



# MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**2nd Sunday after  
Epiphany**

**January 18, 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**

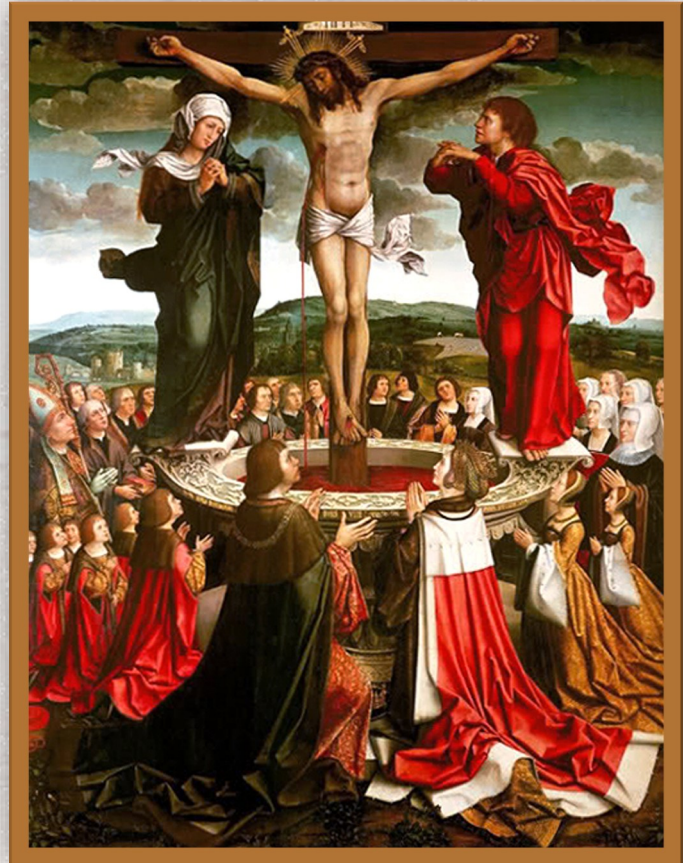
## **Confession Schedule**

**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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**1-800-932-0313**  
**Protection of Children and Youth** (diocesan office)  
**1-888-808-1235**



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## **Liturgical Schedule**

**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)

**Monday, January 19, 2026**

**Votive Mass for the Removal of Schism, 4th Class—Violet\***

*Comm. of Ss. Marius, Martha, Audifax & Abachum & St. Canute*

12PM LM +Thomas A. Luteran (Lori Cunningham)

**Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

**Ss. Fabian & Sebastian, 3rd Class—Red\***

12PM LM +Deceased of D'Souza/Mullins Families (D'Souza Family)

7PM LM Nina Fazio (Chris & Lottie DelSignore)

**Wednesday, January 21, 2026**

**St. Agnes, 3rd Class—Red\***

12PM LM +Our Parents & Grandparents (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

**Thursday, January 22, 2026**

**Ss. Vincent & Anastasius, 3rd Class—Red\***

12PM LM In Reparation for the Sin of Abortion

5:30PM Vespers

6PM Holy Hour of Adoration

**Friday, January 23, 2026**

**St. Raymond Peñafort, 3rd Class—White\***

*Commemoration of St. Emerentiana*

12PM LM +Sam & Anna Catanzariti (Capuano Family)

**Saturday, January 24, 2026**

**St. Timothy, 3rd Class—Red\***

9AM LM +Herman & Verna Marini (Family)

**Sunday, January 25, 2026 *Unity Octave ends***

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green\***

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Joseph R. Adams (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

Processional: Bethlehem of Noblest Cities (pg.56)

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

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

\* The collect, secret and post communion of the Mass "For Church Unity" (a.k.a. "For the Removal of Schism") are added to the Mass.

## **Our Weekly Offerings**

*Sunday, January 11, 2026*

Offertory ..... \$9,815.00

Parish Appeal 2025 ..... \$1,419.00

Poor Box ..... \$28.00

Children/Youth Christmas ..... \$100.00

*Attendance: 8AM 498; 11AM 375; Total 873*

## **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).

## **Second Collection**

There is a diocesan second collection today for the "St. Anthony School Programs and the DePaul School for Hearing and Speech."

## **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.

## **St. Valentine Party and Pot-Luck**

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Valentine party in the school gym Sunday, Feb. 8th, following the High Mass. The event will begin with a pot-luck lunch, Valentine/gift assembling for nursing home residents, heart shaped cookie decorating and some games/prizes. All ages welcome! Suggested \$5 donation per family. Please sign up for potluck/volunteering/cookie making here:

<https://mostpreciousbloodofjesus.flocknote.com/signup/240734>

## **Epiphany Water, Chalk Available**

**Blessed Epiphany Water** can be found in the large tank near the Nativity Scene. **Blessed Chalk** is available in the side entrance (as long as supplies last) and the Epiphany House Blessing with Chalk can be found both in last week's bulletin, and on the parish website.

## **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.

## **Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales**

It is not possible to gain control over your soul all at once and have it immediately in your power. Be satisfied, therefore, with gaining control of it little by little, and so learn how to conquer your dominant passion. If you have to put up with others, begin by putting up with yourself. Be patient at finding that you are not perfect. Do you want to enjoy interior peace without having to suffer the day-to-day contradictions and setbacks? Every morning prepare your soul to face the day without getting upset, and throughout the day be careful to return to this resolution.

