



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**3rd Sunday after
Epiphany**

January 26, A.D. 2025

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

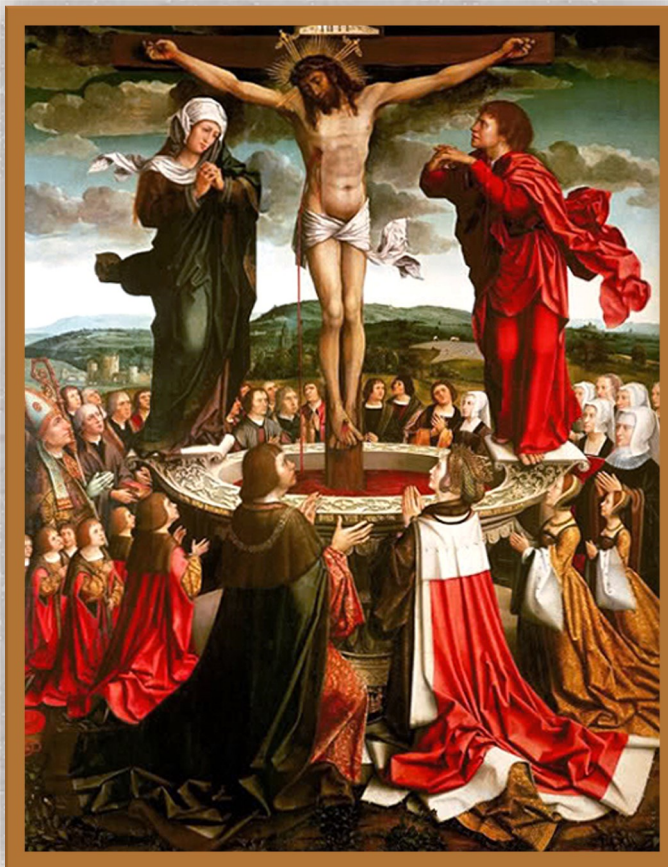
Confession Schedule

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, January 26, 2025

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green

8AM LM + Joseph & Wanda Shutak (Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Bethlehem of Noblest Cities* (pg. 56)

Recessional: *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* (pg. 87)

Monday, January 27, 2025

St. John Chrysostom, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Nuptials of Brandon D'Aloiso & Stephanie Accorsi (Robbins Family)

Tuesday, January 28, 2025

St. Peter Nolasco, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Agnes

12PM LM Marge Zeher (Paras Family)

7PM LM + Ben Gergerich (Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

Wednesday, January 29, 2025 *Plenary Indulgence*

St. Francis De Sales, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Jacob Ziolkowski (Aja Bencsics)

Thursday, January 30, 2025

St. Martina, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM + Lino Colangelo (Rattay Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, January 31, 2025

St. John Bosco, 3rd Class-White

12PM LM Private Intentions (D. Paras)

Saturday, February 1, 2025 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class-White

Commemoration of St. Ignatius of Antioch

9AM LM Our Family's Spiritual & Temporal Benefactors (Andrew & Marianne Pumford Family)

Sunday, February 2, 2025 *Candlemas*

Purification of Our Lady, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO + Nancy Bosh (Rich & Roseanne King)

11AM HM* *Pro populo*

Recessional: *O Sion Open wide the Gates* (pg. 83)

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

* includes the blessing of candles and procession

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 19, 2025

Offertory\$8,026.00

Parish Appeal 2025\$45.00

Parish Improvement\$1,114.00

St. Anthony School\$1,006.00

Faith Direct Report (December 16 – 31, 2024)

Offertory\$16,496.25

Parish Appeal 2025\$556.00

Parish Improvement\$704.00

St. Anthony/DePaul Schools.....\$145.00

Attendance: 8AM 478; 11AM 358; Total 836

Parish Group News

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

Our Baby Blessing Box at MPBOJ is currently seeking donations of infant sleepers or onesies, binkies/teethers/small toys, diaper crème, wipes, diapers all sizes, but especially size 5 and bigger. Donation Bins are located at the entrances to the church.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, February 1st, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic is "On Confirmation".** Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

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.

