



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Second Sunday of Lent
March 5, A.D. 2023**

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 weekly bulletin for modifications to the 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

Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 5, 2023

2nd Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Sam & Romina Napoleon Anniversary (Jan Vairo)

Monday, March 6, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity

12PM Abbé Rodrigo Ricaldy Solorzano (Priscilla Fello)

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1st Class—White

Commemoration of the Lenten Feria

12PM + Philip A. Jablunovsky (Marianne & Andrew Pumford)

7PM + Charles & Lois Conroy (David & Rebecca Killian)

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. John of God

12PM + Martha Misson (Walter & Maggie Schulte)

Thursday, March 9, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome

12PM Faustina Pia Napoleon-Birthday (Jan Vairo)

Friday, March 10, 2023 *Abstinence*

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of Forty Holy Martyrs

12PM Spiritual & Temporal welfare of Claire Garfold
(Michael & Jill Garfold)

Votive Mass of the Holy Shroud of Our Lord—Red

7:20PM Nicole Rudolph (McLeod Family)

Saturday, March 11, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM Conversion of Family (Charles Shannon)

Sunday, March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM Our Children, Isaac, Josephine, Jeremiah & Baby
(The Lenart Family)

11AM *Pro populo*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 26, 2023

Offertory (Sunday).....\$10,743.00

Offertory (Ash Wednesday).....\$2,151.00

Parish Appeal 2023.....\$1,299.00

ICRSS US Provincial Appeal.....\$8,958.00

Parish Share.....\$650.00

Flowers.....\$10.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 535; 11AM 364; Total 899

Ash Wednesday Attendance: 12PM 273; 7PM 256; Total 529

On Line Contributions

The parish utilizes Faith Direct for on-line donations, which can be made directly from your bank account or credit card. If interested in making donations in this manner, please visit <https://membership.faithdirect.net/PA678> or call 866-507-8757.

Holy Hour of Adoration

In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a Holy Hour of Adoration in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 8pm.

Stations of the Cross

Stations will be held at 6:30pm on the Fridays of Lent and followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, April 7th, Stations will be held at a time to be announced in the Holy Week Schedule.

Parish Notices

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication.

PARISH NEWS—The parish uses **Flocknote** to circulate news and information. If you'd like to sign up, please text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

MASS INTENTIONS—The **Parish Mass Intention Registry** is currently closed. Mass intentions are accepted during specific periods throughout the calendar year, with each period announced in the bulletin, in advance of the request period. Instructions and forms are made available at that time.

PARISHIONER MATERIALS/REQUESTS—At the 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 your own materials without permission from Canon Avis. Parish events are also publicized on the bulletin boards in the side entrance and the narthex. 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 temporalaffairs@mpboj.com for approval.

40 Days for Life Campaign

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is scheduled to pray on the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood on **Sunday, March 19, 2023** from 7 am to 5 pm. Sign-up sheets are at the back and side entrances of the church. Please consider committing time to stand, pray and unite the Body of Christ in this fight to end abortion in Pittsburgh.

Parish-wide survey! Please Read

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will be participating in a parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute! We need your help!

Please help us by participating in a 10-15 minute survey online. The survey can be accessed through an online link from February 23 to March 31, 2023 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as whole. We will share the link with you a bit closer to the launch of the survey.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Canon Avis and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this spring/summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish.

If you prefer, you may pick up a paper copy of the survey after daily and Sunday Masses. They will be located at the side entrance of the church. To submit the completed paper survey, please drop off at SURVEY BOXES located at the side entrance of the church. To make special arrangements for getting a paper copy, please contact the parish office at 412-761-1508.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each mass on April 30, 2023 to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue the work of their foundress, Saint Jeanne Jugan, in caring for the elderly poor at their Home on Benton Avenue in Brighton Heights. They are counting on your continued support. Donations may also be made online at www.littlesistersofthepoor.org. If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several positions open including CNAs and RNs.

Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

The First Step Must Be Purifying the Soul (Part I, Chap. 5)



“The flowers appear on the earth,” says the Heavenly Bridegroom, and the time for pruning and cutting is come. And what are our hearts’ flowers save our good desires? Now, so soon as these begin to appear, we need the pruning-hook to cut off all dead and superfluous works from our conscience. When the daughter of a strange land was about to espouse an Israelite, the law commanded her to put off the garment of her captivity, to trim her nails, and to shave her head; even so the soul which aims at the dignity of becoming the spouse of Christ, must put off the old man, and put on the new man, forsaking sin: moreover, it must cut and shave away every impediment which can hinder the Love of God. The very first step towards spiritual health is to be purged from our sinful attitudes. Saint Paul received perfect purification instantaneously, and the like grace was conferred on Saint Magdalene, Saint Catherine of Genoa, Saint Pelagia, and some others, but this kind of purification is as miraculous and extraordinary in grace as the resurrection of the dead in nature, nor dare we venture to aspire to it. The ordinary purification, whether of body or soul, is only accomplished by slow degrees, step by step, gradually and painfully.

The angels on Jacob’s ladder had wings, yet nevertheless they did not fly, but went in due order up and down the steps of the ladder. The soul which rises from out of sin to a devout life has been compared to the dawn, which does not banish darkness suddenly, but by degrees. That cure which is gradually effected is always the surest; and spiritual maladies, like those of the body, are wont to come on horseback and express, while they depart slowly and on foot. So that we must needs be brave and patient in this undertaking. It is a woeful thing to see souls beginning to be irritated and grow disheartened because they find themselves still subject to imperfection after having made some attempt at leading a devout life, and well-nigh yielding to the temptation to give up in despair and fall back; but, on the other hand, there is an extreme danger surrounding those souls who, through the opposite temptation, are disposed to imagine themselves purified from all imperfection at the very outset of their purification; who count themselves as full-grown almost before they are born, and seek to fly before they have wings. Be sure that these are in great danger of a relapse through having left their physician too soon. “It is but lost labor to rise up early and late take rest,” unless the Lord prosper all we do.

The work of the soul’s purification neither may nor can end save with life itself;—do not then let us be disheartened by our imperfections,—our very perfection lies in diligently contending against them, and it is impossible so to contend without seeing them, or to overcome without meeting them face to face. Our victory does not consist in being numb to them, but in not consenting to them. Now to be afflicted by our imperfections is certainly not to consent thereto, and for the furtherance of humility it is needful that we sometimes find ourselves pounded in this spiritual battle, wherein, however, we shall never be conquered until we lose either life or courage. Moreover, imperfections and venial sins cannot

destroy our spiritual life, which is only to be lost through mortal sin; consequently we have only need to watch well that they do not imperil our courage. David continually asks the Lord to strengthen his heart against cowardice and discouragement; and it is our privilege in this war that we are certain to vanquish so long as we are willing to fight.

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 collations) 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. **Of particular note, Friday, March 17, 2023** is the Commemoration of Saint Patrick. The Bishop of Pittsburgh has granted a dispensation from the abstinence from meat to the Faithful of the Diocese.
6. 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.
7. 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. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Spring Forward!

Next Sunday, March 12th, Daylight Saving Time begins. Remember to turn your clocks forward one hour the night before to avoid being late on Sunday morning.

Plenary Indulgence

The Faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by assisting at Holy Mass at the parish on **Tuesday, March 7th**, the Feast of Saint Thomas Aquinas, Patron of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest.

Women of Grace® Retreat Pittsburgh
St. John Neumann-Regina Coeli Catholic Church

The Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit

March 24-26, 2023

Young Women of Grace Retreat Day
Saturday, March 25, 9am-6pm

Benedicta Enrichment Seminar
“Two Days With Mary”
Thursday-Friday March 23-24

For more info and to register:
www.womenofgrace.com



To All Our Guests...

