

# 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 after the Ascension  
May 16, 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*

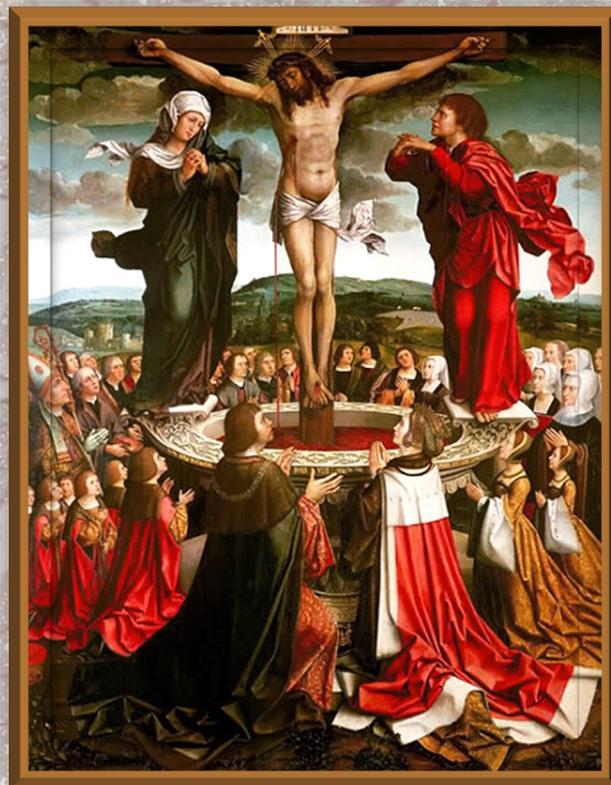
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am

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*

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## Mass Intentions

### **Sunday, May 16, 2021**

#### **Sunday after the Ascension, 2nd Class—White**

7:30AM Private Intention (Sobocinski Family)  
9:30AM Rick Very, Jr. (Michael & Jill Garfold)  
11:30AM Msgr Joseph Lamonde (Serenity Group)  
4PM\* *Pro Populo*

### **Monday, May 17, 2021**

#### **St. Pascal Baylon, 3rd Class—White**

12PM Jamie Sunderland (The Max's Crowd)

### **Tuesday, May 18, 2021**

#### **St. Venantius, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM Terrance & Janine O'Connor (Teri Gauger)  
7PM Patricia Goelz (Goelz Family)

### **Wednesday, May 19, 2021 *St. Joseph Devotions***

#### **St. Peter Celestine, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Pudentiana*

12PM Martha Sobocinski (Sobocinski Family)

### **Thursday, May 20, 2021**

#### **St. Bernardine of Siena, 3rd Class—White**

12PM + William Allan Obricki (Charles & Deanna Shannon)

### **Friday, May 21, 2021**

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

12PM + Leonard Paul & Donna Marie Simelis  
(Anthony Simelis)

### **Saturday, May 22, 2021**

#### **Vigil of Pentecost, 1st Class—Red**

9AM George & Constance Schawl  
(George & Constance Schawl)

### **Sunday, May 23, 2021**

#### **Pentecost Sunday, 1st Class—Red**

7:30AM *Pro Populo*  
9:30AM + Royal Uhlman (Barbara & Andrew Bencsics)  
11:30AM + John & Theresa Aul (Jack & Mary Lou Aul & Family)

*See Bulletin notice about Live Stream Mass for this Sunday.*

\* Live stream only

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, May 9, 2021*

Offertory .....	\$8,300.00
Parish Share 2021 .....	\$1,412.00
ICRSS Seminary .....	\$30.00
Good Friday/Holy Land .....	\$10.00

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## **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.

\* **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.

\* 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 20th at 8pm.

### ***Landscaping Thank You***

A very sincere "Thank You" to all of our spring landscaping volunteers, whose efforts over the last few weeks were quite noticeable on Mother's Day. The parish family owes you a debt of gratitude for beautifying the parish grounds. Thank you all and may God bless you abundantly for your selfless work.

### ***Live Stream Mass for Next Sunday***

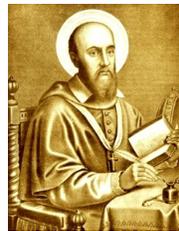
Next Sunday, both Canon Avis and Canon O'Connor will have to travel in the afternoon for priests' retreat in Missouri. Because of this, next Sunday there will not be a live stream Mass from MPBOJ. Alternative live stream Masses are accessible from the Institute's website:

<https://www.institute-christ-king.org/videostream>

Live Masses at 8:30am, 9am, 11am, 11:30am and 5pm. The 4pm live stream Mass from MPBOJ will resume the following Sunday, May 30th.

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

Our Lord dedicated His divine life to instructing us how to be saved and how to be acceptable to Him. Not only



did He suffer for us even unto death on the cross, but He also sustained countless persecutions from those very people for who He suffered. He wants us to imitate Him in this: by carrying our cross, by suffering for one another, even by giving our life for those who want to take ours. He wants us to be always ready to put up

with our neighbor, not only in pleasurable circumstances but even when the going is rough. Like Him, we must resist all that can weaken the ardor of our love for our neighbor. Persecution must not daunt us.

