



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

**Sexagesima
Sunday**

February 4, A.D. 2024

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

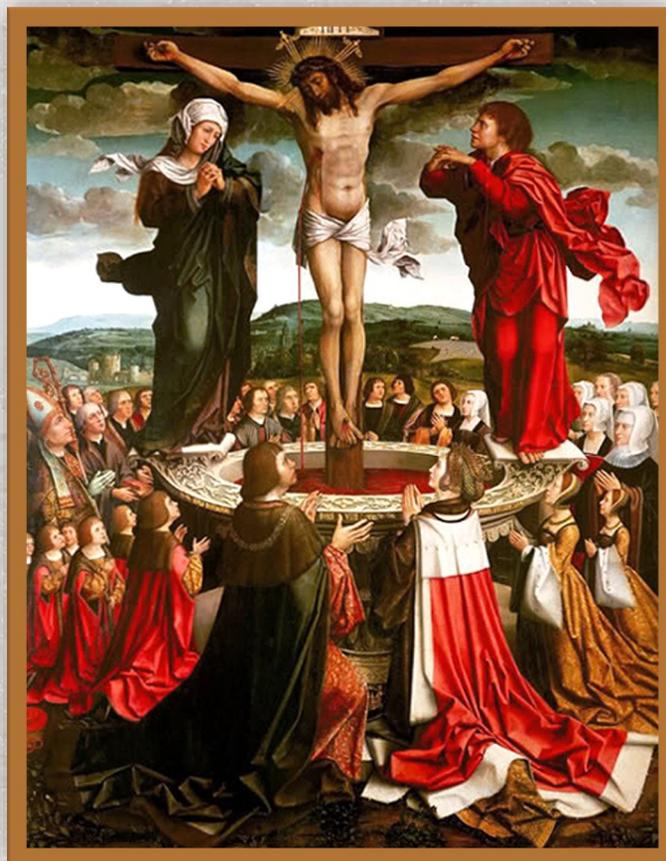
Confession Schedule

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, February 4, 2024

Sexagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO + Dorothy & Edward Kinslow
(Joseph & Sandra Wilson)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Lord Jesus, Think on Me (pg. 77)

Recessional: Faith of Our Fathers (pg. 59)

Monday, February 5, 2024

St. Agatha, 3rd Class—Red

12PM LM Abbe Rodrigo Ricaldy Solorzano
(Priscilla Fello)

Tuesday, February 6, 2024

St. Titus, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Dorothy

12PM LM Lisa Marie Toffolo (Robert Toffolo)

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

Wednesday, February 7, 2024

St. Romuald, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM Sr. Georgene Golock-Birthday (Angie Comas)

Thursday, February 8, 2024

St. John of Matha, 3rd Class—White

12PM LM + John & Helen Hydak (Loius & June Gorski)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
9PM Compline

Friday, February 9, 2024

St. Cyril of Alexandria, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Apollonia

12PM LM + Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)

Saturday, February 10, 2024

St. Scholastica, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM + Albert Brunn Jr. (Angela Tomak)

Sunday, February 11, 2024

Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Raymond, Tillie & Bob Pasierb (Nick Logan)

Processional: At the Name of Jesus

Recessional: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 28, 2024

Offertory	\$10,058.00
Parish Appeal 2023	\$1,205.00
Parish Improvement	\$2,875.00
St. Anthony School	\$180.00
Funeral Donation	\$100.00

Faith Direct Report (January 1 – 15, 2024)

Offertory	\$12,247.60
Parish Appeal	\$3,120.00
Parish Improvement	\$1,130.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 531; 11AM 408; Total 939

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:

membershship.faithdirect.net/PA678 or call 866-507-8757.

Parish Group News

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN MOTHERS usually meets every First Saturday of the month, beginning with the 9AM Mass. All adult women are welcome. Please contact 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. 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 Jose Piñero at 863.450.5143 or sursumcorda@mpboj.com.

RESPECT LIFE GROUP (RLG) The Gospel of Life is at the heart of this new group. RLG promotes a culture of life through three working subcommittees of Legislation, Education, Advocacy. Contact Brenda Briola at 724-650-5767 or respectlife@mpboj.com for more information.

Saint Valentine's Day Dance

TODAY is your last chance to buy tickets for the Saint Valentine's Day Dance! This Saturday, Feb. 10th, enjoy a night of professional dance instruction, hors d'oeuvres, drinks, and more! Tickets are a \$30 donation and include one admission and two adult beverages. Tickets available after both Masses today, and in the gym during Catechism (assuming that any remain). Please contact heather.farah@gmail.com for more information or to volunteer.

