



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Palm Sunday

March 29, 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

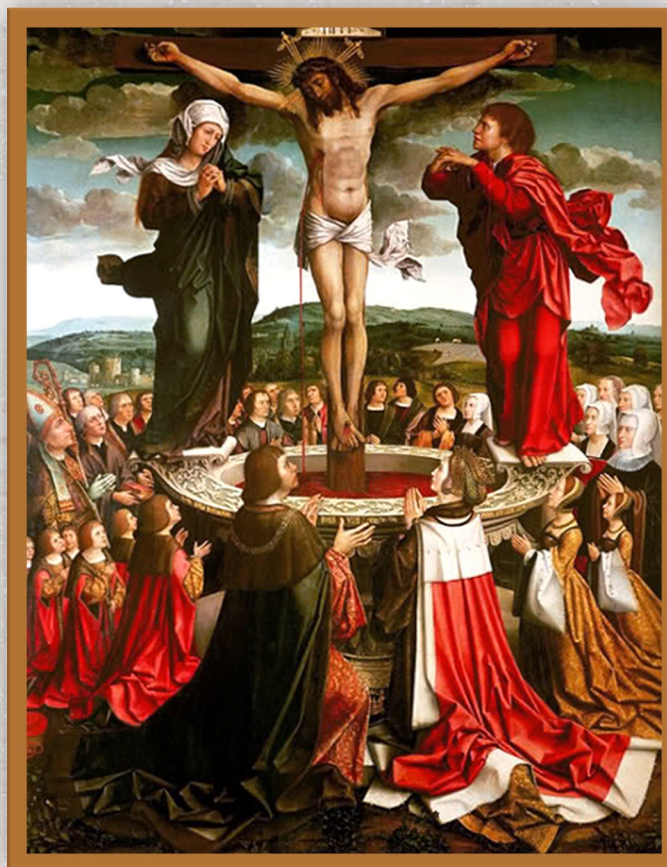
Confession Schedule

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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mpboj.com

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM +Sam & Anna Catanzariti (Capuano Family)

10:30AM HM Pro populo

Processional: Palm Sunday Booklet

Recessional: Palm Sunday Booklet

Monday, March 30, 2026

Holy Monday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM Paul Allen—Birthday (Paul & Hanah Allen)

Tuesday, March 31, 2026

Holy Tuesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM Reparation for Blasphemy (Glenn & Judith Wilson)

7PM LM Evans & DiPaolo Families (Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Evans)

Wednesday, April 1, 2026

Spy Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet

12PM LM +Patricia A. Luteran (Lori Cunningham)

7PM Tenebrae

Thursday, April 2, 2026

Holy Thursday, 1st Class—White

7PM HM Intention of Prior General of ICRSS

Friday, April 3, 2026 *Fast & Abstinence*

Good Friday, 1st Class—Black

11 AM Stations of the Cross

12 PM Mass of the Presanctified & Vespers

Saturday, April 4, 2026 *Blessing of Baskets*

Holy Saturday, 1st Class—Violet/White

7 PM HM Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5, 2026 *Blessing of Baskets*

Easter Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Private Intention*

11 AM HM *Pro populo*

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 22, 2026

Offertory \$9,677.00

Parish Appeal 2026..... \$4,337.00

Easter Flowers \$760.00

Mother's Day..... \$20.00

Good Friday/Holy Land..... \$20.00

Parish Improvement..... \$10.00

ICRSS Seminary..... \$10.00

Poor Box..... \$5.00

ParishSoft Report (Feb. 10 — Mar. 1, 2026)

Offertory (incl. Ash Wednesday)..... \$17,328.57

Parish Appeal 2025..... \$1,278.75

Parish Improvement..... \$1,016.03

Poor Box..... \$132.80

ICRSS/Provincial..... \$333.85

Catholic Relief Services \$4.44

Attendance: 8AM 528; 11AM 363; Total 891

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. *Join us for Pittsburgh's first Pro-Life March & Rally — Saturday, April 18th. (See page 4)*

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.

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.

Contact Mary Catherine D'Souza for more information or to volunteer: marycatherinemullins@gmail.com

LET OUR LADY BLESS YOUR HOME! Sign up for a turn to honor the Pilgrim Virgin Statue of our Lady of Fatima in your home for a month. (Given by Father Fred Gruber to the Christian Mothers.) Contact Bethany for more information:

bethanymarygianna@gmail.com.

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 (*church open for private prayer until 4pm*)

Saturday, April 4—Holy Saturday: 7pm Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 5—Easter Sunday: 8am Low Mass with organ; 11am Solemn Mass

Confession Schedule Changes for Holy Week

Holy Thursday: 6:00 – 6:45 pm* (no confessions at 11:15am)

Good Friday: 10:00 – 11:45 am*

Easter Vigil: 5:30 – 6:30 pm* (no confessions at 8am)

Easter Sunday: Regular confession times

*There is no guarantee that confessions will be heard during the Liturgies.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter baskets will be blessed following both the Easter Vigil and the 11 a.m. Solemn Mass on Easter Sunday. Those seeking the blessing should be ready with their baskets at Our Lady's Altar following the Masses.

Office Closed April 2nd through 6th

The Parish Office will be closed on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Monday. Wishing all a very Joyous Easter!

