

# 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*

**Quinquagesima Sunday  
February 19, A.D. 2023**

## **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**

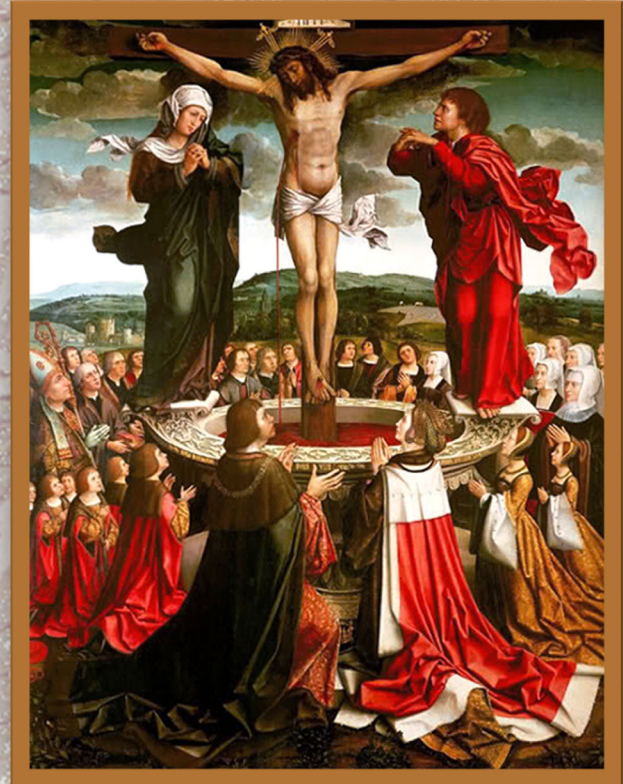
## **Confession Schedule**

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

*Please consult the weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule.  
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration  
as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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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**



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## Mass Intentions

### Sunday, February 19, 2023

#### Sunday in Quinquagesima, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM + Alfred & Margaret Ferla (Herman Marini)  
11AM *Pro populo*

### Monday, February 20, 2023

#### Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity, 4th Class—White

12PM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Anna Zigarovich  
(David & Susan Zigarovich)

### Tuesday, February 21, 2023

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

12PM In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus  
7PM Our Deceased Relatives (The Lenart Family)

### Wednesday, February 22, 2023

#### Ash Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet *Fast & Abstinence*

12PM + Louis & Anna Talarico (Lou & Judy Talarico)  
7PM + Kurt Schurer (Herman Marini)

### Thursday, February 23, 2023

#### Thursday Post Cineres, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of St. Peter Damian*  
12PM + Virginia Schmidt (Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

### Friday, February 24, 2023 *Abstinence*

#### St. Matthias the Apostle, 2nd Class—Red

*Commemoration of the Friday Post Cineres*  
12PM William Sherwin Family (Sue Sherwin)  
7PM + Gregory Robert Kuntz (DMT)

### Saturday, February 25, 2023

#### Saturday Post Cineres, 4th Class—Violet

9AM + Fr. John David Crowley (Sue Sherwin)

### Sunday, February 26, 2023

#### 1st Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM *Pro populo*  
11AM + Ron Kotwica (Randal & Piper Kotwica)

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, February 12, 2023*

Offertory .....	\$7,586.00
Parish Share .....	\$1,350.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$1,220.00
Food Pantry.....	\$60.00
<i>Mass Attendance: 8AM 542; 11AM 376; Total 918</i>	

*Faith Direct Report (January 16—31, 2023)*

Offertory .....	\$12,240.65
Parish Share .....	\$385.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$591.00

### On Line Contributions

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested in making donations in this manner, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

### Parish Notices

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

**PARISH NEWS**—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you'd like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

**MASS INTENTIONS**—The **Parish Mass Intention Registry** is currently closed. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the calendar year, with each period announced in the bulletin, in advance of the request period. Instructions and forms are made available at that time.

**PARISHIONER MATERIALS**—At the Church entrances, there are racks containing church forms, reading materials, and prayer cards. Please feel free to take what you need, but do not leave your own materials without permission from Canon Avis. Parish events are also publicized on the bulletin boards in the side entrance and the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize, please provide a copy of the poster/notice to Canon Avis for permission to post.

