



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 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

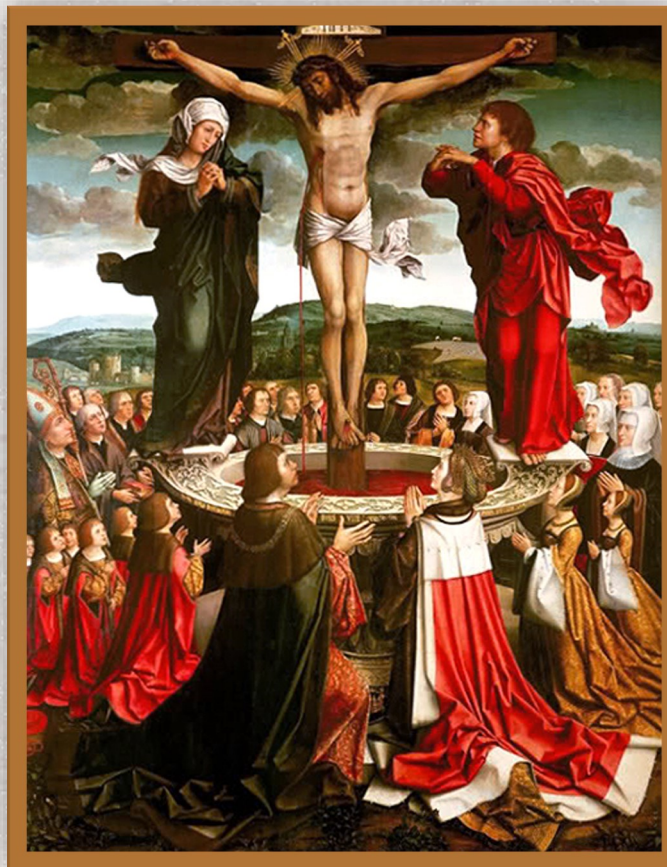
Confession Schedule

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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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, March 23, 2025

Third Sunday of Lent, 1st Class —Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM *Borinquen Church (José Piñero)*
Processional: *Media Vita* (pg. 102)

Recessional: *These Glories of These Forty Days* (pg. 91)

Monday, March 24, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Gabriel the Archangel
12PM LM + Andrew Hauser (Jean Cotter)

Tuesday, March 25, 2025

Annunciation, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO + Ruth Dailey (Aaron & Margaux Pisula)
7PM HM *Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of our Grandchildren (Bob & Vicki Darkey)*

Recessional: *O Sanctissima* (pg. 82)

Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Edward & Virginia Check (Melinda Check)

Thursday, March 27, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. John Damascene
12PM LM + Suzanne Manz (Eric Manz)
8PM HM **Holy Hour of Adoration**
9PM **Compline**

Friday, March 28, 2025 *Abstinence*

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. John of Capistrano
12PM LM + Deceased Members of the Garbowsky & Raszewski Families (Karl Raszewski II)

6:30 PM **Stations of the Cross**

7:15 PM LM Zigarovich Family (Zach Zigarovich)

Saturday, March 29, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM LM + Jacob Dvorak (Michael O'Connell Family)

Sunday, March 30, 2025

4th Sunday of Lent, 1st Class —Violet /Rose “Laetare”

8AM LM *Pro populo*
11AM HM + Deceased Members of the Blume & Riceman Families (Elizabeth Blume)

Processional: *Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days* (pg. 79)

Recessional: *Soul of My Savior* (pg. 92)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 16, 2025

Offertory\$8,052.00
Parish Appeal 2025\$1,710.00
General Donation\$100.00
ICRSS/Provincial Appeal\$670.00

Faith Direct Report (February 1 – 15, 2025)

Offertory\$10,535.88
Parish Appeal 2025\$170.00
Parish Improvement\$1,130.00

Attendance: 8AM 502; 11AM 357; Total 859

Parish Group News

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, & Advocacy. **March/April Newsletter** available at the entrances.

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet

on Saturday, April 5th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. Next month's topic will be “*On the Holy Mass*”. 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.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the U.S.
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.)

Stations of the Cross During Lent

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**, followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, April 18th, Stations will be at 11 a.m. 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.



Second Collection Today

There is a diocesan second collection today for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, and National Collection for Black and Indian Missions.

Second Collection Next Sunday

Next Sunday, March 30th, Canon Andrew Todd will visit our parish to discuss the renovation plans of the Institute's St. Paul Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin, where Canon Todd is in residence. Following both Masses that day, there will be a second collection benefiting the project.

OLSH Spring Open House Today

Discover Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School through the eyes of a student with one of our student-led tours! Meet teachers, coaches, and parents, explore all four floors of our school, and experience the OLSH family in person. Register to reserve your tour time at olsh.org/openhouse. Walk-ins welcome!

