



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Third Sunday
of Lent**

March 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

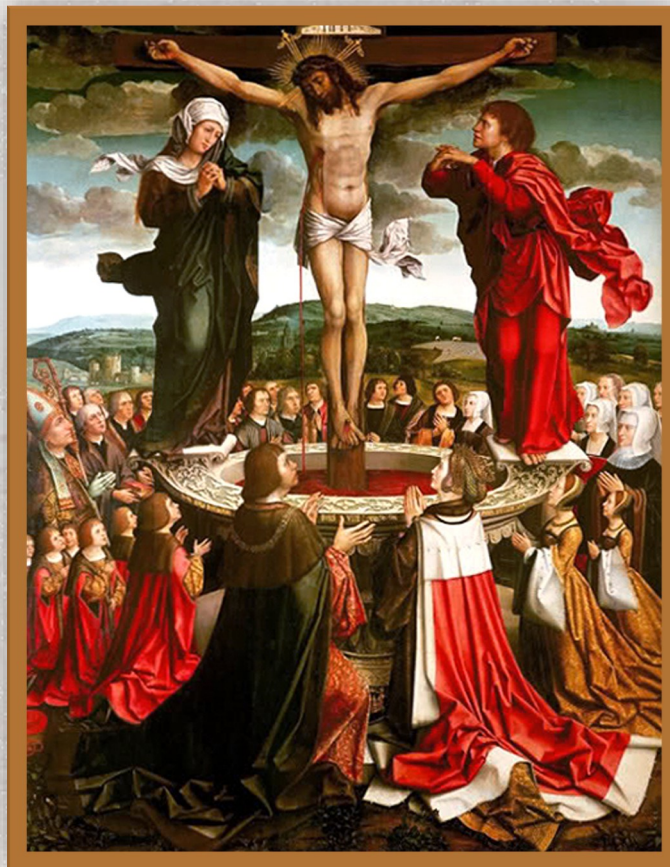
Confession Schedule

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



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Liturgical Schedule

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)

Monday, March 9, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome

12PM LM +Alfred & Mary Jo Ulishney (Jacob Ulishney)

Tuesday, March 10, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of Forty Holy Martyrs

12PM LM Dan & Karen Robb (The Patrick Family)

7PM LM Audrey Allen - Birthday (Paul & Hannah Allen)

Wednesday, March 11, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Stuart & Eleanor Haggerty (Haggerty Family)

Thursday, March 12, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Gregory the Great

12PM LM +Matt & Helen Lukovic (Petrosky Family)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, March 13, 2026 *Abstinence*

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Harry & Catherine Paras (Paras Family)

6:30 PM Station of the Cross

7:15 PM LM +Ronald Kotwica (Randal Kotwica)

Saturday, March 14, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM HM +Paul J. Hlavac (Anthony Hlavac)

Sunday, March 15, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet/Rose “Lactare”

8AM LMO +Frank & Irene Otuyce (Bill & Gerry Redic)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Lord Who Throughout These Forty Days(pg. 79)

Recessional: Soul of My Savior (pg.92)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 1, 2026

Offertory \$13,353.00

Parish Appeal 2026..... \$2,533.00

ICRSS Provincial Appeal \$1,995.00

Parish Improvement..... \$100.00

Mother’s Day Remembrance..... \$10.00

Easter Flowers \$10.00

Holy Thursday \$10.00

Poor Box..... \$10.00

Attendance: 8AM 522; 11AM 376; Total 898

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 this **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.

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 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

Lenten Food Drive

Our parish will be participating in a Lenten food drive benefiting the Little Sisters of the Poor and their mission of caring for the elderly poor of Pittsburgh. Please place food donations in the bins at the entrances of the church or near the entrance to the gym in the school building. For more information on their specific needs, please see the posters near the church entrances. This drive will end on Palm Sunday, March 29th. Thank you for your generosity!

Third Sunday of Lent

Introit: Psalm 24: 15, 16. My eyes are ever towards the Lord: for He shall pluck my feet out of the snare: look Thou upon me, and have mercy on me, for I am alone and poor. *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. My eyes.

