

# 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*

**4th Sunday after Easter  
May 2, 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*

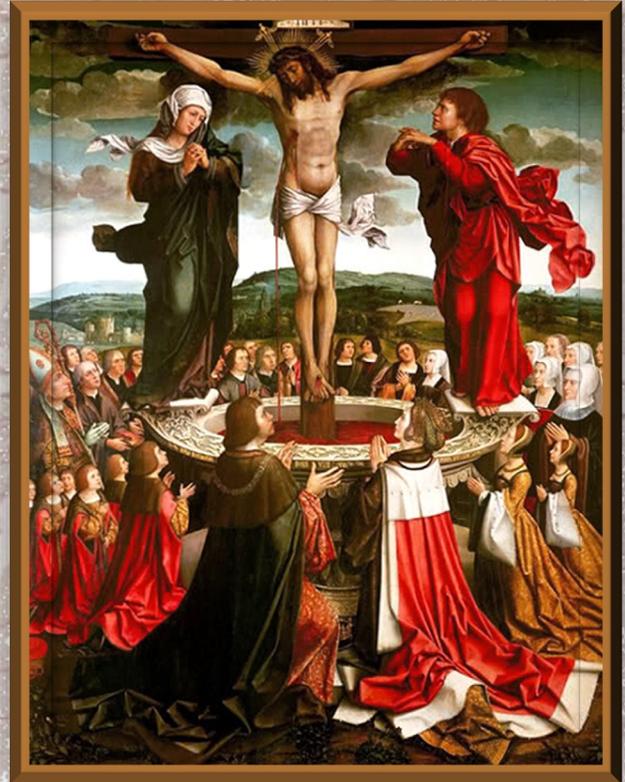
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am

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

*Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)*

1-888-808-1235

## **Contact Information**

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

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## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, May 2, 2021**

#### **4th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

- 7:30AM Cecilia Evans (Sobocinski Family)  
9:30AM Capone & Losco Families (Ralph A. & Andrea L. Capone)  
11:30AM *Pro Populo*  
4PM\* *Private Intention*

### **Monday, May 3, 2021**

#### **Finding of the Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red**

- Commemoration of Ss. Alexander, Eventius & Theodulus & St. Juvenal*  
12PM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

### **Tuesday, May 4, 2021**

#### **St. Monica, 3rd Class—White**

- 12PM + Joe & Aggie Matesic (Paras Family)  
7PM Wedding Anniversary (George & Jill Wright)

### **Wednesday, May 5, 2021**

#### **St. Pius V, 3rd Class—White**

- 12PM + George Hertrich (Margaret Hertrich)

### **Thursday, May 6, 2021 *First Thursday***

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

- 12PM Mary Joy Long (Sobocinski Family)

### **Friday, May 7, 2021 *First Friday***

#### **Votive Mass of Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White**

- Commemoration of St. Stanislaus*  
12PM + Eva Petrik (Maria Rikk)  
7PM + Andrew Fandozzi, Jr. (Andrew Fandozzi)

### **Saturday, May 8, 2021**

#### **Apparition of St. Michael, 4th Class—White**

- 9AM Elaine Dattilo (Joseph Ferraro III)

### **Sunday, May 9, 2021**

#### **5th Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White**

- 7:30AM + Margaret L. Capitani (Lou & Judy Talarico)  
9:30AM *Pro Populo*  
11:30AM Joseph Wakelin (Mary Wakelin)  
4PM\* *Private Intention*

\* Live stream only

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, April 25, 2021*

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| Offertory .....          | \$8,924.00 |
| Parish Share 2021 .....  | \$2,850.00 |
| Parish Improvement ..... | \$100.00   |
| ICRSS Province .....     | \$125.00   |
| Food Pantry .....        | \$20.00    |

*Faith Direct, March 16-31, 2021*

|                             |             |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Offertory .....             | \$18,587.00 |
| Parish Share 2021 .....     | \$1,310.00  |
| Parish Improvement .....    | \$386.00    |
| Easter Flowers .....        | \$202.00    |
| Good Friday/Holy Land ..... | \$217.00    |
| ICRSS Seminary .....        | \$475.00    |

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](http://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**

\* 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, May 6th at 8pm**.

\* The **Confraternity of Christian Mothers** meets every first Saturday of the month beginning with 9am Mass. Please contact [JillianLKaufman@gmail.com](mailto:JillianLKaufman@gmail.com) for more information.

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

\* 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 remains in effect.

\* Please ensure the continuation of public Masses for our parishioners by observing the following diocesan guidelines—wear a face covering and maintain social distancing between all non-family groups when entering the church, in the pews, and at the Communion rail.

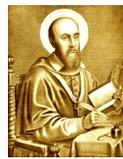
\* **Thursday, May 13th** is the **Feast of Our Lord's Ascension** into Heaven. There will be three Masses that day: 7 AM (Low Mass), 12 Noon (Low Mass), and 7 PM (High Mass).

### ***New Sound System Analysis***

We are collecting feedback on the performance of our new sound system. At the entrance of the church there are 3x5 index cards for your comments. Details such as when and where you were during your experience and what that experience was are most helpful and will aid us in making adjustments to the system. Simply fill out the card and drop it in the collection basket. The sound system is a work in progress, and your comments are helpful.

### ***Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales***

What greater honor or grace, what more real and perfect happiness can we desire, than that of being loved by God? Yet our hearts allow themselves to be carried away by their caprices and go from creature to creature, just as if they were going from house to house, to see if they can find lodgings and discover real satisfaction. All in vain! God, Who has reserved the human heart for Himself, has forbidden all creatures to give our hearts genuine satisfaction and contentment, so that we are forced to return to Our Lord. And even if we return to Him more by force than by love, God does not refuse to restore us to His grace, to give us back the place we had previously enjoyed, and to caress us without inflicting any reproaches.