Donation Statements for 2024

In an effort to save time and expense, the parish no longer sends end-of-year donation summaries to all of those parishioners who utilize envelopes. If you would like to have a printed summary mailed to you, please contact the parish office (phone 412-761-1508 or email office@mpboj.com). Those who utilize Faith Direct will receive a summary directly from the company.

Men's Night Friday Jan. 31

At 6:30 p.m. on Friday, January 31st, the parish will host a Men's Night in the parish center. All male parishioners aged 21+ are invited. Expect lively conversation on Catholic topics, a brief address by one of the canons, and to get to know other men from the parish. Pizza and some beverages will be provided, but attendees are encouraged to bring snack food, drinks, or a few dollars to defray expenses. The basketball court, bowling alley, and pool table will be open. Please RSVP to Mike Konopelski via email: mike.konopelski@gmail.com. Contact Mike with any questions.

Christmas Decoration Takedown on Feb. 1st

Please join us this Saturday, February 1st at 1 p.m. to help disassemble and store the church Christmas decorations. We count on your generosity!

St. Valentine Party and Pot-Luck

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Valentine party in the school gym on **Sunday, February 9th**, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck lunch, Valentine making for nursing home residents, Heart shaped cookie decorating and some games. All ages welcome—so we hope to see you there! Please sign up for potluck/volunteering/cookie making here:

mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/195994



Aquinas Academy Admissions Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's Preschool - Grade 12 Admissions Open House on Saturday, February 8, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Come and see how Aquinas Academy's academic, athletic, extracurricular, and virtues programs can form your child to succeed in school and life. Tyler Deschamps, Head of School, will give a presentation and families will have an opportunity to tour campus and meet teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. You are also invited to stay for a light reception at the end of your tour. Register online at www.aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722x15, or by email: austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org.

OLSH Class of 2029 Placement Test Feb. 8

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School will be offering its Placement Test for the Class of 2029 on Saturday, February 8. All students who are interested in entering the freshman class in the fall of 2025 should attend this testing session, which begins at 9:00 am. Top-scoring students on the test will be considered for OLSH's St. John Henry Newman Scholarship, which awards up to 10 students with scholarships of \$7,500 per year! Register today under the Admissions page of our website at www.olsch.org (go to *Important Dates*), or call Jessica Sellman '02 at (412) 262-3300.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

One Word to Maidens

(Book 3, Chapter 41)

O ye virgins, I have but a word to say to you. If you look to married life in this life, guard your first love jealously for your husband. It seems to me a miserable fraud to give a husband a worn-out heart, whose love has been frittered away and despoiled of its first bloom instead of a true, whole-hearted love. But if you are happily called to be the chaste and holy bride of spiritual nuptials, and purpose to live a life of virginity, then in Christ's Name I bid you keep all your purest, most sensitive love for your Heavenly Bridegroom, Who, being Very Purity Himself, has a special love for purity; Him to Whom the first-fruits of all good things are due, above all those of love.

Saint Jerome's Epistles will supply you with the needful counsels; and inasmuch as your state of life requires obedience, seek out a guide under whose direction you may wholly dedicate yourself, body and soul, to His Divine Majesty.

Deacon Charles Outtier, RIP

With great sadness, we commend to your prayers the repose of the soul of Deacon Charles Outtier, a French seminarian of the Institute of Christ the King in Gricigliano, who was killed on January 15 in a tractor accident on the seminary grounds while he was performing his duties. Charles Outtier was a deacon preparing for priestly ordination this coming July. His unexpected and tragic death has plunged the seminary into mourning.

Deacon Outtier edified the whole community with his joyful demeanor and his fervent devotion to his duties, his studies, and his Catholic faith. He was full of promise for his future priestly ministry. But the good Lord, who alone knows the day and hour, has called him on ahead of us. He was anointed and received the Apostolic Blessing at the moment of his death.

