



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Sexagesima Sunday

February 23, 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

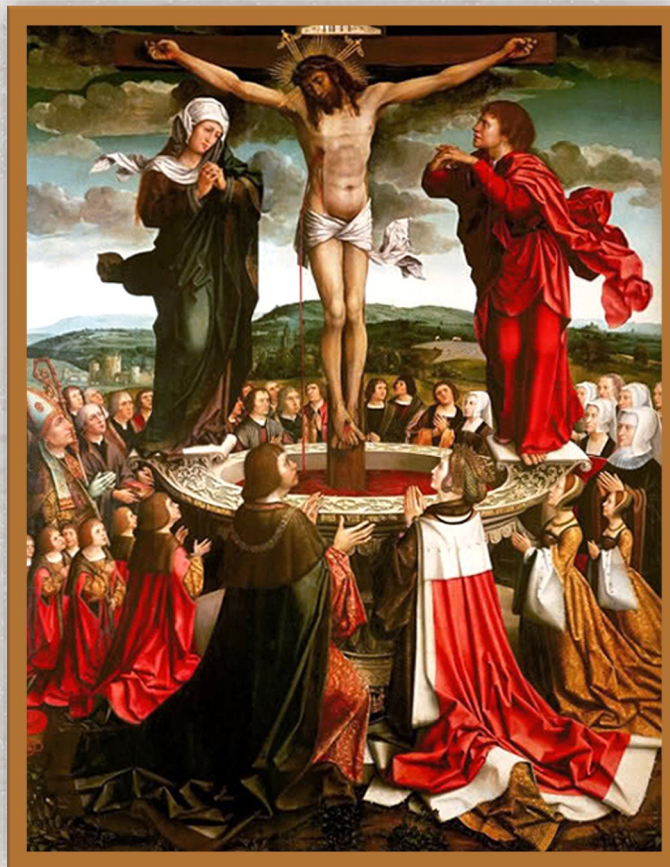
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com

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, February 23, 2025

Sexagesima Sunday, 2nd Class —Violet

8AM **LMO** *Pro populo*
11AM **HM** Living & Deceased Members of the
Thimons & Grant Families
(Dan & Megan Thimons)

Processional: *Lord Jesus, Think on Me* (pg. 77)
Recessional: *Faith of Our Fathers* (pg. 59)

Monday, February 24, 2025

St. Matthias the Apostle, 2nd Class—Red

12PM **LMO** + Blake Kantz (Brenda Briola)

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

Votive Mass of the Angels 4th Class—White

12PM **LM** + Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)
7PM **LM** + Jack & Anna Marie Killian
(David & Rebecca Killian)

Wednesday, February 26, 2025

Votive Mass of St. Nicholas, 4th Class—White

12PM **LM** Our Grandchildren
(Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Thursday, February 27, 2025

St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows, 3rd Class—White

12PM **LM** + Deceased Members of the Manz &
Goertler Families (Manz Family)

8PM **Holy Hour of Adoration**
9PM **Compline**

Friday, February 28, 2025

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

12PM **LM** + Thomas Petrosky (Petrosky Family)

Saturday, March 1, 2025 *First Saturday*

Votive of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 3rd Class—White

9AM **LM** + Deceased Members of the Gossett &
Campbell Families
(Matthew & Amanda Camm)

Sunday, March 2, 2025

Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd Class —Violet

8AM **LMO** + Michael & Doris Nardozi
(Judith Callaghan)

11AM **HM** *Pro populo*

Processional: *At the Name of Jesus* (pg. 54)

Recessional: *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* (pg. 78)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 16, 2025

Offertory\$9,206.00
Parish Appeal 2025\$20.00

Faith Direct Report (January 16 – 31, 2025)

Offertory\$16,203.90
Parish Appeal 2025\$656.00
Parish Improvement\$724.00
St. Anthony/Depaul Schools\$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 466; 11AM 335; Total 801

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.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, March 1st, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic will be "On the Holy Eucharist".** 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.

Sursum Corda Conference - Friday, Feb. 28 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Parish Center. Bishop Waltersheid will be speaking on "The role of the Blessed Mother in the history of the Church and in our lives." Dinner and drinks provided, cash donations gratefully accepted.

Bring out your palms

The parish is collecting your old blessed palms, which will be immolated for use on Ash Wednesday (March 5). Please place your old palms in the collection bins located in the church entrances by **March 2nd**.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent begins in 10 days, on March 5th.

