



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Lætare Sunday

March 30, 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

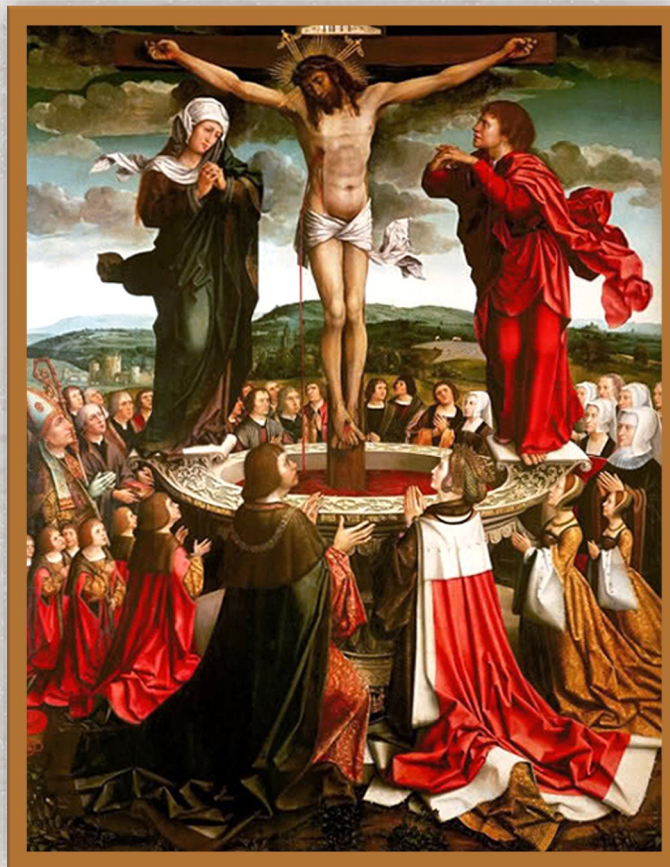
Confession Schedule

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



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Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 30, 2025

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

8AM LMO *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)

Monday, March 31, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM English Family (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

Tuesday, April 1, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM In Thanksgiving to the Infant King (O’Connor Family)

7PM + Paul J. Hlavac (Anthony Hlavac)

Wednesday, April 2, 2025

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Francis of Paola

12PM LM + Royal Uhlman (Aja Bencsics)

Thursday, April 3, 2025 *First Thursday*

V. M. of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM + Ezekiel F. Losco & Eileen C. Losco (Dr. & Mrs. Ralph A. Capone)

8PM **Holy Hour of Adoration**

9PM **Compline**

Friday, April 4, 2025 *First Friday Abstinence*

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

12PM LM In Reparation for the Sins of Blasphemy (Glenn & Judy Wilson)

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

7:15 PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Parents (Bob & Vicki Darkey)

Saturday, April 5, 2025 *First Saturday*

Votive Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary, 3rd Cl.—White*

9AM LM + Fr. James Dolan (Michael & Jill Garfold)

Sunday, April 6, 2025

Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM James & Karen Paras Wedding Anniversary (Family)

Processional: *Anima Christi* (pg. 89)

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

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

* *Commemoration of Lenten Feria*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 23, 2025

Offertory	\$14,375.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$320.00
Poor Box	\$400.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....	\$420.00
ICRSS/Provincial Appeal	\$160.00
ICRSS/Sister Adorers	\$25.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$30.00

Faith Direct Report (February 16 – 28, 2025)

Offertory	\$19,376.58
Offertory - Ash Wednesday	\$585.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$1,386.00
Parish Improvement	\$704.00
Poor Box	\$357.00
ICRSS/Provincial Appeal	\$200.00
Catholic Campaign.....	\$67.00

Attendance: 8AM 517; 11AM 387; Total 904

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. **Today is the RLG's 2nd anniversary.** Please help commemorate by praying one Hail Mary for the unborn.

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.

LENTEEN 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

The second collection today is for the renovations at the Institute's Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, Wisconsin. Donations by check may be made payable to the parish (MPBOJ).