Please pray for Deacon Outtier's soul, for the superiors of the Institute who must bear the loss of one of their spiritual sons, for all of his dear brothers at seminary, and for his family during their time of unspeakable grief.



Little Sisters of the Poor Collecting Today

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after both Masses today to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. They are counting on your continued support. Donations can also be given online at littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org, by scanning the QR code, or by asking a Sister or volunteer for an envelope. During this Year of Hope, the sisters remember you in their daily prayers.



Candlemas

Next Sunday, February 2nd is the Feast of the Purification of Our Lady, also called Candlemas Day. This day is marked by the solemn blessing of candles and a procession of the faithful with candles preceding the Solemn Mass. This feast is last of Christmas and closes this holy season.

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

The Christian Mothers are happy to announce it is time for the third annual St. Valentine's Day Couples Dance!

The dance will be held in the parish center on **Saturday February 15th from 6:30-10:00 pm**. Live entertainment provided by the *Duquesne Jazz Quartet*. Tickets are \$35/person and will be sold after both Sunday Masses and during Catechism. Last day to purchase tickets is February 9th. Cash or check accepted.



Feb. 3 – St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

On Monday, February 3rd, the St. Blaise blessing of throats will be given following the noon Mass.

Thanks from the Baby Bottle Campaign

The parish received this thank you letter from the Network of Life:

Dear Friends at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish, As we enter our 40th year, we are grateful for your church's participation in the Network of Life/Women's Choice Network Baby Bottle Campaign. 100% of the funds raised through the Baby Bottle Campaign go directly to client programming. The grand total contributed by your church... amounted to \$5,819! The funds generated from your campaign go directly toward helping abortion-vulnerable women to choose life. Women's Choice Network provides, at no cost to our clients, pregnancy testing, abortion pill reversal, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatments, medical consultations, Wellness Journey health education programming, and Breathe: Post-abortion care. Young men and expectant fathers are being reached and equipped through our Men's Outreach.

Please know how grateful we are for your ongoing support and to know that you are partnering with us to build a culture of life in the Pittsburgh region. As of December 31, our three Women's Choice Network clinics served 1,035 unique clients in 2024. There were 592 positive pregnancy tests and 785 ultrasounds were performed. We had 450 decisions for life! 355 fathers were present for the ultrasounds and 2,005 STI tests were conducted. Nearly 80% of those who see an ultrasound choose life for their babies. Since opening our doors in 1985, we can document more than 7,600 little lives that have been saved. Countless other lives have been changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ which is shared at our centers. We could not keep our doors open without your generous contributions. Please continue to pray for our clients and staff. Pray that the Lord will bring more clients to our centers, that He will work in their hearts, and provide for their every need. Pray that He will protect our staff and empower them to serve with compassion and energy and effectively share the love of Christ.

Conference: The Nature of Music in the Liturgy

Following the Solemn Mass on **Sunday, Feb. 2nd**, Father Luke Melcher will give a conference in the Parish Center on "The Nature of Music in the Liturgy." Father Melcher is the Director of Textual Resources at the International Commission for English in the Liturgy. Light lunch and refreshments available, potluck offerings welcome!



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 are requested not to 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.

For more information about the parish, contact the Parish Office at 412-761-1508.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by
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General Information

Bulletin Announcements: Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of the publication date. Submit 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.

Parish Materials/Events: At both 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 any materials without explicit permission from the Pastor. Parish events publicized on the bulletin boards at both entrances. 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 office@mpboj.com for approval.

On Line Contributions: Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in making on-line contributions via Faith Direct, please visit: membership.faithdirect.net/PA678 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.

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.

First Holy Communion and Confirmation: School age students receive First Holy Communion and the sacrament of Confirmation as part of our Catechism Program. Please see the parish website for registration 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.

Safety Awareness

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, please be mindful of our urban neighborhood and the constant traffic. If visiting the parish for Mass or a social event, parents should ensure their children's safety by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and/or involved in a parish related activity overseen by a parish program manager (e.g., Children's Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on site for the duration of the program.

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