Palms Wanted

The parish is collecting your blessed palms to immolate for use on Ash Wednesday (February 14, 2024). Please place your palms in the collection bins located in the church entrances until next Sunday, February 11th.



LENTEN REGULATIONS

Lent begins in 10 days, on February 14th.

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 lighter meals) 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.
6. 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. Attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

February 14-March 24 40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

From Feb. 14th – March 24th, you're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh. Contact Nikki Bruni, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com, or Jen at pghsaland365@gmail.com. Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish has "adopted" **Sunday, March 10th from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm** to provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets in Narthex.

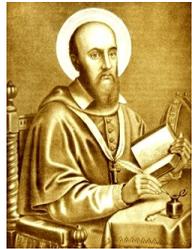
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

Patience

(Book 3, Chapter 3—Part 2)

Some people when they are ill, or in trouble, or injured by any one, restrain their complaints, because they think (and that rightly) that to murmur betokens great weakness or a narrow



mind; but nevertheless, they exceedingly desire and maneuver to make others pity them, desiring to be considered as suffering with patience and courage. Now this is a kind of patience certainly, but it is a spurious patience, which in reality is neither more nor less than a very refined, very subtle form of ambition and vanity. To them we may apply the Apostle's words, "He hath whereof to

glory, but not before God. "A really patient man neither complains nor seeks to be pitied; he will speak simply and truly of his trouble, without exaggerating its weight or bemoaning himself; if others pity him, he will accept their compassion patiently, unless they pity him for some ill he is not enduring, in which case he will say so with meekness, and abide in patience and truthfulness, combating his grief and not complaining of it. As to the trials which you will encounter in devotion (and they are certain to arise), bear in mind our dear Lord's words: "A woman, when she is in travail, hath sorrow, because her hour is come; but as soon as she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for joy that a child is born into the world. "You, too, have conceived in your soul the most gracious of children, even Jesus Christ, and before He can be brought forth you must inevitably travail with pain; but be of good cheer, for when these pangs are over, you will possess an abiding joy, having brought such a man into the world. And He will be really born for you, when He is perfected in your heart by love, and in your actions by imitating His life. When you are sick, offer all your pains and weakness to our Dear Lord, and ask Him to unite them to the sufferings which He bore for you. Obey your physician, and take all medicines, remedies and nourishment, for the Love of God, remembering the vinegar and gall He tasted for love of us; desire your recovery that you may serve Him; do not shrink from languor and weakness out of obedience to Him, and be ready to die if He wills it, to His Glory, and that you may enter into His Presence. Bear in mind that the bee while making its honey lives upon a bitter food: and in like manner we can never make acts of gentleness and patience, or gather the honey of the truest virtues, better than while eating the bread of bitterness, and enduring hardness. And just as the best honey is that made from thyme, a small and bitter herb, so that virtue which is practiced amid bitterness and lowly sorrow is the best of all virtues. Gaze often inwardly upon Jesus Christ crucified, naked, blasphemed, falsely accused, forsaken, overwhelmed with every possible grief and sorrow, and remember that none of your sufferings can ever be compared to His, either in kind or degree, and that you can never suffer anything for Him worthy to be weighed against what He has borne for you.

Consider the pains which martyrs have endured, and think how even now many people are bearing afflictions beyond all measure greater than yours, and say, "Of a truth my trouble is comfort, my torments are but roses as compared to those whose life is a continual death, without solace, or aid or consolation, borne down with a weight of grief tenfold greater than mine."

Little Sisters of the Poor Collecting Today

The Little Sisters of the Poor and their volunteers will be with us after both Masses **today** 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.

Church collection donations can also be given online at

www.littlesistersofthepoorpittsburgh.org,

or by scanning the QR code at right.

If you or anyone you know is looking for a new job opportunity or to volunteer, the Little Sisters of the Poor have several positions open, including CNAs and RNs, as well as volunteer opportunities.



Aquinas Academy Open House

Parents and students are invited to the Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh's K - 12 Admissions Open House on **Saturday, February 10**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Come and see how Aquinas Academy's academic and virtue programs can form your child to succeed in school and life. Leslie Mitros, Head of School, will give a presentation and families will have an opportunity to tour campus and meet teachers, coaches, parents, and current students. Lunch will be available for visiting families. Register online at www.AquinasAcademy.info or contact Joe Austin, Director of Admissions, at (724) 444-0722x15, or email austin@aquinasacademy-pittsburgh.org.

Thanks from the Baby Bottle Campaign

The parish received this letter from the Women's Choice Network:

Dear Friends at Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish, Thank you for your church's participation in this year's Network of Life/Women's Choice Network Baby Bottle Campaign. 100% of the funds raised through the Baby Bottle Campaign go directly to client programming. The grand total raised at your church through coins, cash, and checks in the baby bottles, along with online giving, amounted to \$7,377.77. We are truly grateful!