## Second Sunday After Epiphany

**Introit: Psalm 65: 4.** Let all the earth adore Thee, O God, and sing to Thee: let it sing a psalm to Thy name, O Thou most high. **Ps. 65: 1, 2.** Shout with joy to God all the earth, sing ye a psalm to His name, give glory to His praise. Glory be. Let all the earth.

**Collect:** Almighty, eternal God, Who dost govern all things in heaven and on earth, of Thy mercy hear the supplications of Thy people, and grant Thy peace in our times. Through our Lord.

**Epistle: Romans 12: 6-16.** Brethren, having different gifts, according to the grace that is given us; either prophecy, to be used according to the rule of faith; or ministry, in ministering; or he that teacheth in doctrine; he that exhorteth in exhorting; he that giveth with simplicity; he that ruleth with carefulness; he that showeth mercy with cheerfulness. Let love be without dissimulation. Hating that which is evil, cleaving to that which is good. Loving one another with the charity of brotherhood, in honor preventing one another. In carefulness, not slothful: in spirit fervent: serving the Lord: rejoicing in hope: patient in tribulation: instant in prayer: communicating to the necessities of the saints; pursuing hospitality. Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that rejoice, weep with them that weep. Being of one mind one towards another; not minding high things, but consenting to the humble.

**Gradual: Psalm 106: 20, 21.** The Lord sent His word, and healed them: and delivered them out of their distresses. *V.* Let the mercies of the Lord give glory to Him; and His wonderful works to the children of men. Alleluia, alleluia. **Ps. 148: 2.** Praise ye the Lord, all His angels: praise ye Him, all His hosts. Alleluia.

**Gospel: St. John 2: 1-11.** At that time, there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee: and the mother of Jesus was there. And Jesus also was invited, and His disciples, to the marriage. And the wine failing, the mother of Jesus saith to Him, They have no wine. And Jesus saith to her, Woman, what is it to Me and to thee? My hour is not yet come. His mother saith to the waiters, Whatsoever He shall say to you, do ye. Now there were set there six waterpots of stone, according to the manner of the purifying of the Jews, containing two or three measures apiece. Jesus saith to them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. And Jesus saith to them, Draw out now, and carry to the chief steward of the feast: and they carried it. And when the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, and knew not whence it was, but the waiters knew who had drawn the water: the chief steward calleth the bridegroom, and saith to him, Every man at first setteth forth good wine, and when men have well drunk, then that which is worse: but thou hast kept the good wine until now. This beginning of miracles did Jesus in Cana of Galilee; and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.

**Offertory: Psalm 65: 1, 2, 16.** Shout with joy to God, all the earth: sing ye a psalm to His name: come and hear, and I will tell you, all ye that fear God, what great things the Lord hath done for my soul. Alleluia.

**Secret:** Sanctify, O Lord, the gifts we offer, and purify us from the stains of our sins. Through our Lord.

**Communion: St. John 2: 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.** The Lord saith: Fill the waterpots with water, and carry to the chief steward of the feast. When the chief steward had tasted the water made wine, he saith to the bridegroom: thou hast kept the good wine until now; this first miracle did Jesus before His disciples.

**Postcommunion:** May the working of Thy power, we beg Thee, O Lord, be increased in us, that, being nourished by divine sacraments, we may by Thy grace be prepared to obtain that which Thy promise. Through our Lord.



### **The Saint Valentine's Day Soirée is back!**

On Saturday, February 14, enjoy a night of live music from the Duquesne Jazz Band, heavy hors d'oeuvres, specialty cocktails, and more! Tickets are \$35 each and include 2 adult beverages.

Tickets are on sale today after both Masses in the back vestibule and in the gym during Catechism. Please contact [QSteph14@gmail.com](mailto:QSteph14@gmail.com) for more information or to volunteer. Age 21+ only.

### **Retake the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey**

It is hard to believe that three years have passed since our diocese first participated in the DMI survey that was administered by Catholic Leadership Institute. That initial effort helped our parish to understand where people were in their spiritual lives, providing the foundation for our pastoral plan for evangelization and to better engage all parishioners in deepening their relationship with Jesus Christ.

Bishop Mark Eckman is inviting and encouraging all parishioners to participate in the second administration of the Disciple Maker Index (DMI).

Beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026 and running through March 29, 2026, the Disciple Maker Index Survey will be offered again. This is the exact same survey that parishioners took in Lent of 2023. The purpose of this second survey is to help our parish assess the effectiveness of the pastoral planning goals we set three years ago and to identify new opportunities and directions for spiritual growth and deepening faith within our community.

Your Participation is Crucial. We urge every parishioner to take the time to complete this important survey. The results are essential for our planning process, allowing us to gain a clear understanding of our progress and chart the path forward.

By participating, you are helping our parish align its strategies and renew our planning goals to fully embrace Bishop Eckman's vision of growing in faith and charity through the spiritual and corporal works of mercy.

Please look for more details and information on how to access the survey in the coming weeks.

## **Pray the Rosary Daily!**

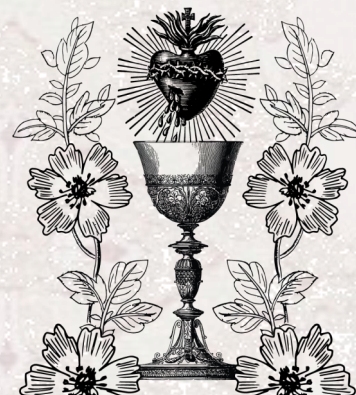
## To All of Our Guests...

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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