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. 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.
6. 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. Attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Safe Environment Volunteer Needed

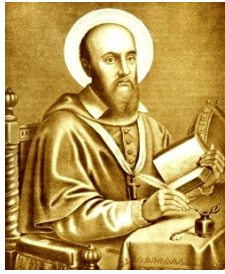
Our parish has been blessed with a large growth in the number of parishioners since its inception on July 1st, 2019. Along with that growth comes the need for more volunteer assistance with the many tasks the parish must perform. One such task is ensuring parish employees and volunteers are current with their diocesan Safe Environment clearances. Most work can be accomplished on your home computer, with occasional trips to the Parish Office to handle paperwork. If you are able to volunteer during the week to help with this important work, please contact the Business Manager (businessmanager@mpboj.com) to express your interest.

Pilgrimage to Poland with Bp. Waltersheid

Brochures advertising a pilgrimage to Poland with Bishop Waltersheid this summer, including a concert by Floriani in Krakow, can be found at both church entrances.

Introduction to the Devout Life
 By St. Francis de Sales
Two Striking Illustrations of the Same
 (Book 4, Chapter 4)

This distinction [between experiencing temptations and consenting to them], which is very important, is well illustrated by the description Saint Jerome gives of a young man bound to a voluptuous bed by the softest silken cords, and subjected to the wiles and lures of a treacherous tempter, with the express object of causing him to fall. Greatly as all his senses and imagination must inevitably have been possessed by so vehement an assault, he proved that his heart was free and his will unconquered, for, having physical control over no member save his tongue, he bit that off and spat it out at his foe, a foe more terrible than the tyrant's executioners.



Saint Catherine of Sienna has left a somewhat similar record. The Evil One having obtained permission from God to assault that pious virgin with all his strength, so long as he laid no hand upon her, filled her heart with impure suggestions, and surrounded her with every conceivable temptation of sight and sound, which, penetrating into the Saint's heart, so filled it, that, as she herself has said, nothing remained free save her most acute superior will. This struggle endured long, until at length Our Lord appeared to her, and she exclaimed, "Where wert Thou, O most Dear Lord, when my heart was so overwhelmed with darkness and foulness?" Whereupon He answered, "I was within thy heart, My child." "How could that be, Lord," she asked, "when it was so full of evil? Canst Thou abide in a place so foul?" Then our Lord replied, "Tell Me, did these evil thoughts and imaginations give thee pain or pleasure? didst thou take delight, or didst thou grieve over them?" To which Saint Catherine made answer, "They grieved me exceedingly." Then the Lord said, "Who, thinkest thou, was it that caused thee to be thus grieved, save I Myself, hidden within thy soul? Believe Me, My child, had I not been there, these evil thoughts which swarmed around thy soul, and which thou couldst not banish, would speedily have overpowered it, and entering in, thy free will would have accepted them, and so death had struck that soul; but inasmuch as I was there, I filled thy heart with reluctance and resistance, so that it set itself steadfastly against the temptation, and finding itself unable to contend as vigorously as it desired, it did but experience a yet more vehement abhorrence of sin and of itself. Thus these very troubles became a great merit again

to thee, and a great accession of virtue and strength to thy soul." Here, you see, were the embers covered over with ashes, while temptation and delectation had entered the heart and surrounded the will, which, aided only by the Savior, resisted all evil inspirations with great disgust, and a persevering refusal to consent to sin. Verily the soul which loves God is sometimes in sore straits to know whether He abideth in it or not, and whether that Divine Love for which it fights is extinguished or burns yet. But it is the very essence of the perfection of that Heavenly Love to require its lovers to endure and fight for Love's sake, without knowing even whether they possess the very Love for which and in which they strive.

**Registration open:
 Institute Summer Youth Camps**

Registration is now open for the Institute's four Summer Youth Camps, which will be held in July at the new Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. Use the QR code or visit institute-christ-king.org/camps.



National Sursum Corda Retreat

Young adults ages 18-35, Friday-Monday, June 6-9, at Colombiere Conference & Retreat Center in Clarkston, Mich. (5 hour drive from MPBOJ). Early Bird pricing until April 1st. Use the QR to register.

Parish Financial Statement

Included with this bulletin is the standardized Quarterly Financial Statement for the second quarter of the fiscal year, Oct 1 – Dec 31, 2024, with an explanatory letter by Canon Avis on the reverse side.

**"Many Apostolates,
 One Mission"**

Help the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the USA! Special Second Collection March 9th, or donate online with the QR code here.



From March 5th – April 13th, you're invited to join other Christians for **40 Days for Life** – 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. Contact **Nikki Bruni**, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or **Jen** at pghsaland365@gmail.com

Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish has "adopted" Sunday, March 23rd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets in Narthex.

• 25,308 babies saved • 268 abortion workers converted • 150 abortion centers closed!

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Mar. 4th at 6 pm, followed by a Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood led by Fr. Christopher Donley.

