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

**Second Sunday
of Lent**

March 1, 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

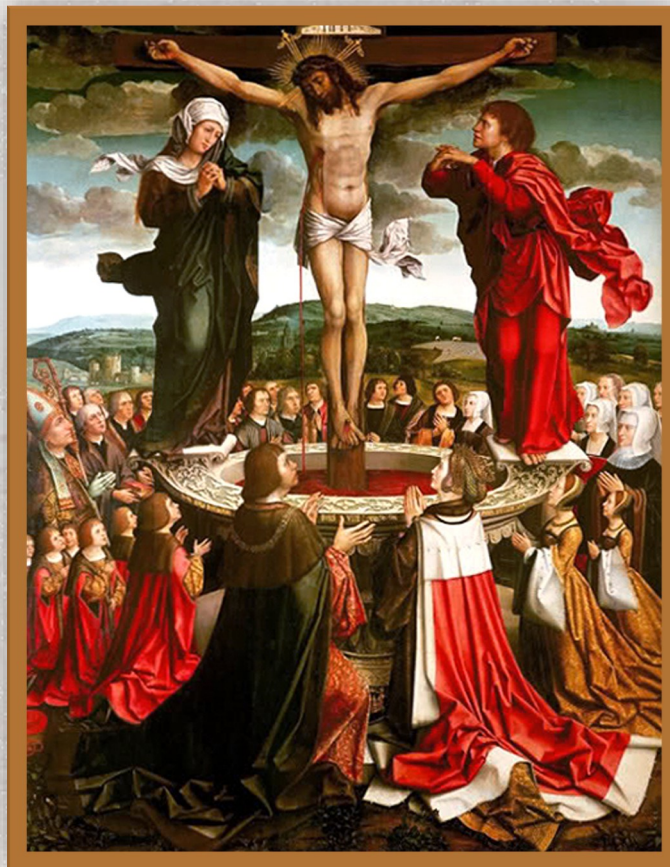
Confession Schedule

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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Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)
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Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Second Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM +Abb Charles Outtier (Melinda Check)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Miserere et Parce (chant)

Recessional: Soul of My Savior (pg.92)

Monday, March 2, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Daniel Fello (Priscilla Fello)

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Beckett Lewin (Andrew & Aja Bencsics)

7PM LM +Bertha Kotwica (Randal Kotwica)

Wednesday, March 4, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Casimir

12PM LM Thomas C. Kelly (Nicole Kelly)

Thursday, March 5, 2026 *First Thursday*

V. M. of Jesus Christ Eternal High Priest, 3rd Class—White*

12PM LM +Michael Quigley (Aileen Ruane)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, March 6, 2026 *Abstinence First Friday*

V. M. of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White*

Commemoration of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

12PM LM +Claire Rattay, 100th Birthday (Rattay Family)

6:30 PM Station of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Holy Shroud—Red

7:15 PM LM +John Spinneweber (Shawn Spinneweber)

Saturday, March 7, 2026 *First Saturday*

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1st Class—White*

9AM HM Living & Deceased Members of the Pumford &

Jablunovsky Families (Andrew & Marianne Pumford)

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Third Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM Joseph (Joey) Wilson IV (Joe Wilson)

Processional: Media Vita (chant)

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

**Commemoration of the Feria*

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 22, 2026

Offertory \$9,128.00

Ash Wednesday 2,483.00

ICRSS Provincial Appeal \$12,671.00

Parish Appeal 2025 \$917.00

Attendance: 8AM 501; 11AM 347; Total 848

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.

Join Sursum Corda in the Parish Center on **Friday, March 13th** by 8 p.m. (following 6:30 Stations of the Cross and 7 p.m. Mass which we highly recommend beforehand).

Given the Lenten season of penance we'll be trying a new event called "*Eat like a Monk*" where following Mass when we join in the Parish Center we will enter into the millennia long monastic tradition of eating a communal meal in silence while a Spiritual Classic is read. Event is open to 18-35 year olds.

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 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**: 7pm Easter Vigil

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



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Second Sunday of Lent

Introit: Psalm 24: 6, 3, 22. Remember, O Lord, Thy bowels of compassion, and Thy mercies that are from the beginning of the world, lest at any time our enemies rule over us: deliver us, O God of Israel, from all our tribulations. *Ps. 24, 1-2.* To Thee, O Lord, have I lifted up my soul: in Thee, O my God, I put my trust; let me not be ashamed. Glory be. Remember, O Lord.

