



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Easter Sunday

April 5, 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

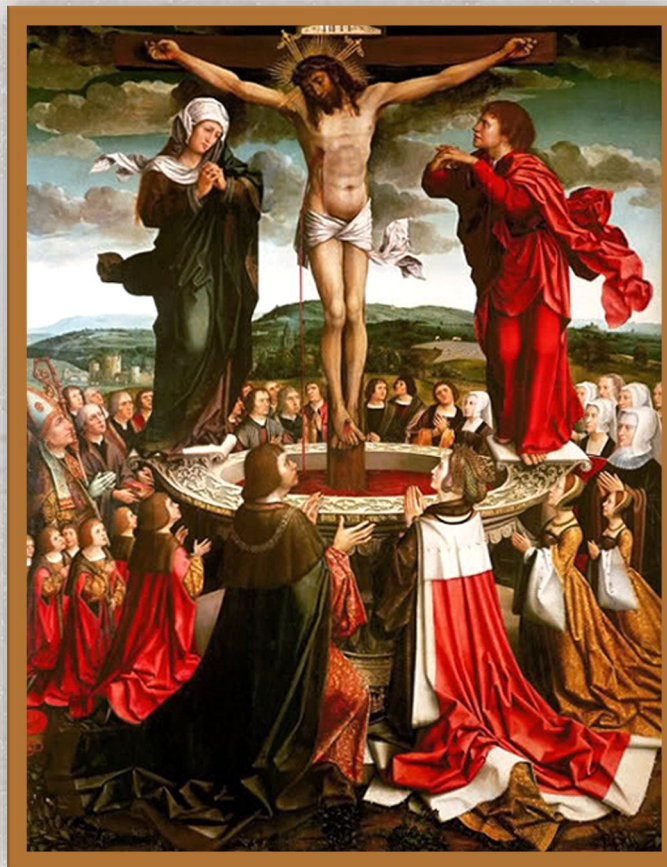
Confession Schedule

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

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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, April 5, 2026 (*Blessing of Baskets*)

Easter Sunday, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Private Intention*

11 AM HM *Pro populo*

Monday, April 6, 2026

Easter Monday, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Sister Bernadette Marie (Priscilla Fello)

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

Easter Tuesday, 1st Class—White

12PM LMO Fr. Daniel Roberts - ordained 2025 (Michael Bradburn)

7PM LM *Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Vanda Raszewski (Karl Raszewski II)*

Wednesday, April 8, 2026

Easter Wednesday, 1st Class—White

12PM LM *Living and deceased members of the Henderson & Szafraniec Families (Andy & Connie Szafraniec)*

Thursday, April 9, 2026

Easter Thursday, 1st Class—White

12PM LM Jim & Karen Paras, 40th Wedding Anniversary (Paras Family)

5:30 PM *Vespers*

6:00 PM *Holy Hour of Adoration*

Friday, April 10, 2026

Easter Friday, 1st Class—White

12PM LM +John & Leona Marcone & Eugene & Mary Pochapsky
(Eugene & Deborah Pochapsky)

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Saturday *in Albis*, 1st Class—White

9 AM LM Theresa Kish (Robert & Maria Kish)

Sunday, April 12, 2026

Sunday *in Albis*, 1st Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11 AM HM 50th Wedding Anniversary Tommaso & Janice Vairo
(Sam & Romina)

Processional: *Jesus Christ is Risen Today* (p.67)

Recessional: *The Strife is O'er* (p.95)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 29, 2026

Offertory	\$17,331.00
Parish Appeal 2026.....	\$70.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$120.00
Poor Box	\$1,276.00
St. Anthony/DePaul	20.00
ICRSS/Seminary Fund	\$140.00
ICRSS/Sister Adorers.....	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$150.00

ParishSoft Report (Mar. 2 — Mar. 17, 2026)

Offertory (incl. Ash Wednesday).....	\$19,432.46
Parish Appeal 2025.....	\$502.86
Parish Improvement.....	\$1,271.52
Poor Box	\$621.81
ICRSS/Provincial.....	\$292.34
Human Development.....	\$53.46

Attendance: 8AM 380; 11AM 480; Total 860

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.

