



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Low Sunday

April 12, 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

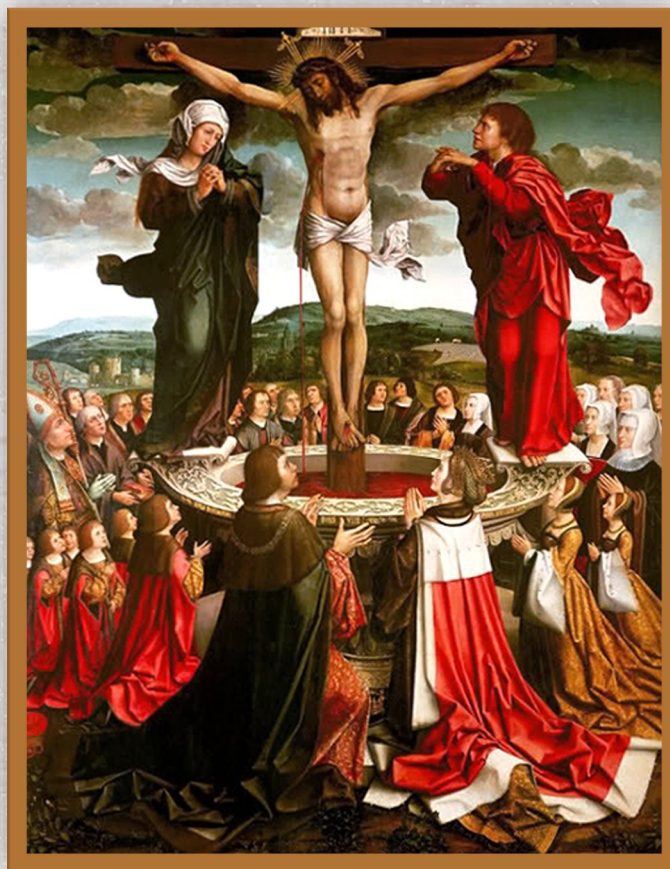
Confession Schedule

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



Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Liturgical Schedule

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)

Monday, April 13, 2026

St. Hermenegild, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Ian Wright—Birthday (George & Jill Wright)

Tuesday, April 14, 2026

St. Justin Martyr, 3rd Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Tiburtius & Companions

12PM LM Vairo Children (Tommaso & Janice Vairo)

7PM LM +Kathleen Raszewski (Raszewski Family)

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Votive Mass of St. Joseph, 4th Class—White

12PM LM John & Regina Garfold (Michael & Jill Garfold)

Thursday, April 16, 2026

Votive Mass of the Blessed Sacrament, 4th Class—White

12PM LM +Carl & Jane Mousseau (Jim & Diane Mousseau)

5:30 PM Vespers

6:00 PM Holy Hour of Adoration

Friday, April 17, 2026

Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red

Commemoration of St. Anicetus

12PM LM + Florian Maruszak (Plutt Family)

Saturday, April 18, 2026

Our Lady on Saturday, 4th Class—White

9 AM LM Grant & Rosa Lee Smith (Bob & Vicki Darkey)

Sunday, April 19, 2026

Second Sunday after Easter, 2nd Class—White

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11 AM HM For Vocations to the Priesthood

Processional: At the Lamb's High Feast (p.53)

Recessional: Come Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (p.58)

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, April 5, 2026

Offertory	\$17,169.00
Good Friday/Holy Land.....	\$3,480.00
Holy Thursday	\$3,413.00
Parish Appeal 2026.....	\$1,471.00
Poor Box	\$532.00
Mother's Day Mass Rem.	\$30.00
Easter Flowers	\$20.00
Parish Improvement.....	\$12.00
ICRSS Seminary Appeal	\$12.00

Holy Week Attendance

*Holy Thursday: 542; Good Friday: 577; Easter Vigil: 325
Easter Sunday Attendance: 8AM 393; 11AM 477; Total 870*

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 this Saturday, April 18 for Pittsburgh's first Pro-Life March & Rally. See insert for more info.*

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.

