



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Quinquagesima Sunday

February 15, 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

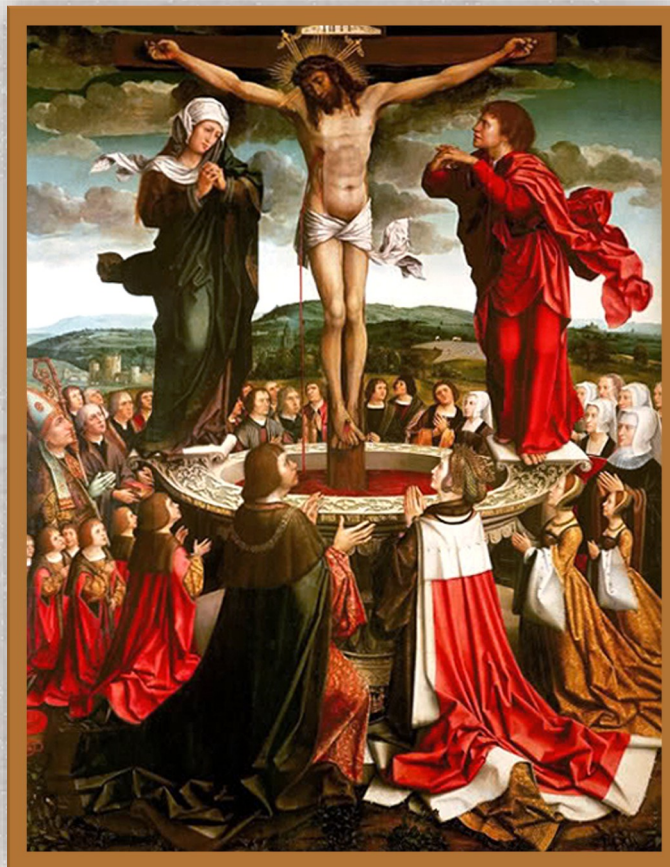
Confession Schedule

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, 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)

Monday, February 16, 2026

Feria of Quinquagesima, 4th Class—Violet

12PM LM Kyle Richter (Katie O'Brien)

Tuesday, February 17, 2026

Votive Mass of the Holy Face—Red

12PM LM Estevan Covarrubias (Katie O'Brien)

7PM LM Christopher De la Viesca (Katie O'Brien)

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 *Fast & Abstinence*

Ash Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM Abbé Bernard Schurdak (Laurie Walz)

7PM **HM** Canon Heitor Matheus (Laurie Walz)

Processional: Exaudi Nos (proper chant)

Recessional: The Glory of These 40 Days (pg.91)

Thursday, February 19, 2026

Thursday *Post Cineres*, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Deceased Members of Our Families

(Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

5:30 PM **Vespers**

6:00 PM **Holy Hour of Adoration**

Friday, February 20, 2026 *Abstinence*

Friday *Post Cineres*, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Abbé Christopher Bernans (Laurie Walz)

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

Votive Mass of the Crown of Thorns—Red

7:15 PM LM Grace Bond (Callahan Family)

Saturday, February 21, 2026

Saturday *Post Cineres*, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM LM +Deceased & Living Members of Talarico &

Ratay Families (Louis & Judy Talarico)

Sunday, February 22, 2026

First Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM **HM** Yvonne Baboun Deeb & Family (Christopher De la Viesca)

Processional: Attende Domine (chant)

Recessional: Forty Days and Forty Nights (pg.60)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 8, 2026

Offertory	\$11,197.00
Parish Appeal 2025	\$1,360.00
Parish Improvement	\$3,050.00
St. Anthony School Programs	\$345.00
ICRSS Provincial Appeal	\$110.00
Poor Box	\$50.00
Ash Wednesday	\$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 429; 11AM 356; Total 785

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.

Collection of Palms Ends Today

The collecting of blessed palms for use on Ash Wednesday ends today. *Please do not leave more palms at the church after today.*

Lent Begins

Lent begins this Wednesday, February 18th. Ashes will be imposed before two Masses that day, at noon and 7 p.m.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

1. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence in the United States.
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 3rd, 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.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

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

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 Today

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us today 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.



Quinquagesima Sunday

Introit: Psalm 30: 3, 4. Be Thou unto me a God, a protector, and a place of refuge, to save me: for Thou art my strength, and my refuge; and for Thy name's sake Thou wilt be my leader and wilt nourish me. *Ps. 30: 2.* In Thee, O Lord, have I hoped, let me never be confounded: deliver me in Thy justice, and set me free. *V.* Glory be. Be Thou unto me a God.

