



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

*A Roman Catholic Personal Parish
for the Extraordinary Form
in the Diocese of Pittsburgh*

4th Sunday After Easter

May 3, A.D. 2026

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8am, 11am
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm
Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon
1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday: 9am

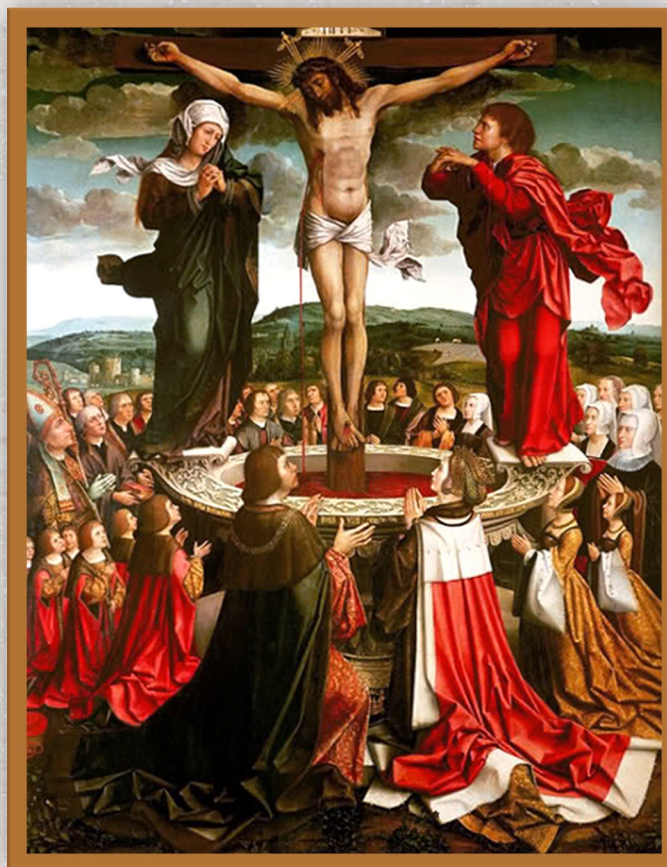
Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7-8am; 10-11am
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am
Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm
Saturday: 8-8:45am

Please consult the Liturgical Schedule on page 2 for particular modifications to this standard schedule.

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Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)
1-800-932-0313
Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
1-888-808-1235



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, May 3, 2026 *May Crowning*

Fourth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11 AM HM In Thanksgiving for God's Goodness (D'Souza Family)

Processional: Marian Hymns

Recessional: Regina Caela Jubila

Monday, May 4, 2026

St. Monica, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne, Daughter)

Tuesday, May 5, 2026

St. Pius V, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Breda Families (Jeannine M. Goelz)

7PM LM Charles Ligons IV (Monica Schneider)

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

St. John at the Latin Gate, 4th Class—Red

12PM LM +Joy Ann Holman Hull (Bryan & Sallie Asco)

Thursday, May 7, 2026 *First Thursday*

V. M. of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Cl.—White

Commemoration of St. Stanislaus

12PM LM +Augusto & Yolanda Vincenzi (Matthew Vincenzi)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, May 8, 2026

Apparition of St. Michael, 4th Class—White

12PM LM Ashley Redner (Paul & Hannah Allen)

Saturday, May 9, 2026

St. Gregory Nazianzen, 3rd Class—White

9 AM LM Family & Friends of the Patrick Family (Patrick Family)

Sunday, May 10, 2026 *Mother's Day*

Fifth Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11 AM HM For All Mothers

Processional: Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (p.58)

Recessional: Jesus Is Risen (p.72)

LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 26, 2026

Offertory	\$12,928.23
Parish Appeal 2026.....	\$20.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$90.00
ICRSS Seminary Appeal	\$565.00
Mother's Day Remembrance.....	\$1,259.00
ICRSS Sister Adorers	\$150.00

ParishSoft Report (Apr. 11 — Apr. 20, 2026)

Offertory (incl. Holy Thursday)	\$8,638.74
Parish Appeal 2026.....	\$166.36
Parish Improvement.....	\$946.38
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$57.97
Easter Flowers	\$18.99

Attendance: 8AM 543; 11AM 355; Total 898

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, May 9, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "To ransom the captive"**. All adult women are welcome to attend. Contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this group. RLG provides support to promote a culture of life through three working subcommittees: Legislation, Education, and Advocacy. *The RLG will be having a bake sale after both Masses on Sunday, May 17.*

SURSUM CORDA—YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18–35, at Institute apostolates. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, text **Corda** to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh." For more information, contact José Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Congratulations to the Confirmands

Congratulations to the members of our parish who received the graces of Confirmation yesterday:

