



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Sexagesima
Sunday**

February 8, 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

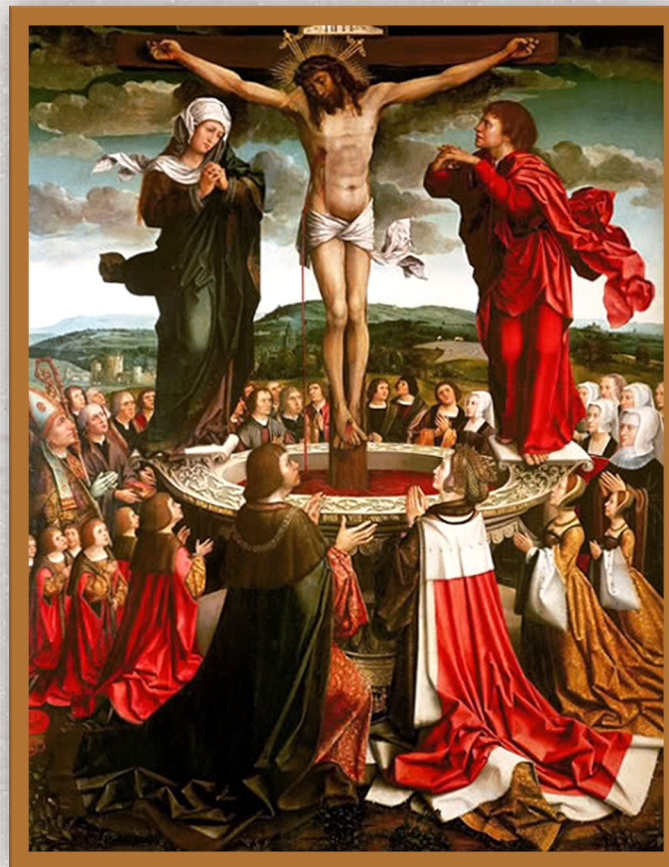
Confession Schedule

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, February 8, 2026 *St. Blaise Blessing*

Sexagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM For All Married Couples

Processional: Lord Jesus Think On Me (pg.77)

Recessional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg. 59)

Monday, February 9, 2026

St. Cyril of Alexandria, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Apollonia

12PM LM Robert & Reynold Deeb (Christopher De la Viesca)

Tuesday, February 10, 2026

St. Scholastica, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Lorraine Piermani (Angie Comas)

7PM LM +Gerard Thimons (Dan & Magan Thimons)

Wednesday, February 11, 2026

Our Lady of Lourdes, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM For the Spiritual and Temporal Welfare of our Children (Ed & Fabiola Gergerich)

Thursday, February 12, 2026

Seven Holy Servite Founders, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Conversion of my Children (Jean Cotter)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, February 13, 2026

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

12PM LM +Marian B. Creel (John & Susan Fischer)

Saturday, February 14, 2026

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

Commemoration of St. Valentine

9AM LM +Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne, Daughter)

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO Phillip & Ivana Shaw (M. Warner)

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, January 25, 2026

Offertory \$804.00

Sunday, February 1, 2026

Offertory \$9,550.00

Parish Appeal 2025 \$1,048.00

Parish Improvement \$2,456.00

St. Anthony/DePaul \$320.00

Attendance: 8AM 310; 11AM 303; Total 613

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, March 14th, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: "To visit the sick".** Contact 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.

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 Game Night — Join us for a fun night of food, games,

and conversation with fellow Catholic Young Adults **Friday, Feb. 13th.** Feel free to bring your own Board Games!

St. Valentine Party and Pot-Luck

Please plan to join fellow parishioners for the St. Valentine party in the school gym today, 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.



Bring out your palms



The parish is collecting your blessed palms to burn for use on Ash Wednesday (February 18th). Please place your old palms in the collection bins located in the church entrances **by next Sunday, February 15th.**

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 29—**Palm Sunday:** 10:30am High Mass with blessing of palms and procession (*Blessed Palms will be available in the side entrance after the High Mass as well as at the 8AM Mass Easter Sunday*)

Wednesday, April 1—Tenebrae: 7pm Matins & Lauds

Thursday, April 2—**Holy Thursday:** 7pm Solemn Mass, Vespers, Adoration (*until midnight*)

Friday, April 3—**Good Friday:** 11am Stations of the Cross; 12pm Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

Saturday, April 4—**Holy Saturday:** TBA Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5—**Easter Sunday:** 8am Low Mass with organ; 11am Solemn Mass followed by the Blessing of the Lambs

Little Sisters of the Poor Collecting

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us **next Sunday, Feb. 15,** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. They are counting on your continued support. Church collection donations can also be given online at littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org, by scanning this QR code, or by asking a Sister or volunteer for an envelope. The sisters remember you in their daily prayers. Thank you for your generosity.



Retake the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey

As you've read in recent weeks, the retake of the DMI survey starts on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 18, and runs through March 29. The primary purpose of the retake of this exact survey from Lent of 2023 is to measure the impact and growth of parish evangelization efforts. The survey is administered by Catholic Leadership Institute (CLI), primarily as an online survey, but to ensure accessibility to all, paper copies are all available at the church entrances. Responses are anonymous and the parish only receives aggregated results Your honest feedback is essential and valuable, so please participate before Sunday, March 29th.