***Thou art my Mother, O Virgin Mary: keep me safe lest I ever offend thy dear Son, and obtain for me the grace to please Him always and in all things.***

—Raccolta, n. 310

## 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: 10th Article

#### **The Forgiveness of Sins**

**1 Q: What are we taught by the Tenth Article: The Forgiveness of sins?**

A: The Tenth Article of the Creed teaches us that Jesus Christ has left to His Church the power of forgiving sins.

**2 Q: Can the Church forgive every sort of sin?**

A: Yes, the Church can forgive all sins, no matter how many or how grave they may be, because Jesus Christ has given her full power to bind and to loose

**3 Q: Who exercises this power of forgiving sins in the Church?**

A: Those who exercise the power of forgiving sins in the Church are, first of all, the Pope, who alone possesses this power in all its plenitude; then the bishops, and, dependent upon the bishops, the priests.

**4 Q: How does the Church forgive sins?**

A: The Church forgives sins through the merits of Jesus Christ by conferring the Sacraments instituted by Him for this purpose; especially the sacraments of baptism and penance.

### **ICRSS Summer Camps**

Be sure to sign up your children and teens for the Institute's Summer Camps! Nearly 250 youth from across the United States enjoy a week of pure fun and Catholic faith formation each summer at our beautiful campsites in Wisconsin. Through edifying activities and games, daily Mass and prayer, and spiritual talks, campers grow in virtue, fellowship, and deeper love and understanding of their Catholic faith.

#### **Saint Michael Camp for Young Men (ages 14-17)**

Monday, June 7 – Friday, June 11

[campmichael@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:campmichael@institute-christ-king.org)

#### **Immaculate Conception Camp for Young Ladies (ages 14-17)**

Monday, July 5 – Friday, July 9

[campimmaculate@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:campimmaculate@institute-christ-king.org)

#### **Saint Dominic Savio Camp for Boys (ages 9-13)**

Monday, July 12 – Friday, July 16

[campsavio@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:campsavio@institute-christ-king.org)

#### **Saint Therese Camp for Girls (ages 9-13)**

Monday, July 19 – Friday, July 23

[camptherese@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:camptherese@institute-christ-king.org)

Register at this link: [form.jotform.com/icksp/institute-summer-camps-2021](http://form.jotform.com/icksp/institute-summer-camps-2021) Discounts available for Teen Camps if teen attendee has siblings attending any of our camps.

### **Sursum Corda Annual Retreat**

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## Sewing Workshop in May

A Sewing Workshop will be offered in May at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish on Saturday May 22nd, 1:00-4:00pm. The project is Fabric Napkins. Those interested should register by Thursday May 20th.

Informational Handouts and updates are available in the "Sewing Workshops" group through Veni, Sancte Spiritus in Flocknote - just text CatholicsIgnite to 84576. If you would have further questions or wish to sign up, please contact Margaux Pisula at 412.779.9091 or send an email to [studiauxmargaux@gmail.com](mailto:studiauxmargaux@gmail.com).

### **Sermon on the Royal Dignity of the Blessed Virgin Mary by St. Bonaventure**

The Blessed Virgin Mary is the Mother of the great King by reason of a noble kind of conception, according to the message given her by the Angel. *Behold, he said, thou shalt conceive and shalt bring forth a Son;* and again, *the Lord God will give Him the throne of David His father, and He shall be king over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there shall be no end.* This is as if to say in so many words, Thou wilt conceive and bear a Son who is King, eternally reigning on the royal throne, and as Queen thou wilt be seated on the royal throne. For if it becomes a son to give honor to his mother, it is also fitting that he share his royal throne with her; and so the Virgin Mary, because she conceived Him on whose thigh was written, *King of kings and Lord of lords*, was Queen not only of earth but also of heaven as soon as she conceived the Son of God. This is indicated in the Apocalypse where it says: *A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon was under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.*

Mary the Queen outshines all others in glory, as the Prophet clearly shows in the Psalm which particularly concerns Christ and the Virgin Mary. It first says of Christ: *Thy throne, O God, standeth forever and ever*, and shortly thereafter of the Virgin: *The Queen taketh her place at Thy right hand*, that is, in the position of highest blessedness, for it refers to glory of soul. It continues: *In garments of gold*, by which is meant the clothing of glorious immortality which was proper to the Virgin in her Assumption. For it could not be that the garment which clothed Christ, the garment completely sanctified on earth by the incarnate Word, should be the food of worms. As it was fitting for Christ to grant the fullness of grace to His Mother at her Conception, so was it fitting that He grant her the fullness of glory at her Assumption. And so we are to hold that the Virgin, glorious in soul and body, is enthroned next to her Son.

Mary the Queen is also the distributrix of grace. This is indicated in the book of Esther, where it is said: *The little spring which grew into a river and was turned into a light and into the sun.* The Virgin Mary, under the type of Esther, is compared to the outpouring of a spring and of light, because of the diffusion of grace for two uses, that is, for action and for contemplation. For the grace of God, which is a healing for the human race, descends to us through her as if through an aqueduct, since the dispensing of grace is attributed to the Virgin not as to its beginning, but because of her position through merit. By position the Virgin Mary is a most excellent Queen towards her people: she obtains forgiveness, overcomes strife, distributes grace, and thereby she leads them to glory.

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