ANGELA PHILOMENA BIANCO	KENNETH WILLIAM BENEDICT
REBECCA HILDEGARD BIRD	OXENREITER
GABRIELLE THÉRÈSE BORIGHT	THOMAS RAYMOND JEROME
ADAM JOHN BREERWOOD	OXENREITER JR.
THEODORE FRANCIS J. CARLO	JAKE MATTHEW CARLO PALERMO
BURCHILL	GRACIE ANNE PHILOMENA PATTS
MACKLIN DISMAS CANTWELL	MARIA ANNE CATHERINE PREZZIA
DAVID VICTOR JOSEPH FELLO	LEO JOHN JOSEPH EPHREM PUMFORD
KATHERINE CLAIRE PHILOMENA	KARL DANIEL MICHAEL RASZEWSKI III
GIANCOLA	ISABELLA MARY MAGDALENE RENSEL
ISABELLA BERNADETTE HANEY	(KNOCH)
LEO HUBERT HETE	GIDEON MARK SHELDON
ANNA LUCY HIRTH	GEORGE MICHAEL THOMAS SIRILLA
LEO AUGUSTINE MICHAEL KAUFMAN	LEO ANTHONY CAJETAN MARY PIO
FINNIAN P. DOMINIC KEENEY	SIRILLA
EDITH BERNADETTE KELCH	STELLA ELIZABETH SMITH
PARASKEVA GIANNA KRISKO	DOMINIC AUGUSTINE SUNSERI
CLARA MARIE THÉRÈSE KRUMMERT	GABRIEL FRANCIS THIMONS
MAXIMILIAN J. FRANCIS KRUMMERT	REGINA GERTRUDE TOSCANO
BENJAMIN JOSEPH ANTHONY LaFOSSE	SAVINA FRANCES TOSCANO
ANGELINA MARIE RITA ABIGAIL LAKE	LYDIA CECILIA TRUSCHEL
LINDSAY MARIE THÉRÈSE LIVOLSI	JOSEPH ROBERT PATRICK TUREK
TERESA JEANNE MCGINLEY	CHARLES ANTHONY WASHINSKI
BEYLA JOAN NUNES	ADELINE MARIE THÉRÈSE
LIDAH THÉRÈSE NUNES	WISCHNOWSKI
JOSHUA JOSEPH MAXIMILIAN O'MARA	KERRY THÉRÈSE ZINK

Catechism Concludes

Today marks the end of the 2025/26 Catechism school year. Blessings be upon the families that participate in the program (including the parents' work in cleaning up the gym each week), and gracious thanks to the catechists, aides, substitute teachers and administrator who devote their time and effort to instructing an enormous number of children.

With the end of classes, the coffee and donuts after Low Mass are also ended. Watch the bulletin for information about the possible return of Summer Coffee & Donuts, on a date TBD.

Thoughts from St. Francis de Sales

As the morning grows brighter, we see more clearly in the mirror the stains and dirt on our face. In the same way, the



more the interior light of the Holy Spirit shines upon our consciences, the more distinctly and clearly we see the sins, inclinations and imperfections which can prevent us from acquiring true devotion. The same light, which shows us these defects and failures, inflames us with the desire to cleanse and purify ourselves of them. - *(Introduction to the Devout Life, Part 1, Chapter 22)*

Fourth Sunday After Easter

Introit: Psalm 97: 1, 2. Sing ye to the Lord a new canticle, alleluia; for the Lord hath done wonderful things, alleluia; He hath revealed His justice in the sight of the gentiles, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 97: 1.* His right hand hath wrought for Him salvation: and His arm is holy. Glory be. Sing ye to the Lord.

Collect: O God, Who dost make the minds of the faithful to be of one accord, grant Thy peoples that they may love what Thou commandest and desire what Thou dost promise, so that, amid the changing things of this world, our hearts may be set where true joys abide. Through our Lord.

Epistle: I James 1: 17-21. Dearly beloved, Every best gift, and every perfect gift is from above; coming down from the Father of lights, with Whom there is no change, nor shadow of alteration. For of His own will hath He begotten us by the word of truth, that we might be some beginning of His creatures. You know, my dearest brethren; and let every man be swift to hear, but slow to speak, and slow to anger. For the anger of man worketh not the justice of God. Wherefore, casting away all uncleanness, and abundance of wickedness, with meekness receive the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. *Psalm 117: 16.* The right hand of the Lord hath wrought power; the right hand of the Lord hath exalted me. Alleluia. *Romans 6: 9.* Christ, rising from the dead, now dieth not; death shall no more have dominion over Him. Alleluia.

Gospel: St. John 16: 5-14. At that time Jesus said to His disciples, I go to Him that sent Me; and none of you asketh Me, Whither goest Thou? But because I have spoken these things to you, sorrow hath filled your heart. But I tell you the truth: it is expedient to you that I go; for if I go not, the Paraclete will not come to you, but if I go, I will send Him to you. And when He is come, He will convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment. Of sin, because they believed not in Me; and of justice, because I go to the Father, and you shall see Me no longer; and of judgment, because the prince of this world is already judged. I have yet many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now; but when He, the Spirit of truth, is come, He will teach you all truth; for He shall not speak of Himself; but what things soever He shall hear, He shall speak, and the things that are to come He shall show you. He shall glorify Me because He shall receive of Mine, and shall show it to you.