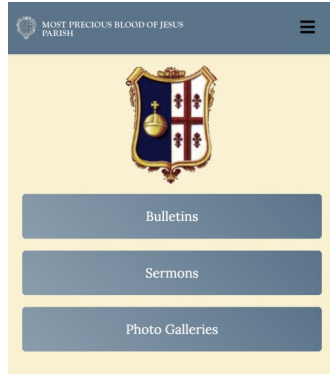
Pontifical Good Friday Collection

As is customary, our parish has been asked to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land, where they are now less than 2% of the population. Your support is essential to help the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, and offer religious education. This collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines of Christianity, including in Jerusalem, Nazareth, and Bethlehem, to name but a few. It is necessary to maintain a Christian presence where the Church was born. By contributing, you join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

The propers for today's Masses are found in booklets available at both entrances.

Sermons now on MPBOJ.com

Sunday Sermons, beginning from February 15, 2026, are now available for listening on the parish website! Thanks to Mark Sikora and Paul Ruggieri for the substantial and ongoing effort involved in making these available.



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 ends **today!** Thank you for your generosity.

Remember the Survey!

Don't forget to share your feedback on the parish-wide DMI Survey, which is available for your input for *another two days*, until March 31st. 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.

Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross. 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. On Good Friday, April 3rd, Stations will be at 11 a.m.



No Catechism, Coffee, Donuts Today

Catechism classes are on hiatus for two weeks, and the "Coffee & Donuts" which usually follow the 8 a.m. Low Mass are cancelled today and on Easter. All will resume on April 12th.

Diocesan Young Adult Survey

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is conducting an online survey targeting individuals aged 18 to 39 from now until April 26th.

"The survey aims to better understand the perspectives, experiences, and needs of young adults in our community, and to provide valuable insights into how we can better serve and engage this demographic in their spiritual journeys. Please take a few minutes to complete this survey. Your thoughtful input is very important to us." (Note that this survey is unrelated to the parish-wide DMI Survey found on the parish website.)



See More Parish News on Page Four

SAINT CYRIL of ALEXANDRIA ACADEMY
An Independent Catholic School Opening Fall 2026!
Serving Students in Preschool - Eighth Grade

Register Here:

Register Now for 2026-2027 at <https://oncourseconnect.com/registration/23090>

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INDEPENDENT

Saint Cyril of Alexandria Academy is a financially independent Catholic school governed by a board of directors, and supported by generous benefactors.

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For More Information, Please Visit Our Website or
Contact Principal, Mrs. Harmony Stewart, at hstewart@shccacademy.com

NATIONAL SURSUM CORDA

YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

June 5 - 7

CONFERENCES & FORMATION

June 8

(OPTIONAL ADD-ON DAY)
RECREATION & KAYAKING

- WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT:**
- ROSARY WALKS
 - DAILY CONFERENCES
 - DAILY MASSES
 - ALL NIGHT ADORATION
 - COMPLINE
 - SCHOLA/CHOIR PARTICIPATION
 - DEBATE PARTICIPATION
 - CONFESSION
 - QUIET TIME FOR REFLECTION
 - 1-ON-1 SPIRITUAL DIRECTION
 - GROUP MEALS
 - GAME NIGHT
 - BONFIRE
 - MUSICAL TALENT SHOW
 - FREE TIME TO SOCIALIZE
 - KAYAKING (MONDAY)

2026 CONFERENCE THEME

BEYOND THE SURFACE:
CATHOLIC DIALOGUE ON MODERN TABOOS

Engage in today's most challenging cultural issues—AI technology, drugs and alcohol, NFP and sexuality, usury, and more—through the lens of timeless Church teaching and reasoned dialogue. An optional add-on day offers recreation and kayaking for fellowship and rest.

- 📍 Colomiere Retreat Center
Clarkston, MI
- 🗓️ Early bird ends April 1st.
- 👥 Young Adults ages 18-35 are invited to join!
- 💰 3 days: \$260 (early bird)
4 days: \$310 (early bird)
Commuter rates available
- ✉️ NationalSursumCorda@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
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.



FIRST ANNUAL PITTSBURGH PRO-LIFE MARCH AND RALLY

Join Us on Saturday, April 18 | 11 AM - 1 PM

Let's celebrate Life in the city of Pittsburgh

AMAZING LINEUP OF SPEAKERS!

- David Bereit, Founder of 40 Days for Life
- Lydia Taylor Davis, Students for Life of America
- Michael Geer, PA Family Institute
- Pastors Jay & Tiffany Gilbert, Another Level Ministries
- Bishop William Waltersheid, Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh
- Georgette Forney, Silent No More
- Amy Scheuring, Network of Life
- Cecily Routman, Jewish Pro-Life Foundation
- Rep. Stephanie Borowicz
- Fr. Peter Gruber, Pittsburgh Oratory
- John Stonestreet, Colson Center

RALLY AT 11:00 am
Schenley Plaza, 4100
Forbes Ave., Pgh 15260

Opening Mass at
St. Paul Cathedral
9:30 am

His Excellency, Bishop
William Waltersheid
presiding

Pro-Life march will follow
rally at Schenley Plaza and
will be a mile-long walk
through Oakland, finishing
at Schenley Plaza.