



## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent  
March 19, 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

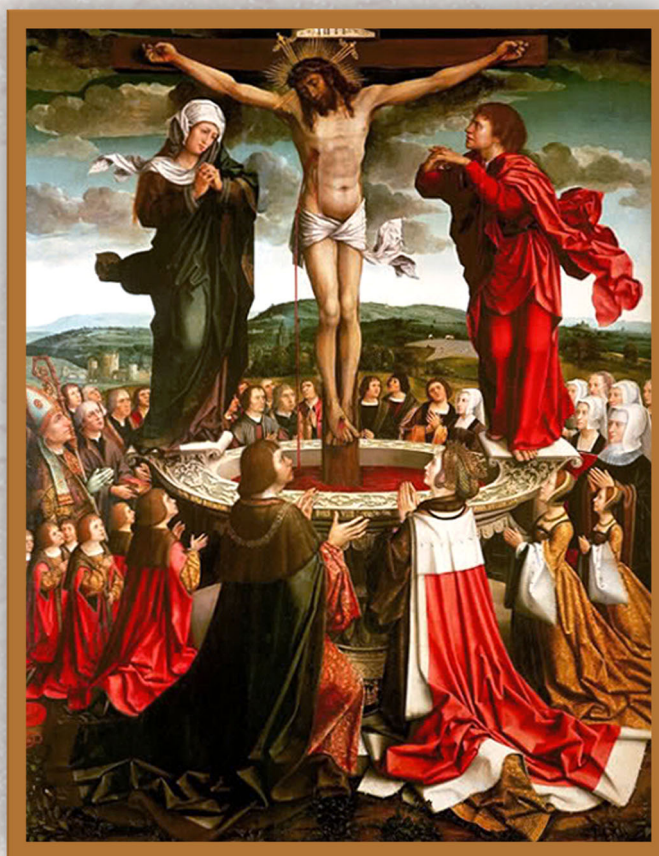
### **Confession Schedule**

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



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***Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity***

## Liturgical Schedule

### 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)

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

Processional: *Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days* pg. 79

Kyriale: *Missa Brevis - Paul Weber, Credo I*

Recessional: *Soul Of My Savior* pg. 92

### Monday, March 20, 2023

#### St. Joseph, 1st Class—White

*Commemoration of the Lenten Feria*

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Emma Zigarovich & Sam Barnes (David & Susan Zigarovich)

7PM HM *Private Intentions*

### Tuesday, March 21, 2023

#### St. Benedict, 1st Class—White

*Commemoration of the Lenten Feria*

12PM LM + Richard Michael Very Sr. & Jr.  
(Michael & Jill Garfold)

7PM LM + Deceased Family Members of Donna & Cal Hastings (Donna & Cal Hastings)

### Wednesday, March 22, 2023

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Shannon Goelz  
(Jeannine Goelz)

### Thursday, March 23, 2023

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Richard Clarke Sr. (Family)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### Friday, March 24, 2023 *Abstinence*

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of St. Gabriel the Archangel*

12PM LM + Ian Lekarczyk (Warner Family)

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Five Holy Wounds of Our Lord—Red

7:20PM LM Joseph Sullivan (John & Michele Grese)

### Saturday, March 25, 2023

#### Annunciation, 1st Class—White

*Commemoration of the Lenten Feria*

9AM HM Spiritual & Temporal Welfare of Raphael Hete  
(Bernard & Carmen Hete)

Processional: *Inviolata* pg. 104

Kyriale: *Mass IX, Credo I*

Recessional: *Immaculate Mary* pg. 74

### Sunday, March 26, 2023

#### Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM + Edward Check (Melinda Check)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: *Anima Christi* pg. 89

Kyriale: *Mass XVII, Credo I*

Recessional: *Soul Of My Savior* pg. 92

LM = Low Mass; HM = High/Solemn Mass

## Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Offertory ..... \$24,634.00

Parish Appeal ..... \$535.00

ICRSS Province ..... \$50.00

Flowers..... \$797.00

Catholic Campaign for Human Development ..... \$7.00

Food Pantry..... \$57.00

St Anthony School Programs ..... \$10.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 424; 11AM 411; Total 835

Faith Direct Report (February 16—28, 2023)

Offertory ..... \$12,373.17

Parish Appeal 2023 ..... \$735.00

Parish Improvement ..... \$666.00

ICRSS Province ..... \$160.00

CC Human Development ..... \$45.00

Food Pantry ..... \$310.00

## **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.

## **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.

## **Survey Available Until March 31<sup>st</sup>**

Don't forget to share your feedback on the parish-wide survey, which is available until March 31<sup>st</sup> for your input. Please take 10-15 minutes of your time to respond to the survey, which will enable the parish to better prepare for the future. All responses are confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. You can access the survey directly from the home page of the parish website: [www.MPBOJ.com](http://www.MPBOJ.com). If you prefer a paper version, copies are available at the side entrance of the church. You can complete and submit your responses in the designated COMPLETED SURVEYS box, also located at the side entrance of the church. If you would prefer that a paper copy be mailed to you, please contact the parish office at 412-761-1508. Stay tuned for additional information on the survey results and next steps in the planning process. Thank you for your time and effort in completing the survey.

## **Parish Group News**

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](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

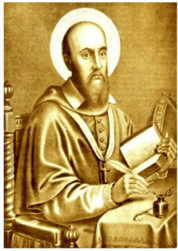
SURSUM CORDA-YOUNG ADULTS GROUP is a nationwide initiative to foster the spiritual lives of Catholic adults, AGES 18-35, at Institute apostolates. Our parish group meets 1-2 times a month for faith discussions guided by the Canons, food, and various fun activities. To sign up for the mailing list and receive notice of future events, simply text Corda to 84576 and choose "SC Pittsburgh" as the group. Contact [sursumcorda@mpboj.com](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com) with any questions!

RESPECT LIFE GROUP is forming at MPBOJ to advance pro-life positions including: Prayer, Education, Advocacy/Witness, Care/Service, and Legislation. More details on positions will be discussed at our first meeting, **Thursday, March 30th at 6:00pm** in Room 101 in the Parish Center (School). All are welcome to attend! RSVP to: [respectlife@mpboj.com](mailto:respectlife@mpboj.com) so that we may be prepared with refreshments at this meeting.

## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### The Second Purification, From All Sinful Affections (Part I, Chap. 7)



All the children of Israel went forth from the land of Egypt, but not all went forth heartily, and so, when wandering in the desert, some of them sighed after the leeks and onions,—the fleshpots of Egypt. Even so there are penitents who forsake sin, yet without forsaking their sinful affections; that is to say, they intend to sin no more, but it goes sorely against them to abstain from the pleasures of sin;—they formally renounce and forsake sinful acts, but they turn back many a fond lingering look to what they have left, like Lot's wife as she fled from Sodom. They are like a sick man who abstains from eating melon when the doctor says it would kill him, but who all the while longs for it, talks about it, bargains when he may have it, would at least like just to sniff the perfume, and thinks those who are free to eat of it very fortunate. And so these weak cowardly penitents abstain awhile from sin, but reluctantly;—they would fain be able to sin without incurring damnation;—they talk with a lingering taste of their sinful deeds, and envy those who are yet indulging in the like. Thus a man who has meditated some revenge gives it up in confession, but soon after he is to be found talking about the quarrel, averring that but for the fear of God he would do this or that; complaining that it is hard to keep the Divine rule of forgiveness; would to God it were lawful to avenge one's self! Who can fail to see that even if this poor man is not actually committing sin, he is altogether bound with the affections thereof, and although he may have come out of Egypt, he yet hungers after it, and longs for the leeks and onions he was wont to feed upon there! It is the same with the woman who, though she has given up her life of sin, yet takes delight in being sought after and admired. Alas! of a truth, all such are in great peril.

Be sure, that if you seek to lead a devout life, you must not merely forsake sin; but you must further cleanse your heart from all affections pertaining to sin; for, to say nothing of the danger of a relapse, these wretched affections will perpetually enfeeble your mind, and clog it, so that you will be unable to be diligent, ready and frequent in good works, wherein nevertheless lies the very essence of all true devotion. Souls which, in spite of having forsaken sin, yet retain such likings and longings, remind us of those persons who, without being actually ill, are pale and sickly, languid in all they do, eating without appetite, sleeping without refreshment, laughing without mirth, dragging themselves about rather than walking briskly. Such souls as I have described lose all the grace of their good deeds, which are probably few and feeble, through their spiritual languor.

### 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. 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 **May 1<sup>st</sup>**. 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 know 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.

### 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 25<sup>th</sup>**, 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 of 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.

### Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after each mass on **April 30<sup>th</sup>** to collect for their mission. Your contributions enable them to continue caring for the elderly poor at their Home in Brighton Heights. Donations may also be made online at [www.littlesistersofthepoor.org](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org). If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several CNA and RN positions open.

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

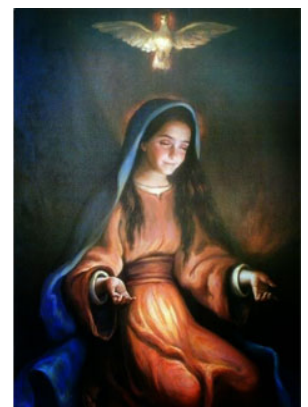
### The Holy Duet: Mary and the Holy Spirit

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](http://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 OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST.

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

**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 in 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](mailto:temporalaffairs@mpboj.com) for approval.

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

**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.

**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.

### 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:

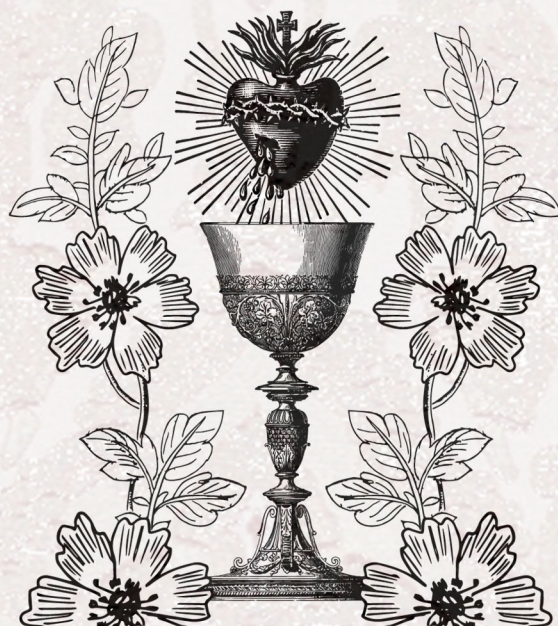
For those seeking *Catechism*, preparing for *1st Holy Communion*, *Confirmation*, needs of the sick or funeral information, please call the parish office.

#### 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](mailto:archives@diopitt.org).



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