St. Blaise Blessing of Throats

Today before and after both Masses, the St. Blaise Blessing of Throats will be given at the communion rail.

Sexagesima Sunday

Introit: Psalm 43: 23-26. Arise, why sleepest Thou, O Lord? arise, and cast us not off to the end: why turnest Thou Thy face away, and forgettest our trouble? Our belly hath cleaved to the earth: arise, O Lord, help us and deliver us. *Ps. 43, 2.* O God, we have heard with our ears; our fathers have declared to us. *V.* Glory. Arise.

Collect: O God, Who seest that we put not our trust in any deed of our own, mercifully grant that by the protection of the Teacher of the gentiles we may be defended against all adversities. Through our Lord.

Epistle: II Corinthians 11: 19-23; 12: 1-9. Brethren, you gladly suffer the foolish; whereas yourselves are wise. For you suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take from you, if a man be lifted up, if a man strike you in the face. I speak according to dishonor, as if we had been weak in this part. Wherein if any man dare (I speak foolishly), I dare also. They are Hebrews; so am I. They are Israelites: so am I. They are the seed of Abraham; so am I. They are the ministers of Christ (I speak as one less wise); I am more: in many more labors, in prisons more frequently, in stripes above measure, in deaths often. Of the Jews five times did I receive forty stripes save one. Thrice was I beaten with rods; once I was stoned; thrice I suffered shipwreck; a night and a day I was in the depth of the sea. In journeying often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils from my own nation, in perils from the gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils from false brethren. In labor and painfulness, in much watchings, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness; besides those things which are without, my daily instance, the solicitude for all the churches. Who is weak, and I am not weak? Who is scandalized, and I am not on fire? If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my infirmity. The God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who is blessed for ever, knoweth that I lie not. At Damascus the governor of the nation under Aretas the king, guarded the city of the Damascenes to apprehend me; and through a window in a basket was I let down by the wall, and so escaped his hands. If I must glory (it is not expedient indeed): but I will come to the visions and revelations of the Lord. I know a man in Christ above fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not, or out of the body, I know not; God knoweth): such an one rapt even to the third heaven. And I know such a man (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell; God knoweth); that he was caught up into paradise; and heard secret words, which it is not granted to man to utter. For such an one I will glory; but for myself I will glory nothing, but in my infirmities. For though I should have a mind to glory, I shall not be foolish; for I will say the truth. But I forbear, lest any man should think of me above that which he seeth in me, or any thing he heareth from me. And lest the greatness of the revelations should exalt me, there was given me a sting of my flesh, an angel of Satan, to buffet me. For which thing thrice I besought the Lord, that it might depart from me. And He said to me, My grace is sufficient for thee; for power is made perfect in infirmity. Gladly therefore will I glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

Gradual: Psalm 82: 19, 14. Let the gentiles know that God is Thy name: Thou alone art the Most High over all the earth. *V.* O my God, make them like a wheel, and as stubble before the face of the wind.

Tract: Psalm 59: 4, 6. Thou hast moved the earth, O Lord, and hast troubled it. *V.* Heal Thou the breaches thereof, for it hath been moved. *V.* That Thy elect may flee from before the bow: that they may be delivered.

Gospel: St. Luke 8: 4-15. At that time, when a very great multitude was gathered together and hastened out of the cities unto

Him, He spoke by a similitude; The sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell by the wayside; and it was trodden down, and the fowls of the air devoured it. And other some fell upon a rock; and as soon as it was sprung up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other some fell among thorns; and the thorns growing up with it, choked it. And other some fell upon good ground; and being sprung up, yielded fruit a hundred fold. Saying these things, He cried out, He that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And His disciples asked Him what this parable might be. To whom He said, To you it is given to know the mystery of the kingdom of God, but to the rest in parables; that seeing they may not see, and hearing may not understand. Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. And they by the wayside are they that hear; then the devil cometh, and taketh the word out of their heart, lest believing they should be saved. Now they upon the rock are they who when they hear, receive the word with joy; and these have no roots, for they believe for a while, and in time of temptation they fall away. And that which fell among thorns are they who have heard, and going their way, are choked with the cares and riches and pleasures of this life, and yield no fruit. But that on the good ground are they who in a good and very good heart, hearing the word, keep it, and bring forth fruit in patience.

Offertory: Psalm 16: 5, 6, 7. Perfect Thou my goings in Thy paths, that my footsteps be not moved: incline Thine ear, and hear my words: show forth Thy wonderful mercies, Thou Who savest them that trust in Thee, O Lord.

Secret: May the sacrifice we offer Thee, O Lord, ever vivify and defend us. Through our Lord.

Communion: Psalm 42: 4. I will go in to the altar of God: to God Who giveth joy to my youth.

Postcommunion: Grant, we humbly beseech Thee, almighty God, that those whom Thou refreshest with Thy sacraments may serve Thee worthily by a life well pleasing to Thee. 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 for more information or to volunteer. Age 21+ only.



From Feb. 14 to Mar. 29, 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, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more info, contact Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.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 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.

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 donating on-line via ParishSOFT (formerly Faith Direct), visit: 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 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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