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.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 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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Dear Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish,

With the second quarter of the new fiscal year complete (12.31.24), please note the following highlights for the first six months of operation:

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (\$)		
For the Fiscal Quarter Ending:	12.31.24	12.31.23
BEGINNING CASH BALANCE	172,625	127,781
Operating Income (Donations)	570,191	548,408
Cash Available for Operations	742,817	676,188
<u>Expenditures</u>		
Administration (net of Mgt Fee)	149,723	141,479
Diocesan Management Fee	49,346	49,346
Operations & Maintenance	146,005	156,919
Liturgical & Rectory	65,335	98,520
Religious Ed (net of Subsidy)	24,637	12,565
School Subsidy	27,998	27,998
Social, Outreach (net of interest)	15,649	13,223
Property & Liability Insurance	24,302	16,124
D&L Loan Payments	13,924	13,924
Extraordinary Maintenance	33,749	5,315
Insurance Claim Proceeds	-	(1,905)
Net Parish Share Activity	-	-
Net Third Party Activity	(7,783)	(503)
Total Expenditures	542,885	533,005
Net Period Surplus (Deficit)	27,307	15,402
ENDING CASH BALANCE	199,932	143,183

Total Revenue for the period of **\$570,191** is up 4% over the same period last year of \$548,408.

Total Administration Expense for the period is up 4% over the same period last year due primarily to increases in health insurance.

Operations and Maintenance Expense for the period experienced a decrease of \$10,914 or 7% over the same period last year.

Liturgical & Rectory Expense for the period experienced a decrease of \$33,185 or 34% over the same period last year.

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense for the quarter includes the following expenditures:

Church Roof Repairs - \$15,485

Confessional Construction - \$18,263

Parish Center expenses for the period experienced a sharp increase due to the installation of a new HVAC system for the choir practice room. This expenditure was made possible by the generosity of a single parishioner.

Overall, planned expenditures of \$509,136 for the period are down 4% or \$18,554 over the same period a year ago. This enabled a surplus of \$61,056 before extraordinary maintenance expenditures.

Looking ahead, we face no shortage of major improvement projects around the parish. As we prepare to face those challenges, I would like to thank those parishioners that have been so generous and consistent with their donations, year in and year out. It is only through God's Grace that we can experience your generosity. To those families considering donations to the parish for the first time, please know that every dime counts. Be assured that the Lord rewards your generosity. And because of His Grace, the parish can provide daily Confession, daily Mass, Baptisms, Catechism enrollment of over 200 students, weekly altar server training, weekly children's choir and a host of opportunities for social engagement each week.

We are very thankful to the many generous faithful who by your financial contributions make it possible for the parish to exist and provide all these services. You share in the merits of the good works done by the parish. If you have not yet donated to the parish, please consider how the parish depends on donations in order to provide the many things that benefit you.

As we enter soon into the Holy Season of Lent, be assured of my prayers that it be most salutary for your souls and my remembrance of you and your intention at the Holy Altar.

In Christo Rege et Maria,

Canon William Avis

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(Quarter-2 2024/2025 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	528,758
Donations & Bequests	29,162
Fundraising	5,563
Other Income	6,709
	570,192

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	199,069
Operations & Maintenance	146,005
Liturgical & Rectory	65,335
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	52,635
Property & Liability Insurance	24,302
Social/ Outreach/ Other	20,859
	508,205

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 61,987

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(33,749)
Net Third Party Collections	7,828
	(25,921)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2024

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	199,932
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	8,972
	208,904

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
	-

LIABILITIES:

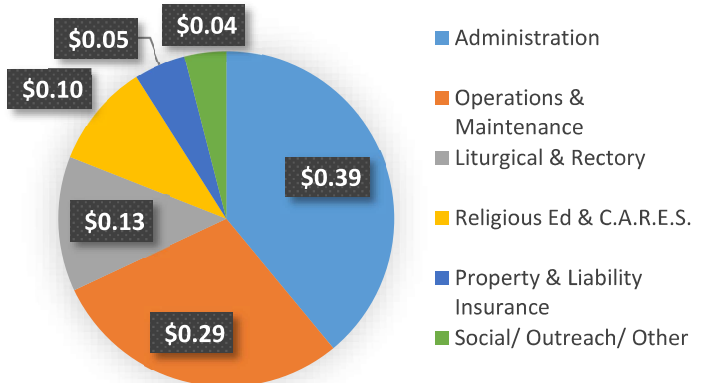
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	515,974
Other Payables	-
	515,974

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2024 thru 12-31-2024

Revenue: 570,192

Expense: 508,205

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

PLEASE SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS.