



MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD of JESUS PARISH

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

Passion Sunday

March 17, 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

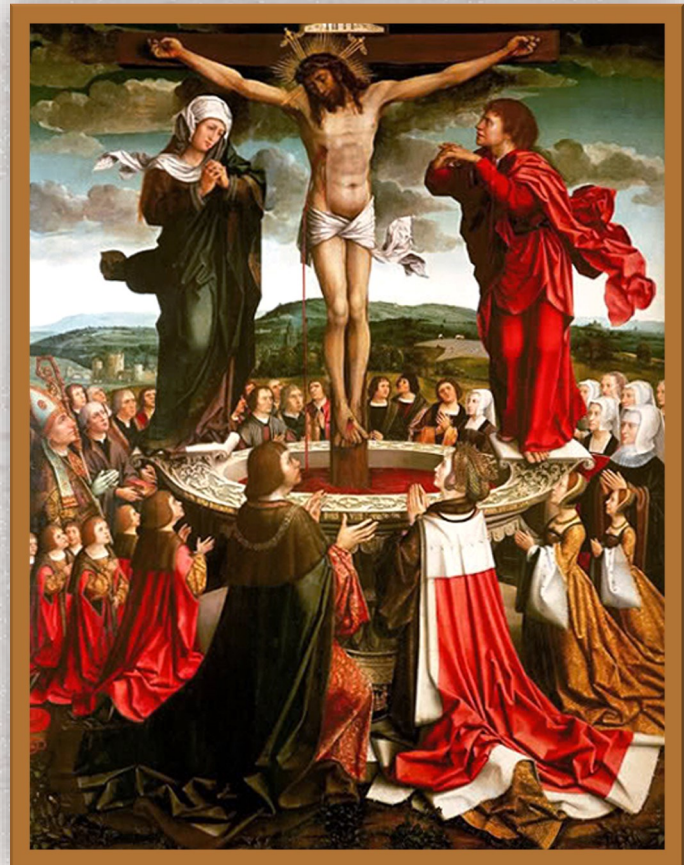
Confession Schedule

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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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 17, 2024 *Infant King Novena begins*

Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Pro populo*
 11AM HM Repose of the Souls in Purgatory
 (Glenn & Judith Wilson)
 Processional: Anima Christi (chant) (pg. 89)
 Recessional: Soul of My Savior (pg. 92)

Monday, March 18, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12PM LM Novak Family (Christine Novak)

Tuesday, March 19, 2024

St. Joseph, 1st Class—White*

12PM LM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)
 7PM HM + Our deceased Family Members (Lenart Family)

Wednesday, March 20, 2024

Votive Mass of the Coronation of the Pope, 2nd Class—White*

12PM LM + Joe & Marianne Remaklus (Haggerty Family)

Thursday, March 21, 2024

St. Benedict, 1st Class—White*

12PM LMO Marlo Slayback (Zac Slayback)
 8PM Holy Hour of Adoration
 9PM Compline

Friday, March 22, 2024 *Abstinence*

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM LM Shannon M. Goelz, Birthday (Jeannine M. Goelz)
 6:30PM Stations of the Cross

Votive Mass of the Our Lady of Sorrows—White*

7:15PM LM + Donna Lee McCloy (Bill McCloy)

Saturday, March 23, 2024

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—White

9AM LM + Alfred & Margaret Ferla (Herman Marini III)

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

8AM LM *Private Intention*
10AM HM *Pro populo*

* Commemoration of the Feria

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

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, March 10, 2024

Offertory \$11,648.00
 Parish Appeal 2024..... \$585.00
 Flower Donation..... \$652.00
 Food Pantry..... \$110.00
 Good Friday/Holy Land..... \$5.00
 Campaign for Human Development, *et al.* \$453.00

Sunday Mass Attendance: 8AM 397; 11AM 494; Total 891

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 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.

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

The RLG is seeking volunteers to connect with elderly parishioners @ MPBOJ who haven't been attending Mass, to assess if they require a ride to Mass on Sundays or have other needs.

