



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

First Sunday of Lent

February 22, 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

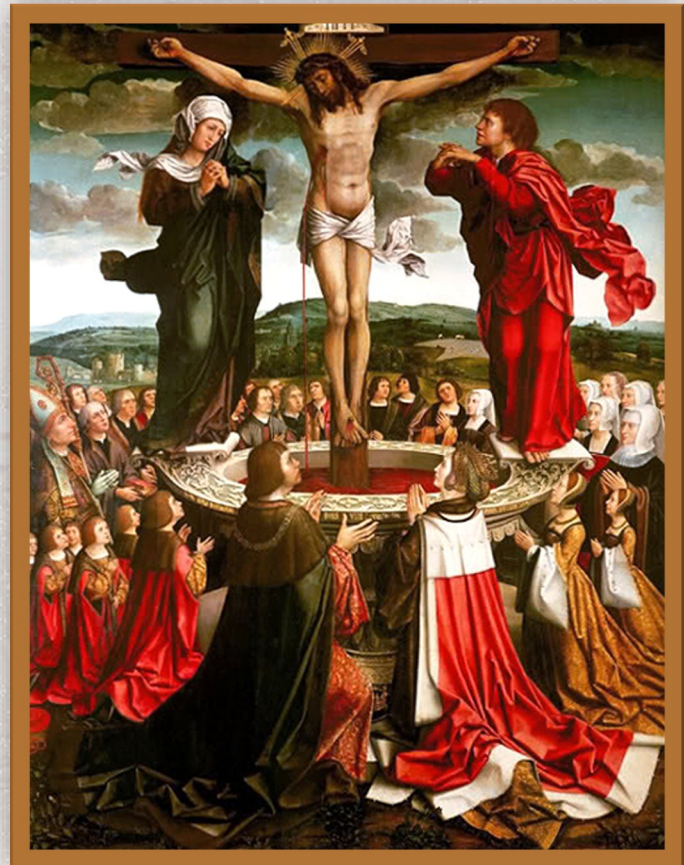
Confession Schedule

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 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)

Monday, February 23, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Peter Damian

12PM LM +Joe DeFrancisco (Michael Bradburn)

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

St. Matthias, 2nd Class—Red

Commemoration of Lenten Feria

12PM LMO +Lillian M. Adams (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

7PM LM Bob & Janet Darkey (Bob & Vicki Darkey)

Wednesday, February 25, 2026

Ember Wednesday, 2nd Class—Violet

12PM LM Private Intention for Anna Hertrich (Anna Hertrich)

Thursday, February 26, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Private Intention (Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, February 27, 2026 *Abstinence*

Ember Friday, 2nd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Snows

12PM LM Canon Ross Bourgeois (Randal Kotwica)

6:30 PM Station of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Holy Lance & Nails—Red

7:15 PM LM +William Ritter, & Deceased Members of the Ritter Family (Eric Ritter)

Saturday, February 28, 2026

Ember Saturday, 2nd Class—Violet

9AM LM Thomas M. Kelly (Nicole Kelly)

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM +Abbé Charles Outtier (Melinda Check)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Miserere et Parce (chant)

Recessional: Soul of My Savior (pg.92)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Offertory \$11,509.00

Parish Appeal 2026..... \$2,270.00

ICRSS Provincial Appeal \$140.00

Ash Wednesday \$55.00

Parish Improvement..... \$10.00

St. Anthony School Programs \$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 500; 11AM 418; Total 918

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 re-

ceive 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.

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. 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 in the side entrance 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**: 7pm Easter Vigil

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

Second Collection for the Institute Today

This Lent, consider making a sacrifice of \$80, just two dollars a day during these 40 days to help the Institute of Christ the King continue its work for the salvation of souls. There is a special second collection today for this appeal to help the Institute grow in the USA. This Lent, you can make a difference in the Church today by donating to the people and the places that work to restore Catholic life and culture in America. Thank you for your generous support! May Christ our King reward you eternally.

Mandatory Altar Server Training on March 7th – New Servers Welcome!

On Saturday, March 7th, the Parish will have a mandatory server training for all those who serve or are interested in serving High Mass. This training will be held in the Church 11:00am-2:00pm (following the 9:00am High Mass for the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas). New servers are welcome! All males in grades 4 and up are invited to serve. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at the parish, please contact Jude Young at judeyoung4321@gmail.com or 412-491-4415.

OLSH Class of 2030 Placement Test Saturday

Eighth graders interested in entering the Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School freshman class in the fall of 2026 are required to take the OLSH Placement test, which will be given on **Sat., Feb. 28, from 9-11 a.m.** Students taking the test are eligible for merit scholarship consideration.

