

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

## MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

**Third Sunday  
of Lent**

**March 3, 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**

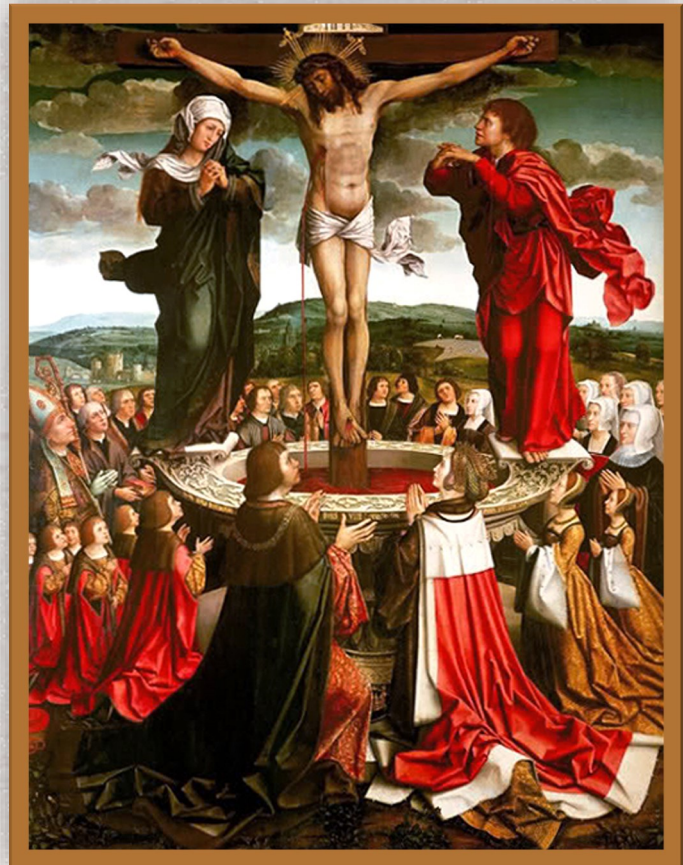
### **Confession Schedule**

**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, March 3, 2024

#### Third Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM Murphy Family, living & dec'd (Warner Family)

11AM HM *Pro populo*

Processional: Media Vita (chant)

Recessional: The Glory of These 40 Days

### Monday, March 4, 2024

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of St. Casimir*

12PM LM + Ralph Vincent & Laura Gale Capone

(Dr. & Mrs. R.A. Capone)

### Tuesday, March 5, 2024

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM + Betty Kantz (Brenda Briola)

7PM LM + Jack & Anna Marie Killian

(David & Rebecca Killian)

### Wednesday, March 6, 2024

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of Ss. Perpetua & Felicity*

12PM LM + William Aloe (Patrick & Nicole Keane)

### Thursday, March 7, 2024 Plenary Indulgence

St. Thomas Aquinas, 1st Class—White\*

12PM LMO Health & Well-Being of Bishop Athanasius

Schneider (Eric Frankovitch)

8PM Holy Hour of Adoration

9PM Compline

### Friday, March 8, 2024 Abstinence

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

*Commemoration of St. John of God*

12PM LM + Jessica Kocak (Diane & Jim Mousseau)

6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Holy Wounds—Red

7:15PM LM Mark Vogel—conversion (Nicole Kelly)

### Saturday, March 9, 2024

#### Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—White

*Commemoration of St. Frances of Rome*

9AM LM + Zofia & Pawel Marek & Family

(Kuszel Family)

### Sunday, March 10, 2024

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet/Rose “Laetare”

8AM LMO *Pro populo*

11AM HM + Edith Cokley (Mary Eileen Cokley)

Processional: Lord Who Throughout These 40 Days

Recessional: Soul of My Savior

\* Commemoration of the Feria

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

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, February 25, 2024*

Offertory ..... \$12,045.00

Parish Appeal 2024..... \$4,239.00

Good Friday..... \$10.00

Parish Improvement..... \$3,020.00

Easter Flowers ..... \$25.00

Food Pantry..... \$15.00

*Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 539; 11AM 408; Total 947*

### 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:

[membership.faithdirect.net/PA678](http://membership.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](mailto:christianmothers@mpboj.com) for more information.

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](mailto:respectlife@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](mailto:sursumcorda@mpboj.com).

### Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross. Stations are held at **6:30 p.m. on the Fridays of Lent** and followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, March 29th, Stations will be at **11 a.m.** The faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by praying the *Via Crucis*. This may be done privately or during public devotions.



### Upcoming Events

**Thursday, March 7th—Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas\*:** 12pm Low Mass with Organ

**Saturday, March 16th—Lenten Day of Reflection** (more details to come)

**Tuesday, March 19th—Feast of St. Joseph:** 12pm Low Mass; 7pm High Mass

**Thursday, March 21st—Feast of St. Benedict\*:** 12pm Low Mass with Organ

**Sunday, March 24th—Palm Sunday:** 8am Low Mass; 10am Blessing of Palms, Procession & Solemn Mass

**Wednesday, March 27th—Spy Wednesday:** 7pm Tenebrae

**Thursday, March 28th—Holy Thursday:** 6pm Confessions; 7pm Solemn Mass followed by Procession and Adoration until midnight

**Friday, March 29th—Good Friday:** 10am Confessions; 11am Stations of the Cross; 12pm Mass of the Presanctified

**Saturday, March 30th—Holy Saturday:** TBA Easter Vigil

**Sunday, March 31st—Easter Sunday:** 8am Low Mass; 11am Solemn Mass followed by the Blessing of Lambs

*\*On feastsdays of the patron saints of the Institute, the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual conditions by assisting at Holy Mass at the parish.*

### Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser

The parish is once again sponsoring a Betsy Ann Easter Candy Fundraiser to benefit parish programs. Please consider ordering some of the best chocolates in the world, while supporting the parish. **The fundraiser ends this Friday, March 8, 2024,** and is entirely on-line, so you can order any of the delectable candy from the

website. Order pick-up will take place after Masses in Room 102 of the Parish Hall on Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Detailed instructions are available on the insert found in the Feb. 18 bulletin and on the parish website. Thank you to parishioners Jim & Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates, for making this fundraiser possible. Thanks also to Peggy Wrabley for coordinating this fundraiser each year. Please do your part and enjoy the best candy ever!

