



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

### Feast of the Holy Family

January 11, A.D. 2026

#### **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

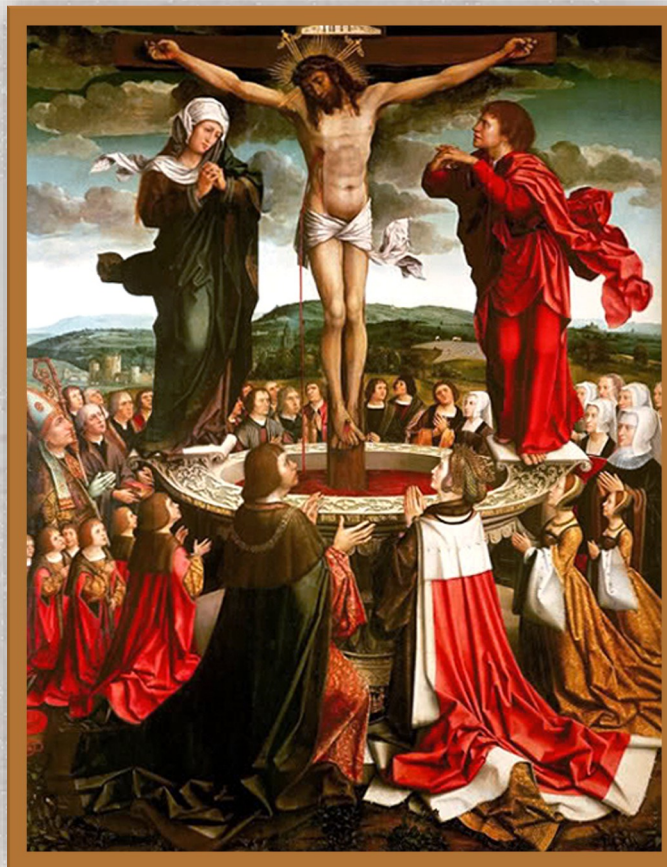
#### **Confession Schedule**

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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## Liturgical Schedule

### **Sunday, January 11, 2026**

#### **Holy Family, 2nd Class—White**

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +June Pumford (Andrew & Marianne Pumford)

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

Recessional: Bethlehem of Noblest Cities (pg. 56)

### **Monday, January 12, 2026**

#### **Feria (from Sunday after Epiphany), 4th Class—White**

12PM LM Rose Offen, for healing (Janet Slepksi)

### **Tuesday, January 13, 2026 *Octave of Epiphany***

#### **Baptism of Our Lord, 2nd Class—White**

12PM LMO +Ivan & Maria Kukovica (M. Warner)

7PM LM +Richard Peterson (Joe Wilson)

### **Wednesday, January 14, 2026**

#### **St. Hilary, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Felix*

12PM LM +Ed & Dorothy Kinslow, +George & Mary

Fiedler (Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

### **Thursday, January 15, 2026**

#### **St. Paul the Hermit, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of St. Maurus*

12PM LM Living and Deceased of Aul & Greb Families

(Jack & Mary Lou Aul Family)

### **Friday, January 16, 2026**

#### **St. Marcellus I, 3rd Class—Red**

12PM LM +Grandparents (Gary Yochum)

### **Saturday, January 17, 2026**

#### **St. Anthony the Abbot, 3rd Class—White**

9AM LM John & Susan Fischer, 40th Wed. Anniv. (John &

Susan Fischer)

### **Sunday, January 18, 2026 *Unity Octave begins***

#### **2nd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green**

8AM LMO Dena Lewin (Aja & Andrew Bencsics)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise (pg.87)

Recessional: Hail to the Lord's Anointed (pg. 66)

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, January 4, 2026*

Offertory ..... \$13,384.00

Offertory (Octave of Christmas)..... \$2,614.00

Parish Appeal 2025..... \$310.00

Parish Improvement..... \$110.00

St. Anthony's School..... \$30.00

*Attendance: 8AM 555; 11AM 354; Total 909*

*Jan. 1: 8AM 135; 11AM 388; Total 523*

## Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, February 7th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "The Works of Mercy: To clothe the naked and harbor the harborless"**. Contact [christianmothers@mpboj.com](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information. All adult women are welcome to attend.