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 at anytime.

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."



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 MASS
- 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

SCAN ME



Low Sunday

Introit: I Peter 2: 2. As newborn babes, alleluia, desire the rational milk without guile, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *Ps. 80: 2.* Rejoice to God our helper: sing aloud to the God of Jacob. Glory. Rejoice.

Collect: Grant, we beseech Thee, O almighty God, that we, who have completed the observance of the paschal festival, may keep it, by Thy bounty, in our life and behavior. Through our Lord.

Epistle: I John 5: 4-10. Dearly beloved, Whatsoever is born of God, overcometh the world; and this is the victory which overcometh the world, our faith. Who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? This is He that came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the spirit which testifieth that Christ is the truth. And there are three Who give testimony in heaven; the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that give testimony on earth; the spirit, the water, and the blood: and these three are one. If we receive the testimony of men, the testimony of God is greater: for this is the testimony of God which is greater, because He hath testified of His Son. He that believeth in the Son of God hath the testimony of God in himself.

Alleluia: Alleluia, alleluia. *St. Matthew 28: 7.* In the day of My resurrection, saith the Lord, I will go before you into Galilee. Alleluia. *St. John 20: 26.* Eight days after, the doors being shut, Jesus stood in the midst of His disciples and said, Peace be unto you. Alleluia.

Gospel: St. John 20: 19-31. At that time, when it was late that same day, the first of the week, and the doors were shut, where the disciples were gathered together, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came, and stood in the midst, and said to them, Peace be to you. And when He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. He said therefore to them again, Peace be to you: as the Father hath sent Me, I also send you. When He had said this, He breathed on them; and He said to them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them, and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained. Now Thomas, one of the twelve, who is called Didymus, was not with them, when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, We have seen the Lord. But he said to them, Except I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the place of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe. And after eight days, again His disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be to you. Then He said to Thomas, Put in thy finger hither, and see My hands, and bring hither thy hand, and put it into My side; and be not faithless, but believing. Thomas answered, and said to Him, My Lord, and my God. Jesus saith to him, Because thou hast seen Me, Thomas, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and have believed. Many other signs also did Jesus in the sight of His disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ the Son of God; and that, believing, you may have life in His name.

Offertory: St. Matthew 28: 2, 5, 6. An angel

of the Lord descended from heaven, and said to the women: He Whom you seek is risen as He said, alleluia.

Secret: Receive, we pray Thee, O Lord, the gifts of Thine exultant Church, and, as Thou hast afforded her cause for such great joy, grant her the fruit of unending gladness. 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 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: St. John 20: 27. Put in thy hand, and know the place of the nails, alleluia; and be not incredulous, but believing, alleluia, alleluia.

Postcommunion: We beseech, O Lord our God, that Thou make the sacred mysteries which Thou hast given for the bulwark of our redemption, to be unto us a healing both in the present and in the future. Through our Lord.

St. Veronica Altar Guild – Pattern Drafting Workshop

The St. Veronica Altar Guild will be hosting a two-day workshop on **Friday April 24th, 6:00-9:00pm & Saturday April 25th, 1:00-4:00pm** in the MPBOJ School Building. This workshop is open to both members and non-members of the guild. Participants will learn how to create a workable pattern from an existing garment, using a black dalmatic as an example. Participants are required to have previous experience working with commercial sewing patterns. **Registration deadline is this Friday, April 17th**, with limited spots available. Participants must attend both days of the workshop. Send an email to altarguildpittsburgh@institute-christ-king.org to register!

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!*



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

RSVP and details:
pittsburghprolifemarch.com



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

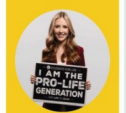
Opening Mass at
St. Paul Cathedral
9:30 am
His Excellency, Bishop
William Waltersheid
presiding

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
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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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