First Sunday of Lent

Introit: Psalm 90: 15, 16. He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him; I will deliver him, and glorify him; I will fill him with length of days. *Ps. 90: 1.* He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. Glory be. He shall call upon Me.

Collect: O God, Who dost purify Thy Church with the annual observance of Lent, grant to Thy household that what it strives to obtain from Thee by abstinence it may secure with good works. Through our Lord.

Epistle: II Corinthians 6: 1-10. Brethren, we exhort you that you receive not the grace of God in vain. For He saith, In an accepted time have I heard thee, and in the day of salvation have I helped thee. Behold now is the acceptable time, behold now is the day of salvation. Giving no offense to any man, that our ministry be not blamed: but in all things let us exhibit ourselves as the ministers of God; in much patience, in tribulations, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in prisons, in seditions, in labors, in watchings, in fastings, in chastity, in knowledge, in long-suffering, in sweetness, in the Holy Ghost, in charity unfeigned, in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the armor of justice on the right hand and on the left, by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet known; as dying, and behold we live; as chastised, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as needy, yet enriching many; as having nothing, and possessing all things.

Gradual: Psalm 90: 11, 12. God hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.

Tract: Psalm 90: 1-7, 11-16. He that dwelleth in the aid of the Most High, shall abide under the protection of the God of heaven. *V.* He shall say to the Lord, Thou art my protector and my refuge: my God, in Him will I trust. *V.* For He hath delivered me from the snare of the hunters, and from the sharp word. *V.* He will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust. *V.* His truth shall compass thee with a shield: thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the night. *V.* Of the arrow that flieth in the day; of the business that walketh about in the dark: of ruin and the noonday devil. *V.* A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand: but it shall not come nigh to thee. *V.* For He hath given His angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. *V.* In their hands they shall bear thee up, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone. *V.* Thou shalt walk upon the asp and the basilisk, and thou shalt trample under foot the lion and the dragon. *V.* Because he hath hoped in Me, I will deliver him; I will protect him, because he hath known My name. *V.* He shall call upon Me, and I will hear him: I am with him in tribulation. *V.* I will deliver him, and I will glorify him; I will fill him with length of days, and I will show him My salvation.

Gospel: St. Matthew 4: 1-11. At that time, Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert, to be tempted by the devil. And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterwards He was hungry. And the tempter coming said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, command that these stones be made bread. Who answered and said: It is written, Not in bread alone doth man live, but in every word that proceedeth from the mouth of God. Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, and set Him upon the pinnacle of the temple, and said to Him, If Thou be the Son of God, cast Thyself down: for it is written, That He hath given His angels charge over Thee, and in their hands shall they bear Thee up, lest perhaps Thou dash Thy foot against a stone. Jesus said to him, It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God. Again the

devil took Him up into a very high mountain; and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; and said to Him, All these will I give Thee, if falling down Thou wilt adore me. Then Jesus said to him, Begone, Satan, for it is written, The Lord thy God shalt thou adore, and Him only shalt thou serve. Then the devil left Him; and behold angels came, and ministered to Him.

Offertory: Psalm 90: 4, 5. The Lord, will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

Secret: We solemnly offer the sacrifice at the beginning of Lent, beseeching Thee, O Lord, that, while we restrict ourselves in the use of bodily food, we may also refrain from indulgence in harmful pleasures. Through our Lord.

Preface of Lent: It is truly meet and just, right and profitable, for us, at all times, and in all places, to give thanks to Thee, O Lord, the holy One, the Father almighty, the everlasting God: Who on those who chastise their bodies by fasting dost bestow the restraining of evil passions, uplifting of heart, and the enjoying of virtue with its reward. Through Christ our Lord. Through Whom the angels praise, the dominations adore, the powers, trembling with awe, worship Thy majesty: which the heavens, and the forces of heaven, together with the blessed seraphim, joyfully do magnify. And do Thou command that it be permitted to our lowliness to join with them in confessing Thee and unceasingly to repeat: Holy, Holy, Holy . . .

Communion: Psalm 90: 4, 5. The Lord will overshadow thee with His shoulders, and under His wings thou shalt trust: His truth shall compass thee with a shield.

Postcommunion: May the holy partaking of Thy sacrament strengthen us, O Lord, and purify us from the old life, and make us sharers in the mystery of salvation. Through our Lord.

Parish-wide survey!

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link found on the parish website from now until March 31, 2026 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive aggregate information about the community.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible, so the information will help Canon Avis to plan for the future. The results will be shared with the entire parish.

If you prefer, you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the side entrance of the church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at SURVEY BOXES located at the side entrance of the church. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the parish office at 412-761-1508.

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. Contact Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com

Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish has "adopted" Sunday, March 22nd from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets in Narthex.

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