## 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.

### Prayer

#### **Prayer in General**

**1 Q: What does this Part of Christian Doctrine treat of?**

A: This Part of Christian Doctrine treats of Prayer in general, and of the Our Father in particular.

**2 Q: What is prayer?**

A: Prayer is an elevation of the mind to God to adore Him, to thank Him, and to ask Him for what we need.

**3 Q: How is prayer divided?**

A: Prayer is divided into mental and vocal prayer. Mental prayer is that made with the mind alone; and vocal prayer is that expressed in words accompanied by attention of mind and devotion of heart.

**4 Q: Can prayer be divided in any other way?**

A: Prayer may also be divided into private and public prayer.

**5 Q: What is private prayer?**

A: Private prayer is that which each one says individually for himself or for others.

**6 Q: What is public prayer?**

A: Public prayer is that said by the Sacred Ministers in the name of the Church and for the salvation of the faithful. That prayer also which is said in common and publicly by the faithful, in processions, pilgrimages and in God's house, may also be called public prayer.

**7 Q: Have we a well-founded hope of obtaining by means of prayer the helps and graces of which we stand in need?**

A: The hope of obtaining from God the graces of which we stand in need is founded on the promises of the omnipotent, merciful and all-faithful God, and on the merits of Jesus Christ.

**8 Q: In whose name should we ask of God the graces we stand in need of?**

A: We should ask of God the graces we stand in need of in the Name of Jesus Christ, as He Himself has taught us and as is done by the Church, which always ends her prayers with these words: Through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**9 Q: Why should we beg graces of God in the Name of Jesus Christ?**

A: We should beg graces of God in the Name of Jesus Christ because He is our Mediator, and it is through Him alone that we can approach the throne of God.

**10 Q: If prayer is so powerful how is it that many times our prayers are not heard?**

A: Many times our prayers are not heard, either because we ask things not conducive to our eternal salvation, or because we do not ask properly.

**11 Q: Which are the chief things we should ask of God?**

A: The chief things we should ask of God are His own glory, our eternal salvation and the means of obtaining it.

**12 Q: Is it not also lawful to ask for temporal goods?**

A: Yes, it is lawful to ask God for temporal goods, but always with the condition that these be in conformity with His Holy will and not a hindrance to our salvation.

**13 Q: If God knows all that is necessary for us, why should we pray?**

A: Although God knows all that is necessary for us, He nevertheless wills that we should pray to Him so as to

acknowledge Him as the Giver of every good gift, to attest our humble submission to Him, and to merit His favors for ourselves.

**14 Q: What is the first and best disposition to render our prayers efficacious?**

A: The first and best disposition to render our prayers efficacious is to be in the state of grace; or if we are not in that state, to desire to put ourselves in it.

**15 Q: What other dispositions are required in order to pray well?**

A: To pray well we specially require recollection, humility, confidence, perseverance and resignation.

**16 Q: What is meant by praying with recollection?**

A: It means remembering that we are speaking to God; and hence we should pray with all respect and devotion, as far as possible avoiding distractions, that is, every thought foreign to our prayers.

**17 Q: Do distractions lessen the merit of prayer?**

A: Yes, when we ourselves bring them about, or when we do not promptly drive them away; but if we do all we can to be recollected in God, then our distractions do not lessen the merit of our prayer, and may even increase it.

**18 Q: What is required to pray with recollection?**

A: Before prayer we should banish all occasions of distraction, and during prayer we should reflect that we are in the presence of God who sees and hears us.

**19 Q: What is meant by praying with humility?**

A: It means sincerely acknowledging our own unworthiness, powerlessness and misery, and as well as this observing a respectful posture.

**20 Q: What is meant by praying with confidence?**

A: It means that we should have a firm hope of being heard, if it is to God's glory and our own true welfare.

**21 Q: What is meant by praying with perseverance?**

A: It means that we should not grow tired of praying, if God does not at once hear us, but that we should ever continue to pray with increased fervor.

**22 Q: What is meant by praying with resignation?**

A: It means that we should conform our will to the will of God, even when our prayers are not heard, because He knows better than we do what is necessary for our eternal salvation.

**23 Q: Does God always hear prayers when well said?**

A: Yes, God always hears prayers when well said; but in the way He knows to be most conducive to our eternal salvation, and not always in the way we wish.

**24 Q: What effects does prayer produce in us?**

A: Prayer makes us recognize our dependence on God, the Supreme Lord, in all things; it makes us think on heavenly things; it makes us advance in virtue; it obtains for us God's mercy; it strengthens us against temptation; it comforts us in tribulation; it aids us in our needs; and it obtains for us the grace of final perseverance.

**25 Q: When should we especially pray?**

A: We should especially pray when in danger, in temptation, and at the hour of death; moreover, we should pray often, and it is advisable we should do so morning and night, and when beginning the more important actions of the day.

**26 Q: For whom should we pray?**

A: We should pray for all; first, for ourselves, then for our relatives, superiors, benefactors, friends and enemies; for the conversion of poor sinners, and of those outside the true Church, and for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

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