



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Second Sunday
of Lent**

February 25, A.D. 2024

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

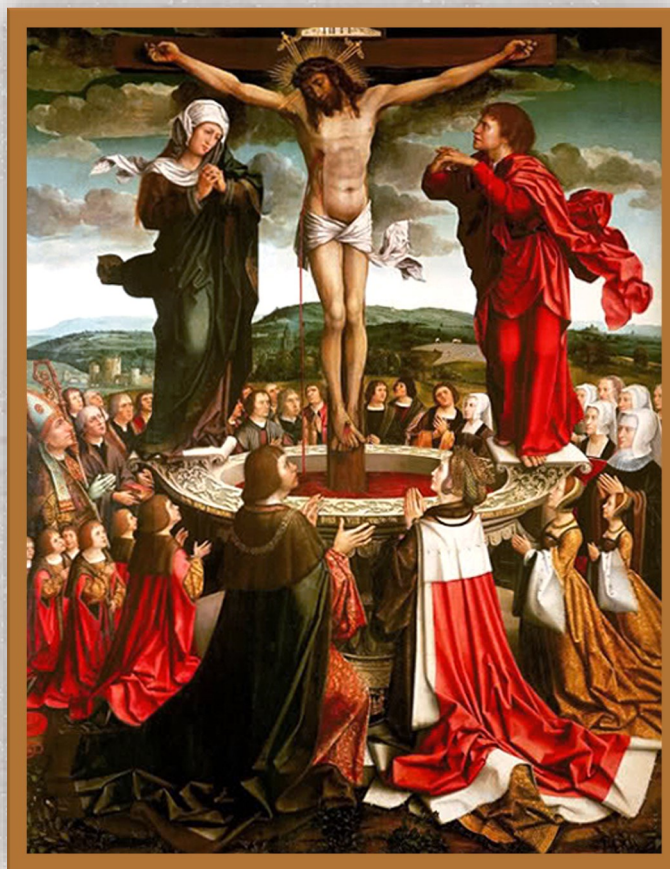
Confession Schedule

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.

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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, February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM + Stanley & Helen Gorski
 (Louis & June Gorski)

Processional: Miserere et Parce (chant) (pg. 103)
 Recessional: Soul of my Savior (pg. 92)

Monday, February 26, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Joseph Louis-Marie D'Souza (O'Connor Family)

Tuesday, February 27, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Thomas Lutern (Lori Cunningham)
 7PM LM + Margaret Stazer-Kobus (Donna Turcsanyi)

Wednesday, February 28, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows
 12PM LM Ryan & Mary Keane- 15th Wedding Ann. (Family)

Thursday, February 29, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + John Howard Pfeifer (Father & Sister)
 8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
 9PM Compline

Friday, March 1, 2024 **Abstinence First Friday**

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

12PM LM + Edward Brandstadter (Family)
 6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Holy Shroud—Red

7:15PM LM The Bono Family (Lynne Badstibner)

Saturday, March 2, 2024 **First Saturday**

Votive Mass of Immaculate Heart*, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM Ambyre, Helena & Dylan Daniel Family
 (Christine Novak)

Sunday, March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM Murphy Family, living & dec'd (Warner Family)
 11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Media Vita (chant)

Recessional: The Glory of These 40 Days

* Commemoration of the Feria

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 18, 2024

Offertory	\$19,960.00
Ash Wednesday	\$2,533.00
Parish Appeal 2024	\$1,005.00
Parish Improvement	\$10.00
St. Anthony School	\$15.00
Baptism	\$150.00

Faith Direct Report (December 1 – 15, 2023)

Offertory	\$10,803.65
Offertory (Immaculate Conception)	\$115.00
Offertory (Christmas)	\$260.00
Parish Appeal	\$3,205.00
Parish Improvement	\$1,130.00
Food Pantry	\$185.00
Christmas Flowers	\$100.00
Christmas Charities	\$20.00

Faith Direct Report (January 16 – 31, 2024)

Offertory	\$14,331.25
Parish Appeal	\$711.00
Parish Improvement	\$644.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 513; 11AM 386; Total 899

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: membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. All adult women are welcome. **The next meeting is set for March 2nd and the topic will be *On Suffering Well*.** Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

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 Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross. Stations are held at **6:30 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent** and followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, March 29th, Stations will be at a time to be announced in the Holy Week Schedule. The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by praying the *Via Crucis*. This may be done privately or during public devotions.