### Group News

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS**—meets every first Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, March 4, 2023. All adult women are welcome. Please contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

### 40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life campaign takes place February 22—April 2, 2023. Parishes will pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood *every day*, for *forty days!* Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is scheduled for **Sunday, March 19, 2023** from 7 am to 5 pm. Sign-up sheets will be at the back and side entrances of the church, beginning February 19th. Please consider committing to just one hour to stand, pray and unite the Body of Christ in this fight to end abortion in Pittsburgh.

### Institute's U.S. Provincial Appeal "Many Apostolates, One Mission"

Do you *value* what the Institute of Christ the King is doing in the Church today? **This Lent**, consider making a sacrifice of **\$80, just two dollars a day during these 40 days** to help the Institute continue its work for the salvation of souls. On **Sunday, February 26**, there will be a special second collection for this appeal **to help the Institute grow in the USA**. This Lent, you can make a difference in the Church today by donating to the people and the places that work to restore Catholic life and culture in America. **Thank you for your generous support!** May Christ our King reward you eternally.



### Holy Hour of Adoration

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, February 16, 2023 at 8pm.

Women of Grace® Retreat Pittsburgh  
St. John Neumann-Regina Coeli Catholic Church

### The Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit

March 24-26, 2023

Young Women of Grace Retreat Day  
Saturday, March 25, 9am-6pm

Benedicta Enrichment Seminar  
"Two Days With Mary"  
Thursday-Friday March 23-24

For more info and to register:  
[www.womenofgrace.com](http://www.womenofgrace.com)



## **LENTEN REGULATIONS**

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
2. The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.
3. Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.
4. Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.
5. Of particular note, Friday, March 17, 2023 is the Commemoration of Saint Patrick. The celebration of the saint day does not remove the obligation of abstinence on that Friday of Lent.
6. All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.
7. As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

*N.B. This year, the Feast of St. Joseph (March 19th) falls on the 4th Sunday of Lent. Since the Sunday takes precedence over the Feast, the Feast of St. Joseph is transferred to Monday, March 20th.*

## **Stations of the Cross**

A venerable devotion during Lent is the Via Crucis or Way of the Cross. It is a great means to meditate on the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Stations will be held at 6:30pm on the Fridays of Lent and followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, April 7th, Stations will be held at a time to be announced in the Holy Week Schedule. Also the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual condition by praying the Via Crucis. This may be done privately or during public devotions (in which case, only one person needs to go from station to station). No specific prayers are prescribed, just meditation on the sufferings of Christ.

## **Blessing of Religious Articles**

The Canons regularly bless religious articles for our parishioners. If you have religious articles that you would like Canon to bless, please place the items on the table in the room next to the sacristy (door next to Blessed Mother altar). Make sure each item(s) is labeled with your name and a brief description of what is to be blessed. After Canon blesses the item(s), he will place a removable blue dot on the item to indicate that it has been blessed. Please check the table each week and remove your blessed items, to ensure adequate space for others. Thank you for your consideration.

## **Parish-wide survey! Please Read**

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

**Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online.** The survey can be accessed through an online link from February 23 to March 31, 2023 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Canon Avis and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer a paper copy you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the side entrance of the church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at SURVEY BOXES located at the side entrance of the church. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the parish office at 412-761-1508. Thank you for helping!

## **40 Days for Life KICKOFF**

The 40 Days for Life campaign takes place February 22 – April 2, 2023. You're invited to join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: Nikki Bruni, [nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com), or Donna Goss at [gdgoss620@gmail.com](mailto:gdgoss620@gmail.com). • 20,829 babies saved • 247 abortion workers converted • 132 abortion centers closed! **Kick-off Mass** at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 6:30 pm, followed by a candle-lit Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood! All Christians are welcome to participate! Please visit [40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh](http://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh) for more info and check out posts on our blog at [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com).

## **Easter Candy Fundraiser**

Our Easter Candy fundraiser with Betsy Ann Chocolates will begin on February 26, 2023, ending March 12, 2023 with on-line sales ending on March 14th. Brochures will be available at both church entrances and should be returned to the side entrance by March 12th. Orders may be taken from the entire Betsy Ann website if ordered ON-LINE. Orders will be available for pickup in the school on Sunday, March 26th. We thank you for your support and we thank Jim and Karen Paras, our parishioners and owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for their continued generosity to our parish. Please contact Peggy Wrabley: [pwrabley@gmail.com](mailto:pwrabley@gmail.com) with any questions.

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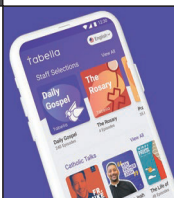
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