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. Contact Bethany for more information:

bethanymarygianna@gmail.com.



Parish Office Closed April 6th

The Parish Office is closed tomorrow, Easter Monday. Wishing all a very Joyous Easter!

Thank You from the Canons

Canon Avis and Canon Matheus thank you for your gracious Easter gifts. Be assured of their continued prayers during this most sacred season. *Gratiās vōbīs agimus!*



Upcoming Events

- Saturday, April 25th, 11 a.m. — First Communion Mass
- Saturday, May 2nd, 2 p.m. — Confirmations and Mass with His Excellency, the Most Rev. William Waltersheid

Diocesan Young Adult Survey

The Diocese of Pittsburgh is conducting an online survey targeting individuals aged 18 to 39 from March 12 - April 26, 2026

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.



**CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
PITTSBURGH**



Easter Sunday

Introit: Psalm 138: 18, 5, 6. I am risen, and am still with Thee, alleluia: Thou hast laid Thy hand upon Me, alleluia: Thy knowledge is become wonderful, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 138, 1, 2.* Lord, Thou hast proved Me, and known Me: Thou hast known My sitting down, and My rising up. *V.* Glory.

Collect: O God, Who, this day by Thine only-begotten Son, vanquishing death, hast unlocked for us the gate of eternity, help us to attain the desires to which Thou hast led us by Thine inspirations. Through the same Lord.

Epistle: I Corinthians 5: 7, 8. Brethren, purge out the old leaven, that you may be a new paste, as you are unleavened: for Christ our pasch is immolated. Therefore, let us feast, not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

Gradual: Psalm 117: 24, 1. This is the day which the Lord hath made: Let us be glad and rejoice therein. *V.* Give praise to the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Alleluia, alleluia. *V.* *I Corinthians 5: 7.* Christ our pasch is sacrificed.

Sequence

To the Paschal Victim, hymns of praise,
Come, ye Christians, joyous raise!
Lamb unstained, unmeasured price hath paid
Ransom for the sheep that strayed.
To a Father kind, rebellious men
Sinless Son hath led again:
Life and death in combat fierce engage,
Marvel dazzling every age.
Prince of life, by hellish monster slain,
Liveth now, shall ever reign.
Tell us, Mary, thou our herald be,
What in passing thou didst see?
Empty tomb, where Christ, now living, lay,
Angels saw I in bright array,
Shroud and vesture loosely cast aside
Prove clear: He is risen glorified
Yea! my hope hath snapped the fatal chain,
Death has smote and risen again:
Quick before you, sped to Galilee.
Christ in glory haste to see.
Know we now that Christ hath truly risen,
Wrenched the gates of hell's dark prison.
Hail, Thou Victor! Hail, Thou glorious King,
Help and save us while we sing.
Amen. Alleluia.

Gospel: St. Mark 16: 1-7. At that time, Mary Magdalen, and Mary, the mother of James, and Salome bought sweet spices, that coming they might anoint Jesus. And very early in the morning, the first day of the week, they come to the sepulcher, the sun being now risen; and they said one to another, Who shall roll back the stone from the door of the sepulcher? And looking, they saw the stone rolled back: for it was very great. And entering into the sepulcher, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, clothed with a white robe, and they were astonished: who saith to them, Be not affrighted; you seek Jesus of Nazareth, Who was crucified: He is risen, He is not here; behold the place where they laid Him: but go, tell His disciples, and Peter, that He goeth before you into Galilee: there you shall see Him, as He told you.

Offertory: Psalm 75: 9, 10. The earth trembled and was still, when God arose in judgment. Alleluia.

Secret: Receive, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the prayers of Thy people with the offerings of sacrifices, that the things begun in the paschal mysteries may, by Thy operation, avail us for a healing remedy unto life everlasting. Through our Lord.