Offertory: Psalm 65: 1, 2, 16. Shout with joy to God, all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name: come, and hear, and I will tell you, all you that fear

God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul, alleluia. Secret: O God, Who, through the holy relationship of this sacrament, hast made us partakers of one supreme divinity, grant, we beseech Thee, that, as we know Thy truth, so we may follow it with worthy behaviour. Through our Lord.

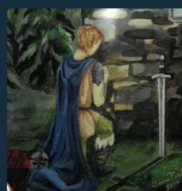
Preface of Easter: It is truly meet and just, right and profitable, to extol Thee indeed at all times, O Lord, but chiefly with highest praise to magnify Thee in these days on which for us was sacrificed Christ, our pasch. For He is the true Lamb Who hath taken away the sins of the world; Who by dying Himself hath destroyed our death; and by rising again hath bestowed a new life on us. And therefore with the angels and archangels, with the thrones and dominations, and with all the array of the heavenly host we sing a hymn to Thy glory and unceasingly repeat: Holy, holy, holy . . .

Communion: St. John 16: 8. When the Paraclete shall come, the Spirit of truth, He shall convince the world of sin, and of justice, and of judgment, alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion: Be near us, O Lord, our God, that, through those things which we have faithfully received, we may both be cleansed of sin and rescued from all dangers. Through our Lord.

Please see page 4 for a photo of the First Communion class.

The Last Viking



A Play About Saint Magnus Erlendson

Based on the novel by Susan Peck

Come back in time 900 years, to the fierce and desolate Northern lands, where Norsemen ruled with axe and sword. A dying king, a shocking death wish, his heirs divided with an oath of blood...

In this exciting stage production, the conflict unfolds between Magnus, a heroic young prince aflame with the love of God, and his outlawed cousin Hakon. This is a story of betrayal and revenge, bravery and forgiveness. Come learn the story of an amazing Saint you never knew existed!

Stage Performances

Friday May 8th, 2026 at 7:00pm

Saturday May 9th, 2026 at 3:00pm

Saturday May 9th, 2026 at 7:00pm

Diocese of Pittsburgh Pastoral Center

Bishop McDowell Auditorium

2900 Noblestown Road; Pittsburgh, PA 15205

Suggested Donation:

\$10 for adults

\$5 for students

Clergy, Religious, Seminarians, and young children are free.

For more information, contact Jude Young at 412-491-4415 or judeyoung4321@gmail.com.

To All of Our Guests...

The Canons and faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you to our parish and to the Traditional Mass, celebrated in accordance with the classical Roman Liturgy. This personal parish was established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019, the feast of *The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*. Our parishioners come from all over the diocese for the prayerful tranquility of the Traditional Mass.

According to liturgical tradition, Holy Communion is received on the tongue, kneeling at the communion rail. Reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, so only practicing Catholics, free from mortal sin and who have observed the Eucharistic fast, may present themselves for Holy Communion. Visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join in prayer, but may not receive Holy Communion. Those who need a low gluten Host should inform the usher as they approach the Communion rail, at the end of the distribution line for Holy Communion.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by
THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.



General Information

Bulletin Announcements: Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of the publication date. Submit via email to bulletin@mpboj.com.

Mass Intentions: The Parish Mass Intention Registry is currently CLOSED. Mass intentions are accepted at specific periods in the year and announced in the bulletin. Instructions and forms are available during those periods.

Parish News: The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. Please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.

On Line Contributions: Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in donating on-line via ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct), visit: giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678 or call 866-507-8757.

Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs: For those seeking to join the Catholic faith, or who wish spiritual direction, please call the Parish Office for information.

Safe Environment: Parish volunteers must complete the diocesan and parish Safe Environment Compliance process before they can participate in any parish-related activities. Please contact safeenvironment@mpboj.com for instructions and assistance.

Rosary: The Rosary is publicly recited one-half hour before most parish Masses.

Sacramental Information

Penance: The parish offers the sacrament of penance forty-five minutes prior to each Mass. Confessionals are located on the Epistle (right-hand) side of the church, with a sign indicating where to stand for the line. There is an accessible confessional located on the right side of the double confessional, where the kneeler can be lifted for easy access. Both sides of the double confessional may be occupied at the same time. Start your confession when you hear the priest's blessing.

Infant Baptism: Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the Parish Office prior to the baby's birth, to begin arrangements.

Holy Matrimony: Couples planning to marry at the parish must contact the Parish Office at least six months in advance, to schedule an appointment to begin marriage preparation instructions.

Extreme Unction/Anointing of the Sick: If you need the assistance of a priest for someone who is dying, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, listen to the prompts and select option #1.

Funerals: The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

Sacramental Records/Letters of Good Standing: To obtain sacramental records or a letter in good standing, please contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508 for instructions.



First Holy Communion

These 20 young Catholics of our parish received the Holy Eucharist for the first time on Saturday, April 25, 2026.

Photo: Allison Girone