Collect: O God, Who seest how we are destitute of all strength, keep us inwardly and outwardly, that in body we may be defended from all adversities, and in mind cleansed of evil thoughts. Through our Lord.

Epistle: I Thessalonians 4: 1-7. Brethren, we pray and beseech you in the Lord Jesus, that as you have received of us, how you ought to walk, and to please God, so also you would walk, that you may abound the more. For you know what precepts I have given to you by the Lord Jesus. For this is the will of God, your sanctification; that you should abstain from fornication, that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honor; not in the passion of lust, like the gentiles that know not God: and that no man overreach, nor deceive his brother in business; because the Lord is the avenger of all these things, as we have told you before, and have testified. For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto sanctification; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gradual: Psalm 24: 17, 18. The troubles of my heart are multiplied; deliver me from my necessities, O Lord. *V.* See my abjection and my labor, and forgive all my sins.

Tract: Psalm 105, 1-4. Give glory to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. *V.* Who shall declare the powers of the Lord? Who shall set forth all His praises? *V.* Blessed are they that keep judgment, and do justice at all times. *V.* Remember us, O Lord, in the favor of Thy people: visit us with Thy salvation.

Gospel: St. Matthew 17: 1-9. At that time, Jesus took Peter and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart: and He was transfigured before them. And His face did shine as the sun, and His garments became white as snow. And behold there appeared to them Moses and Elias talking with Him. And Peter answering, said to Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if Thou wilt, let us make here three tabernacles, one for Thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elias. And as he was yet speaking, behold a bright cloud overshadowed them; and lo, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is My beloved Son, in Whom I am well pleased; hear ye Him. And the disciples hearing, fell upon their face and were very much afraid. And Jesus came and touched them, and said to them, Arise and fear not. And they lifting up their eyes saw no one, but only Jesus. And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, till the Son of man be risen from the dead.

Offertory: Psalm 118: 47, 48. I will meditate on Thy commandments, which I have loved exceedingly: and I will lift up my hands to Thy commandments, which I have loved.

Secret: Look graciously, we beg, O Lord, upon the sacrifices here before Thee, that they may profit both our devotion and our salvation. 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 5: 2, 4. Understand my cry: harken to the voice of my prayer, O my King and my God: for to Thee will I pray, O Lord.

Postcommunion: Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, whom Thou refreshest with Thy sacraments, may also serve Thee worthily with conduct to Thy liking. Through our Lord.

Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser

The parish is once again sponsoring a Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser to benefit parish programs. Please consider ordering some of the best chocolates in the world, while supporting the parish—we receive 50% of the profit on what you order.

The fundraiser begins today, runs through Wednesday, March 18th, and is entirely on-line, so you can order any of the delectable candy from the website. Order pick-up will take place after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Center on Saturday and Sunday, March 21 & 22.

Thank you to parishioners Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible. Thanks also to Peggy Wrabley for coordinating this fundraiser each year. Please do your part and enjoy the best candy ever!

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 Mass. New servers are welcome! All males in grades 4 and up are invited to serve. All are invited to attend the 9am High Mass for the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas. Following Mass, an early lunch will be provided in the Parish Center around 10:45am followed by training in the Church until 2pm. If you are interested in becoming an Altar Server at the parish, contact Jude Young at judeyoung4321@gmail.com or 412-491-4415.

Parish Financial Statement

Included with this bulletin is the standardized Quarterly Financial Statement for the second quarter of the fiscal year, Oct. 1 – Dec. 31, 2025

Daylight Savings Time Next Sunday

Whether you love it or loathe it, Daylight Savings Time resumes next Sunday, March 8th.



