**

## 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

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1-888-808-1235

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## Mass Intentions

### **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*

### **Monday, January 4, 2021**

**Votive Mass of the Holy Innocents, 4th Class—Red**

12PM Special Intention of Robert A. Setele (RAS)

### **Tuesday, January 5, 2021**

**St. Telesphorus, 4th Class—Red**

12PM + Joseph Flood (Joan DeLuca)

7PM + Marie Downing (M/M Schawl)

### **Wednesday, January 6, 2021**

**Epiphany of the Lord, 1st Class—White**

12PM + Donald Doyle (Robert Wrabley)

7PM *Pro Populo*

### **Thursday, January 7, 2021**

**Votive Mass of Jesus, Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White**

12PM + Karen Werner (Bill & Gerry Redic)

### **Friday, January 8, 2021**

**Feria of Epiphany, 4th Class—White**

12PM + Fr. John David Crowley (Sue Sherwin)

### **Saturday, January 9, 2021**

**Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White**

9AM + Dr. Robert P. Blume, M.D. (Liz Blume)

### **Sunday, January 10, 2021**

**Holy Family, 2nd Class—White**

7:30AM *Pro Populo*

9:30AM + Martin Albert Michael Walz (Laurie Walz)

11:30AM Karen Paras (Family)

4PM\* *Private Intention*

\* Live stream only

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, December 20, 2020*

Offertory .....	\$6,677.00
Parish Share 2020 .....	\$510.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$195.00
Food Pantry .....	\$10.00
ICRSS Seminary .....	\$10.00
St. Anthony's School .....	\$10.00

*Due to the early submittal of this bulletin, the offertory information for Sunday, December 27th 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](http://www.faithdirect.net) or by calling **866-507-8757**. The parish code for Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is **PA678**.

### **Bulletin Publication Deadline**

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

## **Wishing you a Happy New Year! 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.

\* 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, January 7th at 8pm.

### **A Wonderful Christmas Gift!**

The parish received a tremendous Christmas gift this year! A \$30,000 grant was sent to the parish by a very generous, anonymous donor, to apply to the expense of a new boiler in the school building. The boiler should be installed in early 2021—which means the school building will be warm once again and ready for use when the time comes. Please keep our Christmas benefactor in your prayers during this most holy season.

### **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

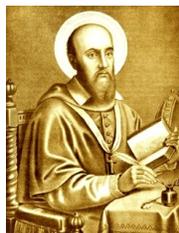
### **Epiphany Water**

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**

Happy are we if we can pronounce with affection the holy name of our Savior, because this will be the watchword that opens the way for us to Heaven; it is the name of our redemption. It makes the angels rejoice; it saves us and makes the devils tremble. So we must impress it deeply in our hearts and in our minds. Pronouncing it frequently, blessing it and honoring it in this life, we will be found worthy to sing it eternally with the blessed in Heaven. Long live Jesus Christ!



### **ICRSS Calendars Available**

2021 is here 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!

## **Pray the Rosary Daily!**

## 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 Man

**27 Q: Which is the noblest creature God has placed on earth?**

A: The noblest creature God has placed on earth is man.

**28 Q: What is man?** A: Man is a rational creature composed of soul and body.

**29 Q: What is the soul?** A: The soul is the noblest part of man, because it is a spiritual substance, endowed with intelligence and will, capable of knowing God and of possessing Him for all eternity.

**30 Q: Can the human soul be seen and touched?** A: Our soul can neither be seen nor touched, because it is a spirit.

**31 Q: Does the human soul die with the body?** A: The human soul never dies; faith and our very reason prove that it is immortal.

**32 Q: Is man free in his actions?** A: Yes, man is free in his actions and each one feels within himself that he can do a thing or leave it undone, or do one thing rather than another.

**33 Q: Explain human liberty by an example.** A: If I voluntarily tell a lie, I know that I could have left it unsaid or that I could have remained silent, and that, on the other hand, I could also speak differently and tell the truth.

**34 Q: Why do we say that man was created to the image and likeness of God?** A: We say that man was created to the image and likeness of God because the human soul is spiritual and rational, free in its operations, capable of knowing and loving God and of enjoying Him forever -- perfections which reflect a ray of the infinite greatness of the Lord in us.

**35 Q: In what state did God place our first parents, Adam and Eve?** A: God placed our first parents, Adam and Eve, in the state of innocence and grace; but they soon fell away by sin.

**36 Q: Besides innocence and sanctifying grace did God confer any other gifts on our first parents?** A: Besides innocence and sanctifying grace, God conferred on our first parents other gifts, which, along with sanctifying grace, they were to transmit to their descendants; these were: (1) Integrity, that is, the perfect subjection of sense and reason; (2) Immortality; (3) Immunity from all pain and sorrow; (4) A knowledge in keeping with their state.

**37 Q: What was the nature of Adam's sin?** A: Adam's sin was a sin of pride and of grave disobedience.

**38 Q: What chastisement was meted out to the sin of Adam and Eve?** A: Adam and Eve lost the grace of God and the right they had to Heaven; they were driven out of the earthly Paradise, subjected to many miseries of soul and body, and condemned to death.

**39 Q: If Adam and Eve had not sinned, would they have been exempt from death?** A: If Adam and Eve had not sinned and if they had remained faithful to God, they would, after a happy and tranquil sojourn here on earth, and without dying, have been transferred by God into Heaven, to enjoy a life of unending glory.

**40 Q: Were these gifts due to man?** A: These gifts were in no way due to man, but were absolutely gratuitous and supernatural; and hence, when Adam disobeyed the divine command, God could without any injustice deprive both Adam and his posterity of them.

**41 Q: Is this sin proper to Adam alone?** A: This sin is not Adam's sin alone, but it is also our sin, though in a different sense. It is Adam's sin because he committed it by an act of his will, and hence in him it was a personal sin. It is our sin also

because Adam, having committed it in his capacity as the head and source of the human race, it was transmitted by natural generation to all his descendants: and hence in us it is original sin.

**42 Q: How is it possible for original sin to be transmitted to all men?** A: Original sin is transmitted to all men because God, having conferred sanctifying grace and other supernatural gifts on the human race in Adam, on the condition that Adam should not disobey Him; and Adam having disobeyed, as head and father of the human race, rendered human nature rebellious against God. And hence, human nature is transmitted to all the descendants of Adam in a state of rebellion against God, and deprived of divine grace and other gifts.

**43 Q: Do all men contract original sin?** A: Yes, all men contract original sin, with the exception of the Blessed Virgin, who was preserved from it by a singular privilege of God, in view of the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior.

**44 Q: Could not men be saved after Adam's sin?** A: After Adam's sin men could not be saved, if God had not shown mercy towards them.

**45 Q: What was the mercy shown by God to the human race?** A: The mercy shown by God to the human race was that of immediately promising Adam a divine Redeemer or Messiah, and of sending this Messiah in His own good time to free men from the slavery of sin and of the devil.

**46 Q: Who is the promised Messiah?** A: The promised Messiah is Jesus Christ, as the Second Article of the Creed teaches. *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 "attendee" 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

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