



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Lætare Sunday

March 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

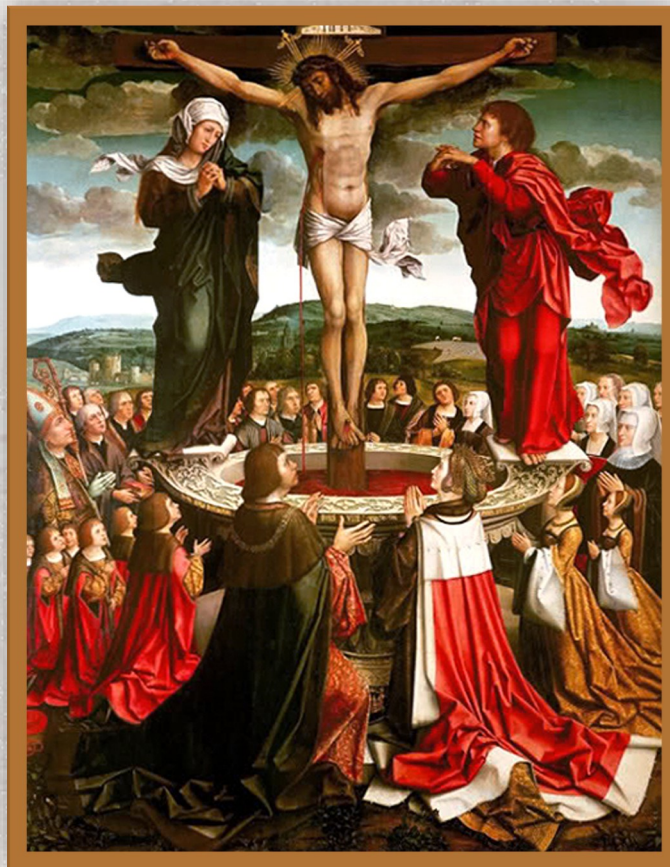
Confession Schedule

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, March 15, 2026

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

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)

Monday, March 16, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Susan Marini (Parish)

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Patrick

12PM LM +Joseph V. & Wanda Shutak (Joseph & Margaret Shutak)

7PM LM +Ron Dawson (Haggerty Family)

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Cyril

12PM LM +Clare Trautman (Kevin Bryan)

Thursday, March 19, 2026

St. Joseph, 1st Class—White*

12PM LM +Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne, Daughter)

7PM HM Canon William Avis (MPBOJ Staff)

Processional: Organ

Recessional: Hail, Holy Joseph Hail (pg.62)

Friday, March 20, 2026 *Abstinence*

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM The Patrick Family’s Special Intentions (Patrick Family)

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

7:15 PM LM For Our Children & Grandchildren (Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Capone)

Saturday, March 21, 2026 *Plenary Indulgence*

St. Benedict, 1st Class—White*

9AM HM +Andrew Hauser (Jean Cotter)

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM +Charles & Lois Conroy (David Killian)

Processional: Anima Christi (Chant)

Recessional: Soul of My Savior (pg.92)

**Commemoration of the Feria of the Fourth Sunday of Lent*

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Offertory \$11,421.00

Parish Appeal 2026..... \$1,009.00

Easter Flowers \$165.00

Parish Improvement..... \$160.00

Poor Box..... \$20.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development \$10.00

ParishSoft Report (Jan. 7 — Jan. 23, 2026)

Offertory \$18,546.97

Parish Appeal 2025..... \$374.76

Parish Improvement..... \$1,459.47

Poor Box..... \$165.82

Attendance: 8AM 496; 11AM 371; Total 867

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY of CHRISTIAN MOTHERS will next meet on **Saturday, April 18, beginning with the 9AM Mass. The topic: “To comfort the afflicted”.** All adult women are welcome to attend. Contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

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.

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**: 8am Low Mass; 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 is 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!

Rosary Rally

At Fatima, Our Lady said: "Sacrifice yourself for sinners; and say often: 'My Jesus, it is for love of Thee, for the conversion of sinners, and in reparation for sins committed against the Immaculate Heart of Mary.'" Please join in a Rosary Rally in Honor of Saint Jacinta and Saint Francisco on 21 March at noon at the MPBOJ parking lot.

Prayer at Planned Parenthood: Mar. 22, 9–5

Our parish has “adopted” next Sunday, March 22nd to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets can be found in the back of the church.