Upcoming Events

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

Wednesday, April 16—Tenebrae: **7pm Matins & Lauds**

Thursday, April 17—Holy Thursday: **7pm Solemn Mass, Vespers, Adoration**

Friday, April 18—Good Friday: **11am Stations of the Cross; 12pm Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers**

Saturday, April 19—Holy Saturday: **7pm Easter Vigil**

Sunday, April 20—Easter Sunday: **8am Low Mass with organ; 11am Solemn Mass followed by the Blessing of the Lambs**

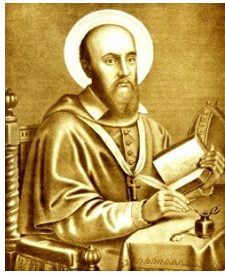
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How Remedy Minor Temptations

(Book 4, Chapter 9)

Now as to all these trifling temptations of vanity, suspicion, vexation, jealousy, envy, and the like, which flit around one like flies or gnats, now settling on one's nose—anon stinging one's cheek—as it is wholly impossible altogether to free one's-self from their importunity; the best resistance one can make is not to be fretted by them. All these things may worry one, but they cannot really harm us, so long as our wills are firmly resolved to serve God.



Therefore despise all these trivial onslaughts, and do not even deign to think about them; but let them buzz about your ears as much as they please, and flit hither and thither just as you tolerate flies—even if they sting you, and strive to light within your heart, do no more than simply remove them, not fighting with them, or arguing, but simply doing that which is precisely contrary to their suggestions, and specially making acts of the Love of God. If you will take my advice, you will not toil on obstinately in resisting them by exercising the contrary virtue, for that would become a sort of struggle with the foe—but, after making an act of this directly contrary virtue (always supposing you have time

to recognize what the definite temptation is), simply turn with your whole heart towards Jesus Christ Crucified, and lovingly kiss His Sacred Feet. This is the best way to conquer the Enemy, whether in small or great temptations; for inasmuch as the Love of God contains the perfection of every virtue, and that more excellently than the very virtues themselves; it is also the most sovereign remedy against all vice, and if you accustom your mind under all manner of temptation to have recourse to this safety-place, you will not be constrained to enter upon a worryingly minute investigation of your temptations, but, so soon as you are anywise troubled, your mind will turn naturally to its one sovereign remedy. Moreover, this way of dealing with temptation is so offensive to the Evil One, that, finding he does but provoke souls to an increased love of God by his assaults, he discontinues them.

In short, you may be sure that if you dally with your minor, oft-recurring temptations, and examine too closely into them in detail, you will simply stupefy yourself to no purpose.

Betsy Ann Fundraiser Ends Wednesday

There are but a few days left to order Betsy Ann Easter Candy to benefit parish programs. The fundraiser ends this 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 next weekend, 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.

“Armi pii, armi santi!”

The city neighborhood where our parish is located can be a very bustling place at times, and parking can be quite a challenge. With our Sunday attendance regularly in excess of 900, it is clear why this issue grows more critical with each passing year. Parking too close to an intersection, parking in on-street handicapped designated spaces, and partially blocking driveways can make it pretty difficult to navigate and provoke discontent. Being a courteous driver is an act of heroism and there is a prayer in the Sicilian dialect to help us: “*Armi pii, armi santi, fatimi truvari un postu vacanti.*” “*Holy Souls, Holy Saints, help me find an empty space.*” There is also short prayer to St. Frances Cabrini, the unofficial patron of parking spaces: “*Mother Cabrini, Mother Cabrini, please find a spot for my little machiney.*”



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2025

SUMMER CAMPS

Join us this year at our new location!
Sacred Heart Retreat Center
2457 Browns Lake Drive Burlington, WI 53105

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO

<https://institute-christ-king.org/camps>



CAMPS FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG LADIES

St. Therese Camp (ages 9-12)
Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11

Immaculate Conception Camp (ages 13-17)
Sunday, July 13 - Saturday, July 19

CAMPS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

St. Dominic Camp (ages 9-12)
Monday, July 21 - Friday, July 25

St. Michael Camp (ages 13-17)
Sunday, July 27 - Saturday, August 2

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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