Collect: Have regard to the desires of the lowly, O almighty God, we beseech Thee, and stretch forth the right hand of Thy majesty in our defense. Through our Lord.

Epistle: Ephesians 5: 1-9. Brethren, be ye followers of God, as most dear children; and walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath delivered Himself for us, an oblation and a sacrifice to God, for an odor of sweetness. But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not so much as be named among you, as becometh saints; nor obscenity, nor foolish talking, nor scurrility, which is to no purpose; but rather giving of thanks: for know ye this, and understand, that no fornicator, nor unclean, nor covetous person, which is a serving of idols, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words; for because of these things cometh the anger of God upon the children of unbelief. Be ye not therefore partakers with them. For you were heretofore darkness; but now light in the Lord. Walk ye as children of the light: for the fruit of the light is in all goodness, and justice, and truth.

Gradual: Psalm 9: 20, 4. Arise, O Lord, let not man be strengthened; let the gentiles be judged in Thy sight. *V.* When my enemy shall be turned back, they shall be weakened and perish before Thy face.

Tract: Psalm 122: 1, 3. To Thee have I lifted up my eyes, Who dwellest in heaven. *V.* Behold as the eyes of servants are on the hands of their masters. *V.* And as the eyes of the handmaid are on the hands of her mistress: so are our eyes unto the Lord our God, until He have mercy on us. *V.* Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us.

Gospel: St. Luke 11: 14-28. At that time, Jesus was casting out a devil, and the same was dumb; and when He had cast out the devil the dumb spoke, and the multitude were in admiration at it, but some of them said, He casteth out devils by Beelzebub the prince of devils. And others tempting, asked of Him a sign from heaven. But He seeing their thoughts, said to them, Every kingdom divided against itself shall be brought to desolation, and house upon house shall fall; and if Satan also be divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because you say, that through Beelzebub I cast out devils. Now if I cast out devils by Beelzebub, by whom do your children cast them out? Therefore they shall be your judges. But if I by the finger of God cast out devils, doubtless the kingdom of God is come upon you. When a strong man armed keepeth his court, those things which he possesseth are in peace: but if a

stronger than he come upon him, and overcome him, he will take away all his armor wherein he trusted, and will distribute his spoils. He that is not with Me, is against Me: and he that gathereth not with Me, scattereth. When the unclean spirit is gone out of a man, he walketh through places without water, seeking rest: and not finding, he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out: and when he is come, he findeth it swept and garnished. Then he goeth, and taketh with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and entering in they dwell there; and the last state of that man becometh worse than the first. And it came to pass, as He spoke these things, that a certain woman from the crowd, lifting up her voice, said to Him, Blessed is the womb that bore Thee, and the breasts that gave Thee suck. But He said, Yea, rather blessed are they who hear the word of God, and keep it.

Offertory: Psalm 18: 9-12. The justices of the Lord are right, rejoicing hearts, and His judgments are sweeter than honey and the honeycomb; for Thy servant keepeth them.

Secret: May this offering, O Lord, we beseech Thee, wipe out our sins, and sanctify the bodies and minds of Thy servants for the celebration of the sacrifice. 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 83: 4, 5. The sparrow hath found herself a house, and the turtle a nest, where she may lay her young ones: Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God: blessed are they that dwell in Thy house, they shall praise Thee forever and ever.

Postcommunion: Be merciful, O Lord, we beseech Thee, and free us from all sins and dangers, as Thou dost grant us to be sharers in this great mystery. Through our Lord.

Altar Linen Workshop on Saturday

The St. Veronica Altar Guild will be hosting a one-day workshop on Saturday March 14, 1:00-4:00pm in the Parish Center. Guild and non-Guild members are welcome to attend this event in which we'll be creating altar linens for use in the Mass, baptismal cloths, and a larger cloth with lace for the altar. We'll also plan to adorn finished linens with hand embroidered crosses. All skill and ability levels are welcome, especially beginners. Scan the QR code or send an email to altarguildpittsburgh@institute-christ-king.org to register!



Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser

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

The fundraiser runs through Wed. Mar. 18th, and is entirely on-line, so you can order any of the delectable candy from the website. Order pick-up will be after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Center on Saturday & Sunday, Mar. 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!



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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