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, and Advocacy. For more info contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com).

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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

## **Let our Lady bless your home!**

Sign up for a turn to honor the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima in your home for a month. (Given by Father Fred Gruber to the Christian Mothers.) Contact Bethany for more information: [bethanymarygianna@gmail.com](mailto:bethanymarygianna@gmail.com).

## **Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk**

*It has been a tradition in the Catholic Church to bless chalk on the Feast of Epiphany, and then use the blessed chalk as part of blessing homes in the New Year.*

*The home blessing can be done as follows:*

*Use the blessed chalk to write above the doorways:*

**20+C+M+B+26**

*20 & 26 for the year; C, M, B for the 3 Wise Men – Casper, Melchior, and Balthasar – and for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, Latin for "May Christ bless this house."*

*As you are writing, pray one of the following prayers:*

Lord God of heaven and earth, Thou hast revealed thy only-begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Deign to bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our charity amongst ourselves and for others may reflect Thy love. Through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

Lord our God, deign to bless this household. May we be blessed with health, goodness of heart, gentleness, and the keeping of Thy holy law. We give thanks to Thee, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Who livest and reignest world without end. Amen.

## **Rosary Rally**

Pope Leo XIII said: "The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life. It is the remedy for all evils, the root of all our blessings. There is no more excellent way of praying." Join in a Rosary Rally for Life and to End Abortion on 17 January 2026 at 12 noon at MPBOJ Church parking lot. Contact Mary Brodka at 724 816-5573 for further information.

## **Men's Night January 24th**

At 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, January 24th 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 to [mike.konopelski@gmail.com](mailto:mike.konopelski@gmail.com). Contact Mike with any questions.

## **Donation Statements for 2025**

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](mailto:office@mpboj.com)). Those who utilize ParishSoft will receive a summary directly from the company.

## **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY**

**Introit: Proverbs 23: 24, 25.** Let the father of the Just rejoice greatly; let thy father and thy mother be joyful, and let her rejoice that bore thee. *Ps. 82: 2, 3.* How lovely are Thy tabernacles O Lord of hosts; my soul longeth and fainteth for the courts of the Lord. Glory be. Let the father of the Just.

**Collect:** O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, in the days of Thy subjection to Mary and Joseph, didst consecrate home life by ineffable acts of virtue; by the intercession of Thy holy Mother and of Thy foster Father, make us so to profit by the example they with Thee have set us, that we may be counted members of Thy household for evermore. Who livest.

**Epistle: Colossians 3: 12-17.** Brethren, put ye on, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, the bowels of mercy, benignity, humility, modesty, patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if any have a complaint against another, even as the Lord hath forgiven you, so you also. But above all these things, have charity, which is the bond of perfection: and let the peace of Christ rejoice in your hearts, wherein also you are called in one body: and be ye thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you abundantly, in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another, in psalms, hymns, and spiritual canticles, singing in grace in your hearts to God. All whatsoever you do in word or in work, all things do ye in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God and the Father through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Gradual: Psalm 26: 4.** One thing I have asked of the Lord: this will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life. *Ps. 83: 5.* Blessed are they who dwell in Thy house, O Lord; they shall praise Thee for ever and ever. Alleluia, alleluia. *V. Isaias 45: 15.* Truly Thou art a hidden King, the God of Israel, the Savior. Alleluia.