The funds generated from your campaign go directly toward helping abortion-vulnerable women to choose life. Women's Choice Network provides, at no cost to our clients, pregnancy testing, abortion pill reversal, ultrasounds, STD testing and treatments, medical consultations, Life Support programming to support parents and their children, and Breathe: Post-abortion care. Young men and expectant fathers are being reached and equipped through our Men's Outreach.

Please know how grateful we are for your ongoing support and to know that you are partnering with us to build a culture of life in the Pittsburgh region. From 2021-2023, Women's Choice Network has served more than 2,667 clients and 925 free ultrasounds were provided. We have had 1,045 positive pregnancy tests and approximately 300 moms choose life for their babies each year. Our Men's Outreach has served 256 young men and fathers-to-be. We have 258 clients actively enrolled in our ongoing Life Support programming which offers educational and mentoring components. Since opening our doors in 1985, we can document 7,484 little lives that have been saved. Countless other lives have been changed through the gospel of Jesus Christ which is shared at our centers. We could not keep our doors open without your generous contributions.

Please continue to pray for our clients and staff. Pray that the Lord will bring more clients to our centers, that He will work in their hearts, and provide for their every need. Pray that He will protect our staff and empower them to serve with compassion and energy and effectively share the love of Christ.

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 businessmanager@mpboj.com for approval.

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.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS—Requests for proposed bulletin announcements must be submitted **ten days in advance** of publication via email to bulletin@mpboj.com

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.

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, or check the parish website (MPBOJ.com) for more information.



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General Safety & Indemnity

In an effort to make Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish a welcoming, safe place for all parishioners and visitors alike, the parish follows a general Safety and Indemnity Policy. When visiting the parish, whether for Mass or any social events in or on parish property, parents accept full responsibility for their children’s safety, by maintaining prudent watch and supervision of their children at all times. When children are registered and involved in parish related activities where a parish program manager oversees the children (e.g., Children’s Choir; Catechism; altar server practice), at least one parent/guardian must remain on campus for the duration of the program and until the parent has regained custody at the conclusion of the parish activity/program.

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INSTITUTE OF CHRIST THE KING SOVEREIGN PRIEST

Living the Truth in Charity

Lent 2024

Dear Friends in Christ our King,

Thanks in large part to your prayerful and generous support, the Institute's U.S. Provincial Headquarters harnessed great growth in 2023—new apostolates, national retreat center, and a fine crop of new vocations.

Twenty men entered the pre-seminary program and the oblate formation program in 2023 through the efforts of the U.S. Provincial Headquarters which maintains the year-round application process and assistance for these men in vocational discernment.

At the invitation of local Bishops, two new apostolates were opened—a Shrine in Cleveland, Ohio, and an Oratory in Warren, Massachusetts—such that the Institute clergy are now serving in 21 dioceses coast to coast across America. As our spiritual family continues to grow in the pews of every one of these apostolates, the U.S. Provincial Headquarters provides more leadership support, administrative services, and outreach efforts in order to offer our priests, oblates, sisters, seminarians and staff everything they need to continue building spiritual homes for the salvation of souls. The Institute has already received invitations from Bishops to open more apostolates in 2024/2025.

This family of souls nationwide is united together in one supernatural mission: **to spread the benevolent reign of Christ the King to all aspects of human life including Catholic Liturgy and culture in America.** To develop this mission even further, we obtained our own national retreat center last year when we purchased a 70,000 sq. ft. historic monastery building located on 100 acres in the wooded countryside southwest of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, the major airports of Milwaukee and Chicago being within a 35 minute and a 70 minute drive respectively. Sacred Heart Retreat Center is currently undergoing building improvements such as a plumbing upgrade (including dozens of private bathrooms) and a chapel renovation in order to host retreats for people of all ages starting later in 2024.

To provide unity and collaboration among all of these apostolates, the U.S. Provincial Headquarters is responsible for ensuring this mission in every apostolate by caring for the members of each Institute household. **This Lent, would you be willing to make a sacrifice to help the Institute maintain and expand this providential growth in the United States?** Consider making a sacrifice of **\$80, just two dollars a day** during these 40 days of Lent.

On **Sunday, February 18**, there will be a special second collection for your donation to help the Institute continue its work for the salvation of souls. Last year's collection raised **\$152,194**. It was such a great help over this past year in the common mission which we share with all of you. Thank you for your generous support to help the Institute grow in the United States. May God bless you always!

Yours devotedly in Christ our Infant King,

Rev. Canon Matthew Talarico
U.S. Provincial Superior



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