Preface for Easter It is truly meet and just, right and for our salvation, at all times to praise Thee, O Lord, but more gloriously (especially this day) when Christ our Pasch was sacrificed. For He is the true Lamb Who took away the sins of the world: Who by dying destroyed our death, and by rising again hath restored us to life. And therefore with Angels and Archangels, with Thrones and Dominations, and with all the hosts of the heavenly army, we sing a hymn to Thy glory, evermore saying: — Sanctus...

Communion: I Corinthians 5: 7, 8. Christ, our pasch is immolated, alleluia: therefore let us feast in the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion: Pour upon us, O Lord, the spirit of Thy love, to make us of one mind, whom, by Thy tender mercy, Thou hast filled with the paschal sacrament. Through our Lord.

No Classes, Coffee, or Donuts Today

Catechism classes and the coffee & donuts after Low Mass are on Easter break, and will resume next Sunday.

Easter Duty

Catholics are reminded of their traditional Easter Duty in Church law: all the baptized are obligated to receive Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter Season. (*Code of Canon Law, c. 920*). In the U.S.A. the time to fulfill the Easter Duty is from the 1st Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday.

Catholics are also obliged to confess one's grave sins once a year. (*Code of Canon Law, c. 989*) This precept is not confined to the Lenten and Easter Season, though many of the Faithful traditionally make use of this time of year to approach the Sacrament of Penance. One may fulfill this obligation anytime during the year.



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

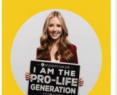
Opening Mass at
St. Paul Cathedral
9:30 am
His Excellency, Bishop
William Waltersheid
presiding

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

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



David Bereit
Founder, 40 Days
for Life



Lydia Taylor Davis
Spokesperson, Students
for Life of America

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 are requested not to 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.

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



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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 are 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.

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.

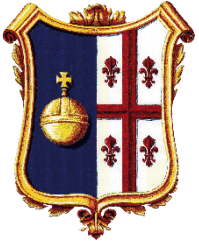
Funerals: The funeral home should directly contact the Parish Office to make Mass and burial arrangements.

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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INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST
Living the Truth in Charity

Easter 2026

Dear Faithful and Friends of Christ the King,

On behalf of our Prior General, Monsignor Gilles Wach, I extend heartfelt Easter greetings to each of you. May the celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection bring you abundant grace and joy. I also wish to thank you sincerely for your generous response to this year's U.S. Provincial Appeal, "Many Apostolates, One Mission," through which you contributed \$156,689—the most generous and successful appeal to date, and a beautiful witness to the faith and charity that unite us as members of the Body of Christ.

"I rejoiced at the things that were said to me: We shall go into the house of the Lord." (Psalm 121) This joy is experienced by countless faithful at the oratories and parishes served by the Institute in 25 dioceses across the United States. Through your generosity, our U.S. Provincial Headquarters has been able to coordinate and expand this vital outreach. In just the past year, five new apostolates have been established, serving approximately 1950 additional faithful each week and bringing the peace of Christ to more hearts than ever before.

The Sacred Heart Retreat Center in Burlington, WI, now serves as a place of spiritual renewal for the entire Institute family. Well over 200 retreatants have already been welcomed, with 12 more retreats scheduled in the coming months. As one retreatant wrote, "*This has been one of the top things I have ever done in my life... I have been healed so much here and showered with graces from our Lord.*" Another shared, "*The week was truly life-changing for me; I have never been happier or more sure of where I should be and what I should be doing.*"

This spiritual fruit is also seen in vocations. Six men were ordained to the holy priesthood for the Institute in 2025, and another class of deacons prepares for ordination this year. Our international seminary now forms about 110 seminarians (over 40 from the U.S. & Canada). Several new clerical oblates, who serve as brothers in the Institute's family, are now serving in our apostolates.

Saint Francis de Sales reminds us: "God wishes that we should belong wholly to Him, and He gives Himself wholly to us." Your prayerful and financial support makes this mutual belonging tangible for so many, as together we respond to the faithful and extend the reign of Christ the King.

As we celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord, may the joy of Easter fill your hearts and homes with lasting peace and hope.

Gratefully mindful of you at the holy altar in my daily prayers during this Eastertide, I remain,

Faithfully yours in Christ the King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico
U.S. Provincial Superior