**Gospel: Luke 2: 42-52.** And when Jesus was twelve years old, they going up into Jerusalem according to the custom of the feast, and having fulfilled the days, when they returned, the child Jesus remained in Jerusalem; and His parents knew it not. And thinking that He was in the company, they came a day's journey, and sought Him among their kinsfolks and acquaintance. And not finding Him, they returned into Jerusalem, seeking Him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found Him in the temple sitting in the midst of the doctors, hearing them and asking them questions. And all that heard Him were astonished at His wisdom and His answers. And seeing Him, they wondered. And His mother said to Him, Son, why hast Thou done so to us? behold Thy father and I have sought Thee sorrowing. And He said to them, How is it that you sought Me? did you not know that I must be about My Father's business? And they understood not the word that He spoke unto them. And He went down with them, and came to Nazareth; and was subject to them. And His mother kept all these words in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom, and age, and grace with God and man.

**Offertory: Luke 2: 22.** The parents of Jesus carried Him to the temple, to present Him to the Lord.

**Secret:** To appease Thee, O Lord, we offer the Victim of Salvation, humbly beseeching Thee that, through the prayers of the Virgin Mother of God and of St. Joseph, Thou wouldst establish our households in Thy peace and favor. Through the same.

**Preface:** It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to Thee, holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God: for when Thine only-begotten Son was manifested in the substance of our mortal flesh, with the new light of His own immortality He restored us.

And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying:

**Communion: Luke 2: 51.** Jesus went down with them, and came to Nazareth and was subject to them.

**Postcommunion:** Do Thou, O Lord, bring us whom Thou hast refreshed with heavenly mysteries to imitate the example of Thy holy Family, that at the hour of our death, with the Virgin Mother and blessed Joseph at hand, we may be received by Thee into our everlasting home. Who livest.

## **Holy Land Pilgrimage with Canon Matheus** **Registration Deadline is Only Two Days Away!**

Join Canon Matheus on a 12-day ICKSP Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, April 13-24, 2026.

The Sacred Scriptures will come to life as you walk in Christ's footsteps—to re-live His birth, childhood, public ministry, Passion, Death, and Resurrection.

The pilgrimage tour follows the life of Christ and allows you to pause in prayer at the holy sites. See the cave where Christ was born in Bethlehem. Pray on Mount Calvary in Jerusalem. Be amazed when you see the empty tomb and know that He is truly risen.

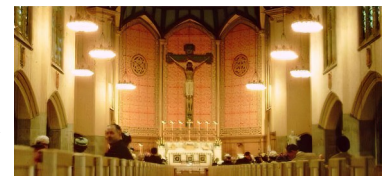


Visit the parish website ([MPBOJ.com](http://MPBOJ.com)) to view the brochure with full details about this Holy Land Pilgrimage being led by Canon Matheus.

## ***Scaffolding***

The scaffolding which has been erected in the rear of the church during the past week marks the beginning of work on the lighting system. Since our parish was established in 2019, there has been no maintenance done to the lighting fixtures which are in the ceiling. There is reportedly a catwalk above the visible ceiling panels that provides the only access to those fixtures. The lighting experts will begin by examining that catwalk, and providing recommendations on what can or should be done next, in order to maintain and possibly improve the lighting hardware.

An interesting note: before the church was remodeled in the 1990s, there were four additional chandeliers: two in the transept, and two within the sanctuary. With their removal, the spotlights which are hidden behind panels on both sides of the sanctuary were added, along with the numerous lighting fixtures in the church ceiling.



## ***Second Collection next week***

There will be a diocesan second collection next week for the "St. Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech."

## 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 may not 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.

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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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:office@mpboj.com) for approval.

**On Line Contributions:** Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish greatly appreciates all donations and contributions. If interested in donating on-line via ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct), visit: [giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678](http://giving.parishsoft.com/App/Giving/FD-678) 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.

**Safe Environment:** Parish volunteers must complete the diocesan and parish Safe Environment Compliance process before they can participate in any parish-related activities. Please contact [safeenvironment@mpboj.com](mailto:safeenvironment@mpboj.com) for instructions and assistance.

**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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