



# MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

## Passion Sunday

March 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

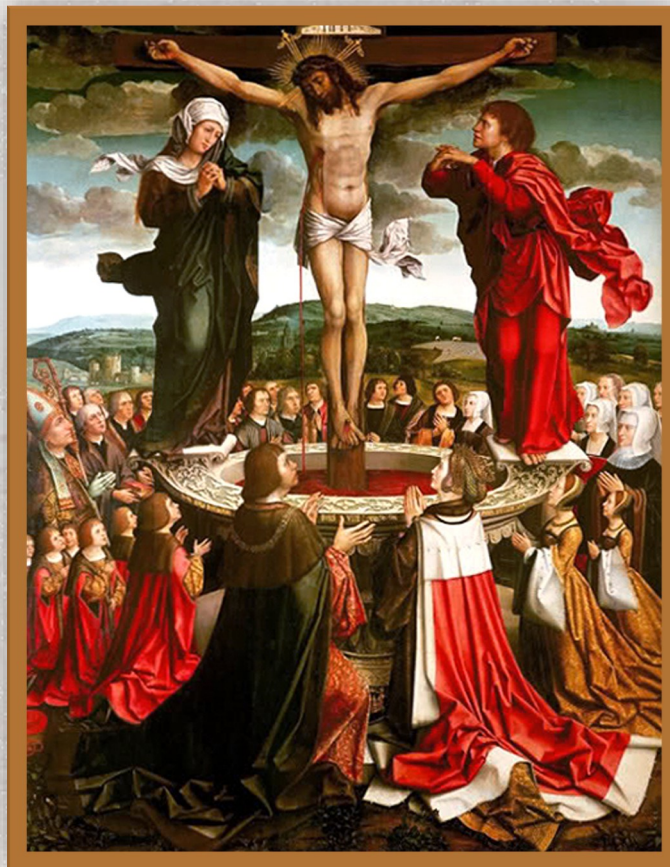
### **Confession Schedule**

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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*Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)*  
1-800-932-0313  
*Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)*  
1-888-808-1235



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***Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity***

## Liturgical Schedule

### 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)

### Monday, March 23, 2026

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Living & Deceased Members of the Shutak & Chybrzynski Families (Brad & Kelly Saver)

### Tuesday, March 24, 2026

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of St. Gabriel the Archangel*  
 12PM LM Gabriel Felice (Michael & Lianne Felice)  
 7PM LM +Deceased Members of Kukovica Family (M. Warner)

### Wednesday, March 25, 2026

#### Annunciation, 1st Class—White\*

12PM LMO +Edward & Virginia Check (Melinda Check)  
 7PM HM *Private Intention*  
 Processional: Organ  
 Recessional: O Sanctissima (pg.82)

### Thursday, March 26, 2026

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM +Soul of Suzanne Manz (Eric Manz)

### Friday, March 27, 2026 *Abstinence*

**Our Lady of Sorrows—White\***  
 12PM LM Living & Deceased Members of the Confraternity of Christian Mothers

#### 6:30 PM Stations of the Cross

7:15 PM LM Helen Keane, Health & Recovery (Patrick Keane)

### Saturday, March 28, 2026

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of St. John of Capistrano*  
 9AM LM +Jacob Dvorak (O'Connell Family)

### Sunday, March 29, 2026

#### Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM +Sam & Anna Catanzariti (Capuano Family)  
**10:30AM HM *Pro populo***  
*\*Commemoration of the Feria of Passion Sunday*  
 LM = Low Mass; LMO = Low Mass with Organ; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, March 15, 2026*

Offertory .....	\$10,099.00
Parish Appeal 2026.....	\$1,420.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$500.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development .....	\$143.00
<i>ParishSoft Report (Jan. 24 — Feb. 9, 2026)</i>	
Offertory .....	\$14,316.51
Parish Appeal 2025.....	\$421.03
Parish Improvement.....	\$676.98

*Attendance: 8AM 529; 11AM 358; Total 887*

## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

The SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE is seeking two additional women to pray a holy hour for our priests weekly on Tuesdays and Saturdays. The holy hour can be prayed at any parish church or adoration chapel, at any time on the committed day. The commitment runs until the Feast of the Sacred Heart (June 12, 2026), at which point dedicated intercessors can continue the commitment or pass on the opportunity. More information about Seven Sisters can be found at [sevensistersapostolate.org](http://sevensistersapostolate.org). Contact Mary Catherine D'Souza for more information or to volunteer: [marycatherinemullins@gmail.com](mailto:marycatherinemullins@gmail.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.)

## **Feast of the Annunciation Wednesday**

On Wednesday, March 25th, the Feast of the Annunciation, there will be a Solemn Mass at 7 p.m. in addition to the noon Low Mass.



## **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

## **Remember the Survey!**

Don't forget to share your feedback on the parish-wide survey, which is available for your input for another nine days, until March 31<sup>st</sup>. Please take 10-15 minutes of your time, if you haven't already done so. You can access the survey from the home page of the parish website: [www.MPBOJ.com](http://www.MPBOJ.com).