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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(Quarter-2 2025/2026 Year to Date)

OPERATING REVENUE:

Offertory Collections	536,941
Donations & Bequests	52,736
Fundraising	4,650
Subsidy from Diocese	1,483
Campaign Income	(5,000)
Other Income	24,226
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	615,036

OPERATING EXPENSE:

Administration	216,596
Operations & Maintenance	133,585
Liturgical & Rectory	68,751
Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.	50,164
Property & Liability Insurance	26,738
Social/ Outreach/ Other	21,969
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	517,803

OPERATING SURPLUS (DEFICIT) 97,233

NON-OPERATING ITEMS:

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense	(118,590)
Net Third Party Collections	(3,597)
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	(122,187)

FEATURED ASSETS and LIABILITIES at 12/31/2025

ASSETS:

Unrestricted Funds:

Cash	210,322
Deposit & Loan Operating Savings	9,062
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	219,384

Restricted Funds:

Deposit & Loan Restricted Savings	-
Deposit & Loan Restricted Campaign	-
Parish Endowment Investment	-
Other Investments	-
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LIABILITIES:

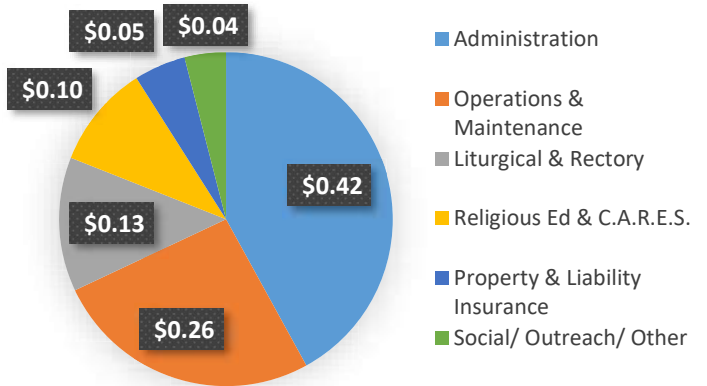
Insurance Past Due	-
Deposit & Loan Borrowing Debt	501,257
Other Payables	-
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	501,257

Revenue vs. Expense for 7-1-2025 thru 12-31-2025

Revenue: **615,036**

Expense: **517,803**

How each Expense Dollar Supports the Parish



Line items include but are not limited to:

Offertory Collections: Offertory, Parish Appeal

Campaign Income: Capital Imp., Debt Reduction, etc.

Other Income: Interest Income, Hall Rentals, Votive

Administration: Staff, Supplies, Management Fee

Operations & Maintenance:

Staff, Church Utilities, Upkeep, Taxes, Supplies

Religious Ed & C.A.R.E.S.: Staff, Supplies, CCD, Adult Ed,

RCIA, Catholic Assistance for Regional Elem Schools

Liturgical & Rectory: Staff, Worship, Rectory Upkeep

Social/Outreach/Other:

Youth, Community, Net Rental Property, Preschool

Extraordinary Maintenance Expense: > \$4,000

Net 3rd Party Collections: e.g. Holy Land, Peter's Pence

Please see reverse side for additional information.

Thank you for your generous donations!

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (\$)

For the six-month period ending:

12.31.25

12.31.24

12.31.23

12.31.22

BEGINNING BALANCE OPERATING ACCT

241,238

172,625

127,781

366,426

Operating Income (Donations)

615,036

570,191

548,408

410,448

Cash Available for Operations

856,274

742,817

676,188

776,874

Expenditures

Administration (net of mgt fee)

154,693

149,723

141,479

136,146

Diocesan Management Fee

61,904

49,346

49,346

-

Operations & Maintenance

133,585

146,005

156,919

168,191

Liturgical & Rectory

68,751

65,335

98,520

98,237

Religious Education (net of subsidy)

15,041

24,637

12,565

14,265

School Subsidy

35,123

27,998

27,998

33,453

Social Outreach (net of loan pmts)

19,441

15,649

13,223

17,000

Property & Liability Insurance

26,738

24,302

16,124

16,124

D&L Loan Payments

8,490

13,924

13,924

-

Extraordinary Maintenance

118,590

33,749

5,315

177,105

Insurance Claim Proceeds

-

-

(1,905)

(7,810)

Net Parish Share Activity

-

-

-

(31,442)

Net PSP Receivable/Payable

28,737

Net Third Party Activity

3,597

(7,783)

(503)

(1,471)

Total Expenditures

645,952

542,885

533,005

648,535

Net Period Surplus (Deficit)

(30,916)

27,307

15,402

(238,088)

ENDING BALANCE OPERATING ACCT

210,322

199,932

143,183

128,339

Extraordinary Maintenance

Church Retaining Walls

54,100

Church Lighting Project

46,750

Church Roof Repairs

6,852

Confessional Additions

135

Parish Computers

10,753

Total Extraordinary Maintenance

118,590