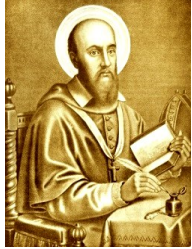


## Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

### Humility Makes Us Rejoice in Our Own Abjection (Book 3, Chapter 6—Part 1)

But, my child, I am going a step further, and I bid you everywhere and in everything to rejoice in your own abjection. Perhaps you will ask in reply what I mean by that. In Latin abjection means humility, and humility means abjection, so that when Our Lady says in the Magnificat that all generations shall call her blessed, because God hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden, she means that He has accepted her abjection and lowliness in order to fill her with graces and favors. Nevertheless, there is a difference between humility and abjection; for abjection is the poverty, vileness and littleness which exist in us, without our taking heed to them; but humility implies a real knowledge and voluntary recognition of that abjection. And the highest point of humility consists in not merely acknowledging one's abjection, but in taking pleasure therein, not from any want of breadth or courage, but to give the more glory to God's Divine Majesty, and to esteem one's neighbor more highly than one's self. This is what I would have you do; and to explain myself more clearly, let me tell you that the trials which afflict us are sometimes abject, sometimes honorable. Now many people will accept the latter, but very few are willing to accept the former. Everybody respects and pities a pious hermit shivering in his worn-out garb; but let a poor gentleman or lady be in like case, and they are despised for it—and so their poverty is abject. A religious receives a sharp rebuke from his superior meekly, or a child from his parent, and every one will call it obedience, mortification, wisdom; but let a knight or a lady accept the like from some one, albeit for the Love of God, and they will forthwith be accused of cowardice. This again is abject suffering. One person has a cancer in the arm, another in the face; the former only has the pain to bear, but the latter has also to endure all the disgust and repulsion caused by his disease; and this is abjection. And what I want to teach you is, that we should not merely rejoice in our trouble, which we do by means of patience, but we should also cherish the abjection, which is done by means of humility. Again, there are abject and honorable virtues; for the world generally despises patience, gentleness, simplicity, and even humility itself, while, on the contrary, it highly esteems prudence, valor, and liberality. Sometimes even there may be a like distinction drawn between acts of one and the same virtue—one being despised and the other respected. Thus almsgiving and forgiveness of injuries are both acts of charity, but while every one esteems the first, the world looks down upon the last. *(To be continued)*



## Pray the Rosary Daily!

“Even if you are on the brink of damnation, even if you have one foot in hell, even if you have sold your soul to the devil as sorcerers do who practice black magic, and even if you are a heretic as obstinate as a devil, sooner or later you will be converted and will amend your life and will save your soul, if-and mark well what I say-if you say the Holy Rosary devoutly every day until death for the purpose of knowing the truth and obtaining contrition and pardon for your sins.” -- St. Louis de Montfort

## Spring Forward!

Next Sunday, March 10th, Daylight Saving Time goes into effect. Remember to **turn your clocks forward** one hour on Saturday night to avoid being late for Mass on Sunday morning.

## Blessing of Religious Articles

The canons regularly bless religious articles for our parishioners. If you have religious articles that you would like to have blessed, please place them on the table in the room next to the sacristy (door next to Blessed Mother altar). Make sure each item is labeled with your name and a brief description of what is to be blessed. After Canon blesses the item(s), he will place a removable blue dot on the item to indicate that it has been blessed. Please check the table each week and remove your blessed items, to ensure adequate space for others.

## Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life Event Mar. 16

FREE Pro-Life Event sponsored by Susan B Anthony (SBA) will occur on Saturday, March 16 in Wexford from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. You are invited to meet other pro-life people, faculty sponsor, Students for Life & learn about local pro-life organizations.



North Park Old FireHouse Building  
Lake Shore Drive, Wexford, Pa. 15090

Come to our FREE event!

# Bloom Where You Are Planted

Help Advocate for Life in Pennsylvania



### Judge Cheryl Allen

Of Counsel for the Pennsylvania  
Family Institute

### Marlene Downing

PA. State Field Director  
Susan B. Anthony Pro-Life America

### Sarah M. Bowden

Executive Director,  
Promise of Life Network

### Regina Renalli

Director, Birthright Pittsburgh

### Nikki Bruni

Director, People Concerned  
for the Unborn Child

### Meredith Parente

Director, The Magee Project

### Pam Irizarry

Director, Deeper Still Ministries

### Fabiola Gergerich

Chair, Respect Life Group of  
Most Precious Blood of Jesus

### Meet and Greet

Time with attendees to follow  
which will include:

- A chance to meet other area Pro Life people and learn about local pro life organizations.
- Light snacks and beverages will be provided

Saturday March 16th, 2024 at 11:00-3:00pm

For more information or to RSVP contact  
Maggie Kelty [maggiek@sbalistfield.org](mailto:maggiek@sbalistfield.org) or 570-690-6960  
Karen Hatfield [karen@sbalistfield.org](mailto:karen@sbalistfield.org) or 412-508-0137

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.

**Next Sunday, March 10th from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.** Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish will provide the prayer coverage at Planned Parenthood! Sign-up sheets in Narthex.



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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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