## Passion Sunday

**Introit: Psalm 42: 1, 2.** Judge me, O God, and distinguish my cause from the nation that is not holy: deliver me from the unjust and deceitful man. For Thou art my God and my strength. *Ps. 42: 3.* Send forth Thy light and Thy truth: they have conducted me, and brought me unto Thy holy hill, and into Thy tabernacles. Judge me, O God.

**Collect:** Look with favor upon Thy household, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that, by Thy gift, it may be governed in body and, by Thy preservation, may be guarded in spirit. Through our Lord.

**Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-15.** Brethren, Christ being come, a high priest of the good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is, not of this creation, neither by the blood of goats or of calves, but by His own blood, entered once into the Holies, having obtained eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and of oxen, and the ashes of an heifer being sprinkled sanctify such as are defiled, to the cleansing of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, Who, through the Holy Ghost, offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God? And therefore He is the mediator of the New Testament: that by means of His death, for the redemption of those transgressions which were under the former testament; they that are called may receive the promise of eternal inheritance; in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gradual: Psalm 142: 9, 10.** Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord, teach me to do Thy will. *V. Ps. 17: 48, 49.* My deliverer, O Lord, from the angry nations: Thou wilt lift me up above them that rise up against me: from the unjust man Thou wilt deliver me.

**Tract: Psalm 128: 1-4.** Often have they fought against me from my youth. *V.* Let Israel now say: often have they fought against me from my youth. *V.* But they could not prevail over me: the wicked have wrought upon my back. *V.* They have lengthened their iniquities: the Lord Who is just will cut the necks of sinners.

**Gospel: St. John 8: 46-59.** At that time, Jesus said to the multitudes of the Jews, Which of you shall convince Me of sin? If I say the truth to you, why do you not believe Me? He that is of God, heareth the words of God. Therefore you hear them not, because you are not of God. The Jews therefore answered and said to Him, Do not we say well, that Thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil? Jesus answered, I have not a devil: but I honor My Father, and you have dishonored Me. But I seek not My own glory; there is one that seeketh and judgeth. Amen, amen I say to you, If any man keep My word, he shall not see death forever. The Jews therefore said, Now we know that Thou hast a devil. Abraham is dead, and the prophets; and Thou sayest, If any man keep My word, he shall not taste death forever. Art Thou greater than our father Abraham, who is dead? and the prophets are dead. Whom dost Thou make Thyself? Jesus answered, If I glorify Myself, My glory is nothing. It is My Father that glorifieth Me, of Whom you say that He is your God. And you have not known Him; but I know Him. And if I shall say that I know Him not, I shall be like to you, a liar. But I do know Him, and do keep His word. Abraham your father rejoiced that he might see My day: he saw it, and was glad. The Jews therefore said to Him, Thou art not yet fifty years old and hast Thou seen Abraham? Jesus said to them, Amen, amen, I say to you, before Abraham was made, I am. They took up stones therefore to cast at Him; but Jesus hid Himself, and went out of the temple.

**Offertory: Psalm 118: 17, 107.** I will confess to Thee, O Lord, with my whole heart: render to Thy servant: I shall live

and keep Thy words: enliven me according to Thy word, O Lord. Secret: May these offerings, we pray Thee, O Lord, both loose the bonds of our sins, and win for us the gifts of Thy mercy. 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: I Corinthians 11: 24, 25.** This is My body which shall be delivered for you: this is the chalice of the New Testament in My blood, saith the Lord: do this, as often as you receive it, in commemoration of Me.

**Postcommunion:** Draw near to us, O Lord, our God, and with Thy perpetual succor defend those whom Thou hast refreshed with Thy mysteries. Through our Lord.

## 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.



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# 2026 SUMMER CAMPS

Join us for faith, fellowship, and summer fun at the  
Sacred Heart Retreat Center  
2457 Browns Lake Drive Burlington, WI 53105

REGISTRATION & MORE INFO  
<https://shrcburlington.org/summer-camp>



### CAMPS FOR GIRLS AND YOUNG LADIES

St. Therese Camp (ages 9-12)  
Monday, July 6 - Friday, July 10

Immaculate Conception Camp (ages 13-17)  
Sunday, July 12 - Saturday, July 18

### CAMPS FOR BOYS AND YOUNG MEN

St. Dominic Camp (ages 9-12)  
Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24

St. Michael Camp (ages 13-17)  
Sunday, July 26 - Saturday, August 1

Questions? [camps@institute-christ-king.org](mailto:camps@institute-christ-king.org)

## 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  
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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 via email to [bulletin@mpboj.com](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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.

### 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.

### Prayer at Planned Parenthood Today

Our parish has "adopted" 9—5 today, March 22nd, to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood!



From Feb. 18<sup>th</sup> – Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com)

Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish has "adopted" **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh) for more info, or check out our blog at [40daysforlifepittsburgh.com](http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.com)