The Canons and Faithful of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish welcome you and hope that your time in “The ‘Burgh” may be an opportunity to share in the tradition of the Roman Catholic Faith. Please enjoy the beauty of this Personal Parish, established by Bishop David Zubik on July 1, 2019 on the *Feast of The Most Precious Blood of Jesus*.

According to liturgical tradition and the Traditional Latin Mass of the Roman Rite, Holy Communion is received kneeling and on the tongue. All visitors who are not of the Catholic Faith are welcome to join us in prayer but are requested not to receive Holy Communion. Because reception of Holy Communion is the sign of Divine and Ecclesial unity, only practicing Catholics who are free of mortal sin, and have observed the Eucharistic Fast, should present themselves for Holy Communion. For those who need a low gluten Host, let an usher know as you approach the Communion rail toward the end of Communion.

To receive more information about the parish or if you desire to become a member of the Catholic Church, contact the Priory at 412-761-1508. The pastoral care of Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is provided by THE INSTITUTE CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

Any and all contributions to the parish are warmly appreciated and tax deductible.

Confraternity of Christian Mothers

The *CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS* meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9 am Mass. The next meeting is Saturday, April 1, 2023 and the topic will be *Spiritual Dryness and Discouragement*. All adult women are welcome. Also, mark your calendars for CCM Special Events including *The Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows* on Friday, March 31, 2023. Please contact christianmothers@mpboj.com for more information.

Sursum Corda - Young Adults Group

Young adults, ages 18-35, please join us after Stations and Mass on Friday, March 10th in the school building for our next *Sursum Corda* gathering, including a talk on *The Virtue of Temperance*. Please bring \$5 if you can to help cover the cost of food for these events. To receive notice of future events, please text Corda to 84576 and choose SC Pittsburgh as the group. Please contact sursumcorda@mpboj.com with questions.

Sacramental Information:

Infant Baptism:

Baptism should be administered within two weeks of birth. Please call the office prior to the baby’s birth to make arrangements.

Holy Matrimony:

Couples planning to marry at the parish must call the office to schedule proper instruction at least six months in advance.

Catholic Faith Formation and Spiritual needs:

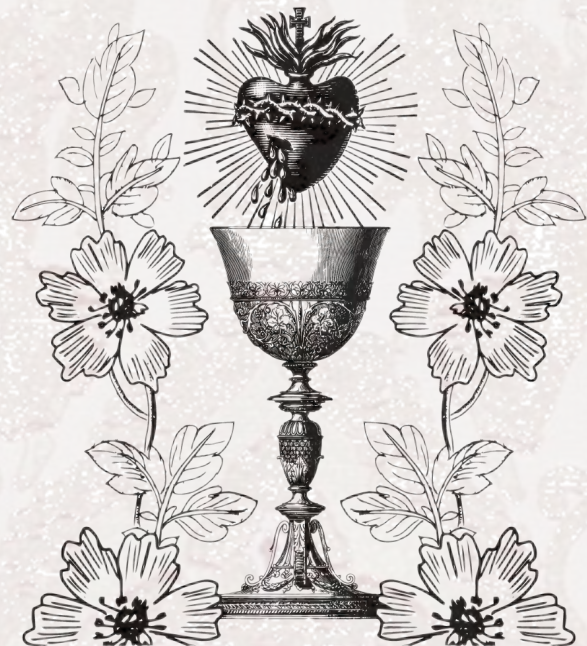
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

Anointing of the Sick:

If you need the assistance of a priest for the dying, please contact the office at 412-761-1508. If after hours, please call and listen to the prompts and select option #1.

Certificates:

Certificates for Sacraments administered prior to July 1, 2019 are maintained by the Diocese of Pittsburgh Archives. You may reach the Diocese Archive office at 412-456-3158, or archives@diopitt.org.



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