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 25—**Feast of the Annunciation**: 12pm Low Mass w/organ; 7pm High Mass

Sunday, April 13—**Palm Sunday**: **10:30am High Mass** with blessing of palms and procession

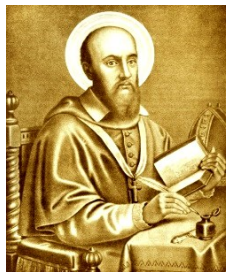
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How to Resist Minor Temptations

(Book 4, Chapter 8)

While it is right to resist great temptations with invincible courage, and all such victories will be most valuable, still there is perhaps more absolute profit to our souls in resisting little ones. For although the greater temptations exceed in power, there are so infinitely more in number of little temptations, that a victory over them is fully as important as over the greater but rarer ones. No one will question but that wolves and bears are more dangerous than flies, but they do not worry and annoy us, or try our patience as these do. While it is



not a hard thing to abstain from murder, but it is very difficult to avoid all passing fits of anger, which assail us at every moment. A man or woman can easily keep from adultery, but it is less easy to abstain from all words and glances which are disloyal. While it is easy to keep from stealing another man's goods, but often difficult to resist coveting them; easy to avoid bearing false witness in direct judgment, difficult to be perfectly truthful in conversation; easy to refrain from getting drunk, difficult to be absolutely sober; easy not to wish for a neighbor's death, difficult not to wish anything contrary to his interests; easy to keep from slander, difficult to avoid all contempt.

In short, all these minor temptations to anger, suspicion, jealousy, envy, levity, vanity, duplicity, affectation, foolish thoughts, and the like, are a perpetual trial even to those who are most devout and most resolute; and therefore, my child, we ought carefully and diligently to prepare for this warfare. Be assured that every victory won over these little foes is as a precious stone in the crown of glory which God prepares for us in Paradise. So, while awaiting and making ready for a steadfast and brave resistance to great temptations should they come, let us not fail diligently to fight against these meaner, weaker foes.

Congratulations to John Rokosz and the Schola

The parish Music Director, John Rokosz, received notice that the schola is featured in three separate recordings on 'YouTube'. The recordings were posted by Mr. Christoph Dalitz, a European composer, from whom the parish commissioned a motet "[Beati Mundo Corde](#)" in 2023. The other recordings are of an [Agnus Dei](#) and [Gloria](#). Our Schola is now an international sensation, heard weekly at our church.

Biography of Father Angelus Published

A pictorial biography of Father Angelus Shaughnessy has been published by Dr. Paula A. Calabrese. "Father Angelus, Capuchin Franciscan: A Polished Arrow in God's Quiver" can be purchased from Amazon in both paperback and Kindle editions. Go to <https://a.co/d/cFGOvTO> to order.

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 continues through Wednesday, April 2nd, and is entirely on-line, so you can order any of the delectable candy from the website. Order pick-up will be after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Hall on Saturday and Sunday, April 5th & 6th. The parish website has detailed ordering instructions.

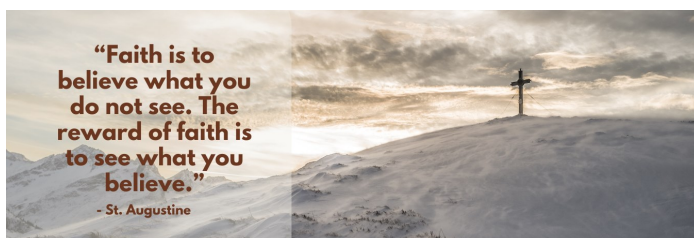
Thanks to parishioners Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible, and also to Peggy Wrabley for coordinating this fundraiser each year.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

March 5 - April 13

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.

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish has adopted TODAY, Sunday, March 23 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood!



Join Us for a Day of Recollection: Saturday, March 29, 2025 Given by Canon Andrew Todd



7:30 a.m. - Lauds
8 a.m. - Confessions
8:30 a.m. - Rosary
9 a.m. - Low Mass
10 a.m. - Coffee Break (in parish center gym)
10:45 a.m. - 1st Conference (in church):
Spiritual Basics according to St. Francis de Sales
11:30 a.m. - Holy Hour of Adoration
12:30 p.m. - Lunch Break (parish center gym)
1:30 p.m. - 2nd Conference (in church):
On Mental Prayer and Meditation
2:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

If you are planning to attend all or part of the Day of Recollection, please reply to the Flocknote that was sent out on Monday, March 17th, with your lunch box preferences.

Young Adult Retreat

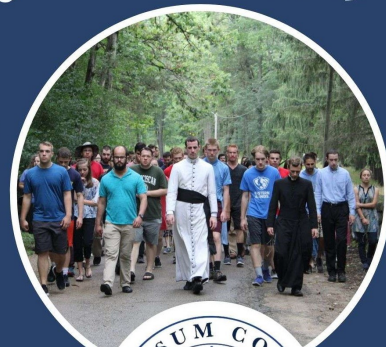
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Dates & Time
Friday, June 6 at 2:30 pm
Monday, June 9 at 12 pm

Location
Colombiere Conference &
Retreat Center (45
minutes NW of Detroit)

Early Bird Pricing
(before April 1st)
\$270 for 3 Nights
\$210 Commuter Rate
(includes meals)

Who?
Young Adults Ages 18-35



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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