Upcoming Events

Thursday, March 7th—Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas*: 12pm Low Mass with Organ
 Saturday, March 16th—Lenten Day of Recollection (more details to come)
 Tuesday, March 19th—Feast of St. Joseph: 12pm Low Mass; 7pm High Mass
 Thursday, March 21st—Feast of St. Benedict*: 12pm Low Mass with Organ
 Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday: 8am Low Mass; 10am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Solemn Mass
 Wednesday, March 27th—Spy Wednesday: 7pm Tenebrae
 Thursday, March 28th—Holy Thursday: 6pm Confessions; 7pm Solemn Mass followed by Procession and Adoration until midnight
 Friday, March 29th—Good Friday: 10am Confessions; 11am Stations of the Cross; 12pm Mass of the Presanctified
 Saturday, March 30th—Holy Saturday: TBA Easter Vigil
 Sunday, March 31st—Easter Sunday: 8am Low Mass; 11am Solemn Mass followed by the Blessing of Lambs
 *On feastdays of the patron saints of the Institute, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by assisting at Holy Mass at the parish.



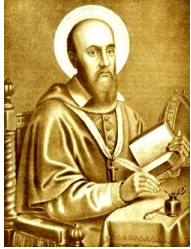
From now until March 24th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish has "adopted" **Sunday, March 10th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets in Narthex.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Interior Humility (Book 3, Chapter 5 – Part 2)

Nothing can be more foolish than to fancy we know that of which we are really ignorant; to affect knowledge while conscious that we are ignorant is intolerable vanity. For my part, I would rather



not put forward that which I really do know, while on the other hand neither would I affect ignorance. When Charity requires it, you should readily and kindly impart to your neighbor not only that which is necessary for his instruction, but also what is profitable for his consolation. The same humility which conceals graces with a view to their preservation is ready to bring them forth at the bidding of Charity, with a view to their increase and perfection; therein reminding me of that tree in the Isles of Tylos,

which closes its beautiful carnation blossoms at night, only opening them to the rising sun, so that the natives say they go to sleep. Just so humility hides our earthly virtues and perfections, only expanding them at the call of Charity, which is not an earthly, but a heavenly, not a mere moral, but a divine virtue; the true sun of all virtues, which should all be ruled by it, so that any humility which controverts charity is unquestionably false.

I would not affect either folly or wisdom; for just as humility deters me from pretending to be wise, so simplicity and straightforwardness deter me from pretending to be foolish; and just as vanity is opposed to humility, so all affectation and pretense are opposed to honesty and simplicity. If certain eminent servants of God have feigned folly in order to be despised by the world, we may marvel, but not imitate them; for they had special and extraordinary reasons for doing extraordinary things, and cannot be used as a rule for such as we are. When David danced more than was customary before the Ark of the Covenant, it was not with the intention of affecting folly, but simply as expressing the unbounded and extraordinary gladness of his heart. Michal his wife reproached him with his actions as folly, but he did not mind being "vile and base in his own sight," but declared himself willing to be despised for God's Sake. And so, if you should be despised for acts of genuine devotion, humility will enable you to rejoice in so blessed a contempt, the cause of which does not lie with you.

Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser

The parish is once again sponsoring a Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser to benefit parish programs. Please consider ordering some of the best chocolates in the world, while supporting the parish. The fundraiser runs from today through March 8, 2024, and is entirely online, so you can order any of the delectable candy from the website. Order pick-up will take place after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish



Hall on Saturday, March 9th and Sunday, March 10th. Detailed instructions are available on the insert found in today's bulletin and on the parish website. Thank you to parishioners Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible. Thanks also to Peggy Wrabley for coordinating this fundraiser each year. Please do your part and enjoy the best candy ever!



Thanks from the Little Sisters of the Poor

The parish received a thank-you letter from Sister Josephine, I.S.P.:

Dear Father Avis,

The celebration of Mass unites all of us in communion with Christ. In that spirit, we are happy that you answered our request to collect after the Masses at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish. The enthusiasm for our work, evidenced by the generous support we received, helps us to continue our mission.

We are pleased to share that our collection during the weekend of February 3-4, 2024 totaled \$3,412.68. Thank you! These funds help us to provide the elderly poor Residents living in our Home with the compassionate care, dignity and respect that they truly deserve...

Father, we are so grateful for your hospitality during our visit. All of you will be remembered in our daily prayers. May God bless all of you for being supportive of our mission here at the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Sister Josephine added this postscript:

P.S. Thank you again Canon
for allowing us to visit
your Parish.

Sincerely,

Sister Josephine, I.S.P.

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Everyone is so welcoming + generous!
May God continue to bless the work of
your hands + bless all your dear Parishioners
United loving heart in prayers + sacrifices.

18? Register please!

One of the adult privileges merited upon attaining the age of 18 is the right to register as a parishioner on your own, rather than being listed under your parents' registration as a child. Registration forms are always available in the literature racks at the church entrances.

Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life Event Mar. 16

On Saturday March 16th, from 11:00 – 3:00, Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America is holding a free event featuring nine speakers (including two of our parishioners) at the North Park Old Firehouse Building. See more details in the next bulletin.

ERT/Usher Volunteers Needed

Our parish is very ably served by our Ushers and Emergency Response Team members (ERTs), vigilantly ensuring good order, safety and security at the church and school. That said, we can always use more volunteers for these jobs. The work is not difficult, is done while you are already at church, and helps to serve our Lord. If you are willing to assist, please contact George Wright (usher-ert@mpboj.com), our ERT/Usher Coordinator, who will happily explain the duties.

Institute's U.S. Provincial Appeal

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. Though the second collection for this cause occurred last Sunday, you can still use the QR code (right) to donate online.



To All Our Guests...

The Canons and Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you and hope that your time in “The ‘Burgh” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please enjoy the beauty of this Personal Parish, established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019 on the *Feast of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*.

According to liturgical tradition and the Traditional Latin Mass of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join us in prayer but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and have observed the Eucharistic Fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. For those who need a low gluten Host, let an usher know as you approach the Communion rail toward the end of Communion.

To receive more information about the parish or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Priory at 412-761-1508. The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

Any and all contributions to the parish are warmly appreciated and tax deductible.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS/REQUESTS—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 in the narthex. If you are involved in an event that you would like to publicize or schedule, please provide a copy of the notice or request to businessmanager@mpboj.com for approval.

Sacramental Information

Infant Baptism:

Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the office prior to the baby’s birth to make arrangements.

Holy Matrimony:

Couples planning to marry at the parish must call the office to schedule proper instruction at least six months in advance.

Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

If you need the assistance of a priest for the dying, please contact the office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, please call and listen to the prompts and select option #1.

Certificates:

Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives. You may reach the Diocese Archive office at 412-456-3158, or archives@diopitt.org.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

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.

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, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.



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General Safety & Indemnity

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a welcoming, safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, the parish follows a general Safety and Indemnity Policy. When visiting the parish, whether for Mass or any social events in or on parish property, parents accept full responsibility for their children’s safety, by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and involved in parish related activities where a parish program manager oversees the children (e.g., Children’s Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on campus for the duration of the program and until the parent has regained custody at the conclusion of the parish activity/program.

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