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

Fourth Sunday of Lent—Lætare Sunday

Introit: Isaiah 66: 10, 11. Rejoice, O Jerusalem, and come together all you that love her; rejoice with joy, you that have been in sorrow: that you may exult and be filled from the breasts of your consolation. *Ps. 121: 1.* I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. Glory be. Rejoice, O Jerusalem.

Collect: Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who justly suffer for our deeds, may be relieved by the consolation of Thy grace. Through our Lord.

Epistle: Galatians 4: 22-31. Brethren: It is written that Abraham had two sons; the one by a bond-woman, and the other by a free-woman. But he who was of the bond-woman was born according to the flesh; but he of the free-woman was by promise. Which things are said by an allegory. For these are the two testaments: the one from Mount Sina, engendering unto bondage, which is Agar: for Sina is a mountain in Arabia, which hath affinity to that Jerusalem which now is, and is in bondage with her children: but that Jerusalem which is above is free, which is our mother. For it is written, Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; break forth and cry, thou that travailest not; for many are the children of the desolate, more than of her that hath a husband. Now we, brethren, as Isaac was, are the children of promise. But as then he that was born according to the flesh persecuted him that was after the spirit, so also it is now. But what saith the Scripture? Cast out the bondwoman and her son; for the son of the bond-woman shall not be heir with the son of the free-woman. So then, brethren, we are not the children of the bond-woman, but of the free; by the freedom wherewith Christ hath made us free.

Gradual: Psalm 121: 1, 7. I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord. *V.* Let peace be in thy strength, and abundance in thy towers.

Tract: Psalm 124: 1, 2. They that trust in the Lord shall be as Mount Sion: he shall not be moved forever that dwelleth in Jerusalem. *V.* Mountains are round about it: so the Lord is round about His people, from henceforth now and forever.

Gospel: St. John 6: 1-15. At that time, Jesus went over the Sea of Galilee, which is that of Tiberias; and a great multitude followed Him, because they saw the miracles which He did on them that were diseased. Jesus therefore went up into a mountain, and there He sat with His disciples. Now the pasch, the festival day of the Jews, was near at hand. When Jesus therefore had lifted up his eyes, and seen that a very great multitude cometh to Him, He said to Philip, Whence shall we buy bread that these may eat? And this He said to try him; for He Himself knew what He would do. Philip answered, Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them, that every one may take a little. One of His disciples, Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter, saith to Him, There is a boy here that hath five barley loaves and two fishes; but what are these among so many? Then Jesus said, Make the men sit down. Now there was much grass in the place. The men therefore sat down, in number about five thousand. And Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given thanks, He distributed to them that were set down. In like manner also of the fishes, as much as they would. And when they were filled, He said to His disciples, Gather up the fragments that remain, lest they be lost. They gathered up therefore, and filled twelve baskets with the fragments of the five barley loaves, which remained over and above to them that had eaten. Now those men, when they had seen what a miracle Jesus had done, said, This is of a truth the prophet that is to come into the world. Jesus therefore, when He knew that they would come to take Him by force and make Him king, fled again into the mountain Himself alone.

Offertory: Psalm 134: 3, 6. Praise ye the Lord, for He is good: sing ye to His name, for He is sweet: whatsoever He pleased He hath done in heaven and in earth.

Secret: We beseech Thee, O Lord, look favorably upon the sacrifices here before Thee, that they may profit us both for devotion and for 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 121: 3, 4. Jerusalem, which is built as a city, which is compact together; for thither did the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord, to praise Thy name, O Lord.

Postcommunion: Grant us, we beseech Thee, O merciful God, that we may treat with unfeigned veneration and ever receive with heartfelt faith Thy holy rites which we constantly celebrate. Through our Lord.



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Parish Staff Changes

Effective March 15, 2026, the parish has a new Business Manager, Bill Warnagiris, who will take over the daily operations of the parish. His email address is: manager@mpboj.com. Gerry Redic will remain on staff as the parish Bookkeeper. Her new email is: bookkeeper@mpboj.com. May God grant Mr. Warnagiris the wisdom and grace needed to excel at his new position.

See More Parish News on Page Four

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.

The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by
THE INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.



General Information

Bulletin Announcements: Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of the publication date. Submit via email 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. 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.

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 online, 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!



You're Invited to our St. Joseph

HALF-DAY RETREAT



March 28th | 9:00 - 2:30
Padre Pio Parish

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