Collect: Of Thy clemency hearken unto our prayers, O Lord, loose us from the bonds of sin, and keep us from all adversity. Through our Lord.

Epistle: I Corinthians 13: 1-13. Brethren, if I speak with the tongues of men, and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass or a tinkling cymbal. And if I should have prophecy, and know all mysteries, and all knowledge, and if I should have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity; I am nothing. And if I should distribute all my goods to feed the poor, and if I should deliver my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. Charity is patient, is kind: charity envieth not; dealeth not perversely; is not puffed up; is not ambitious; seeketh not her own; is not provoked to anger; thinketh no evil; rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. Charity never falleth away: whether prophecies shall be made void, or tongues shall cease or knowledge shall be destroyed. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. When I was a child, I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away the things of a child. We see now through a glass in a dark manner; but then face to face. Now I know in part; but then I shall know even as I am known. And now there remain, faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity.

Gradual: Psalm 76: 15, 16. Thou art the God that alone dost wonders: Thou hast made Thy power known among the nations. *V.* With Thy arm Thou hast redeemed Thy people, the children of Israel and of Joseph.

Tract: Psalm 99: 1, 2. Sing joyfully to God all the earth: serve ye the Lord with gladness. *V.* Come in before His presence with exceeding great joy: know ye that the Lord He is

God. *V.* He made us, and not we ourselves: but we are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.

Gospel: St. Luke 18: 31-43. At that time, Jesus took unto Him the twelve, and said to them, Behold we go up to Jerusalem, and all things shall be accomplished which were written by the prophets concerning the Son of man: for He shall be delivered to the gentiles, and shall be mocked, and scourged, and spit upon; and after they have scourged Him, they will put Him to death; and the third day He shall rise again. And they understood none of these things, and this word was hid from them, and they understood not the things that were said. Now it came to pass, when He drew nigh to Jericho, that a certain blind man sat by the wayside, begging. And when he heard the multitude passing by, he asked what this meant. And they told him that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by. And he cried out, saying, Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me. And they that went before, rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out much more, Son of David, have mercy on me. And Jesus standing, commanded him to be brought unto Him: and when he was come near, He asked him, saying, What wilt thou that I do to thee? But he said, Lord, that I may see. And Jesus said to him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole. And immediately he saw, and followed Him, glorifying God: and all the people when they saw it, gave praise to God.

Offertory: Psalm 118: 12, 13. Blessed art Thou, O Lord, teach me Thy justifications: with my lips I have pronounced all the judgments of Thy mouth.

Secret: May this offering, we beseech Thee, O Lord, cleanse away our sins, sanctify us in soul and body, and fit us, Thy servants, for the celebration of the sacrifice. Through our Lord.

Communion: Psalm 77: 29, 30. They did eat, and were filled exceedingly, and the Lord gave them their desire: they were not defrauded of that which they craved.

Postcommunion: We beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who have partaken of heavenly nourishment, may be fortified by it against all adversities. Through our Lord.

Rosary Rally

St. Bernard of Clairvaux said "The Hail Mary puts the devil to flight and causes hell to tremble with terror." Please join in a Rosary Rally to Pray for the Conversion of Sinners and to Protect Our Children on **Sat. Feb. 21** at noon at MPBOJ parking lot.

Parish Appeal

Today, the last Sunday before Lent, marks the start of the Annual Parish Appeal. Each registered family or parishioner should receive a letter from Canon Avis, along with a pledge form/envelope. You may make a pledge using the envelopes/forms provided, or you can simply utilize the Parish Appeal monthly envelopes included in your envelope packets. ParishSoft also has a Parish Appeal category for earmarking donations, if you use our on-line contribution service. Your generosity to the Parish Appeal is greatly appreciated!

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.



From Feb. 18th – Mar. 29th, 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, Pittsburgh, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: [Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com](mailto:NikkiBruni@40daysforlifepgh.com)

• 26,144 babies saved • 275 abortion workers converted • 184 abortion centers closed!

Kick-off Mass at Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church (184 Washington Pl, Pgh 15219), on Tuesday, Feb. 17th at 6 pm, followed by a **Eucharistic Procession** to Planned Parenthood All Christians are welcome! (His Excellency, Bishop William Waltersheid presiding.)

Go to 40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh for more info, or check out our blog at 40daysforlifepittsburgh.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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