



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Third Sunday of Lent
March 12, 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

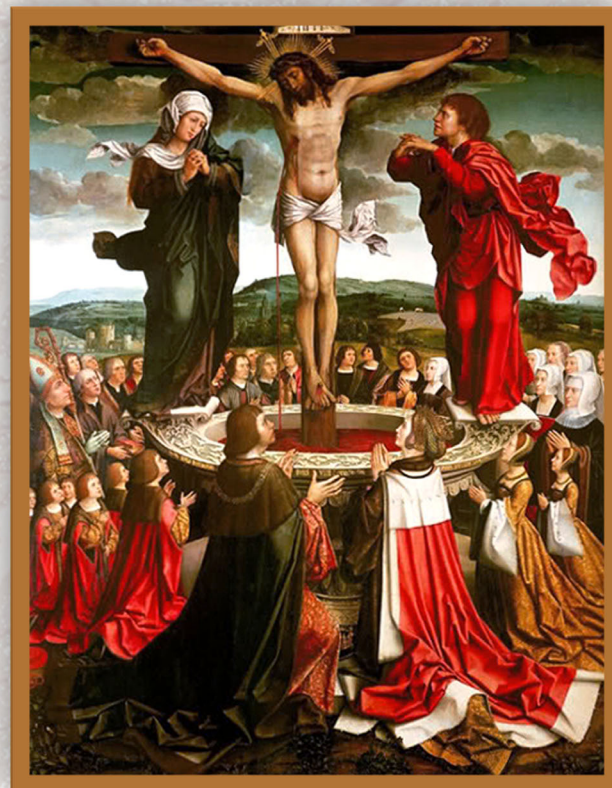
Confession Schedule

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

Liturgical Schedule

Sunday, March 12, 2023

3rd Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

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

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Music at High Mass (found in the black Missal & Hymnal)

Processional: *Media Vita* pg. 102

Kyriale: *Mass XVII* pg. 42, *Credo I*, pg. 45

Recessional: *The Glory of These 40 Days* pg. 91

Monday, March 13, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Our Children & Spouses (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Tuesday, March 14, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Gail Campbell (Priscillo Fello)

7PM LM George & Constance Schawl (Family)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Frank Otuyce (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Deanna Shannon (Charles Shannon)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

Friday, March 17, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Patrick

12PM LM + Sarah Ann Brunn (Albert Brunn Jr.)

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Holy Shroud of Our Lord—Red

7:20PM LM Paras Family

Saturday, March 18, 2023

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

9AM LM Canon Ross Bourgeois
(Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Capone)

Sunday, March 19, 2023

4th Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet/Rose “Laetare”

8AM LM *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Offertory	\$12,929.00
Parish Appeal	\$4,081.00
ICRSS US Provincial Appeal	\$1,350.00
Votive Candles.....	\$978.00
Flowers	\$110.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development.....	\$35.00
Parish Improvements	\$35.00
Food Pantry.....	\$20.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$10.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 589; 11AM 361; Total 950

Faith Direct Report (February 1-15, 2023)

Offertory	\$7,656.00
Parish Appeal.....	\$6,575.00
Parish Improvements	\$1,010.00

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.

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 **OPEN**. 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

Our 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 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. An online link to the survey is currently available at www.MPBOJ.com. 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.

Rosary Rally

Please join in a Rosary Rally on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Church parking lot at 12:00 noon as we pray for the protection of natural marriage and for peace so needed in our society. Please contact Mary Brodka at 724-816-5573 for more information.

Introduction to the Devout Life

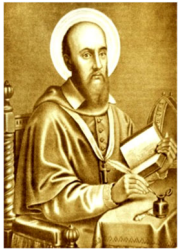
By St. Francis de Sales

The First Purification, Namely, From Mortal Sin (Part I, Chap. 6)

The first purification to be made is from sin;—the means whereby to make it, the sacrament of penance. Seek the best confessor within your reach, use one of the many little books written in order to help the examination of conscience. Read some such book carefully, examining point by point wherein you have sinned, from the first use of your reason to the present time. And if you mistrust your memory, write down the result of your examination. Having thus sought out the evil spots in your conscience, strive to detest them, and to reject them with the greatest abhorrence and contrition of which your heart is capable;—bearing in mind these four things:—that by sin you have lost God's Grace, rejected your share in Paradise, accepted the pains of Hell, and renounced God's Eternal Love. You see that I am now speaking of a general confession of your whole life, which, while I grant it is not always necessary, I yet believe will be found most helpful in the beginning of your pursuit after holiness, and therefore I earnestly advise you to make it. Not unfrequently the ordinary confessions of persons leading an everyday life are full of great faults, and that because they make little or no preparation, and have not the needful contrition. Owing to this deficiency such people go to confession with a tacit intention of returning to their old sins, inasmuch as they will not avoid the occasions of sin, or take the necessary measures for amendment of life, and in all such cases a general confession is required to steady and fix the soul. But, furthermore, a general confession forces us to a clearer self-knowledge, kindles a wholesome shame for our past life, and rouses gratitude for God's Mercy, Which has so long waited patiently for us;—it comforts the heart, refreshes the spirit, excites good resolutions, affords opportunity to our spiritual Father for giving the most suitable advice, and opens our hearts so as to make future confessions more effectual. Therefore I cannot enter into the subject of a general change of life and entire turning to God, by means of a devout life, without urging upon you to begin with a general confession.

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.

Mass Intentions

The Parish is currently accepting Mass intention requests for the remainder of calendar year 2023, beginning with May 1st. Each family may request three Masses during this period, but please be advised that there are a limited number of Sunday Masses available. Revised Mass Intention Request Forms are available at the Church entrances for your use. Please be advised that the parish will only contact you if there is a conflict for a particular date. If you do not receive a call, then your Mass request is scheduled for the date requested.

Respect Life Group

A *Respect Life Group* is forming at MPBOJ to advance pro-life positions which will include: Prayer, Education, Advocacy/Witness, Care/Service, Legislation. More details on positions will be discussed at our first meeting, **Thursday, March 30th at 6:00pm**, Room 101 in the MPBOJ Parish Center (School). All are welcome to attend! To ensure preparedness with refreshments at this meeting please RSVP to: respectlife@mpboj.com.

Shroud of Turin Presentation

Experience the Shroud of Turin and Holy Face of Jesus Tour presented by Donald Nohs, President of The Holy Face of Jesus Society. The presentation will be Saturday, March 25th, 7PM at St Thomas a Becket Church, Jefferson Hills 139 Gill Hall Road 15025. This presentation will include a collection of replicas associated with Jesus' Passion including a life-sized photo reproduction of the Shroud, a model of a Roman flagrum and a Crown on the Thorns, which correspond to the images on the Shroud. To attend, please register at: <https://triumphoftheholycrosspgh.org/> or call the Triumph of the Holy Cross parish office at 412-755-2046.

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

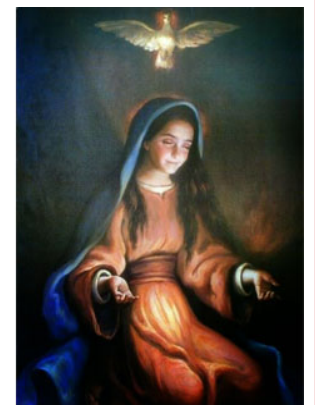
The Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit

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

Open to all young adults - ages 18-35! Sursum Corda is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults at Institute apostolates. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Contact sursumcorda@mpboj.com with any 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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