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.

Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh

The Catholic Homeschoolers of East Pittsburgh (CHEP) group was formed to offer free informal social & exercise opportunities for K-12 traditional catholic homeschooling families and co-ops alike but is open to all people of good faith. We meet every week in the region between Pittsburgh and Greensburg at an indoor facility during inclement weather and at local parks when weather's permitting. For more information, please contact us at:

catholichomeschoolers@protonmail.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

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: 7pm Easter Vigil

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

*On feastdays 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.

Easter Tea Party

Please join us for the Confraternity of Christian Mother's annual Mother's Tea on April

20th. Tickets sold every Sunday during Catechism in the gym, and at the next CCM meeting. Questions? Contact Dominique Patrick at niquewilson99@gmail.com. For details, visit MPBOJ.com.

OLSH Open House & Dress Sale

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School is hosting an Open House **today** from 1 – 3 p.m. Registration recommended, but walk-ins are welcome! olsh.org/openhouse.

Also, OLSH's **Cinderella's Closet Prom Dress Re-Sale Shop** is next **Saturday, March 23rd, from noon to 3 p.m.** All dresses are \$25; also selling homecoming & middle school dance dresses, shoes, bags, etc.



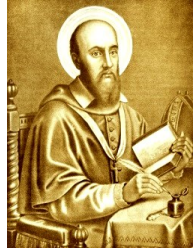
Introduction to the Devout Life

By St. Francis de Sales

How to Combine due Care for a Good Reputation with Humility

(Book 3, Chapter 7—Part 1)

Praise, honor, and glory are not bestowed on men for ordinary, but for extraordinary virtue. By praise we intend to lead men to



appreciate the excellence of certain individuals; giving them honor is the expression of our own esteem for them; and I should say that glory is the combination of praise and honor from many persons. If praise and honor are like precious stones, glory is as an enamel thereof. Now, as humility forbids us to aim at excelling or being preferred to others, it likewise forbids us to aim at praise,

honor, and glory; but it allows us to give heed, as the Wise Man says, to our good name, and that because a good name does not imply any one particular excellence, but a general straightforward integrity of purpose, which we may recognize in ourselves, and desire to be known as possessing, without any breach of humility. Humility might make us indifferent even to a good reputation, were it not for charity's sake; but seeing that it is a groundwork of society, and without it we are not merely useless but positively harmful to the world, because of the scandal given by such a deficiency, therefore charity requires, and humility allows, us to desire and to maintain a good reputation with care. Moreover, just as the leaves of a tree are valuable, not merely for beauty's sake, but also as a shelter to the tender fruit, so a good reputation, if not in itself very important, is still very useful, not only as an embellishment of life, but as a protection to our virtues, especially to those which are weakly. The necessity for acting up to our reputation, and being what we are thought to be, brings a strong though kindly motive power to bear upon a generous disposition. Let us foster all our virtues, my child, because they are pleasing to God, the Chief Aim of all we do. But just as when men preserve fruits, they do not only conserve them, but put them into suitable vessels, so while Divine Love is the main thing which keeps us in the ways of holiness, we may also find help from the effects of a good reputation. But it will not do to be over-eager or fanciful about it. Those who are so very sensitive about their reputation are like people who are perpetually physicking themselves for every carnal ailment; they mean to preserve their health, but practically they destroy it; and those who are so very fastidious over their good name are apt to lose it entirely, for they become fanciful, fretful, and disagreeable, provoking ill-natured remarks. As a rule, indifference to insult and slander is a much more effectual remedy than resentment, wrath, and vengeance. Slander melts away beneath contempt, but indignation seems a sort of acknowledgment of its truth. Crocodiles never meddle with any but those who are afraid of them, and slander only persists in attacking people who are disturbed by it. *(To be continued.)*

February 14-March 24
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Until 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.

Closing event March 24 at 4:30 p.m.

A Eucharistic Procession from Planned Parenthood to Epiphany Church, followed by a Closing Mass with Bishop Waltersheid.

Parish Landscaping - Easter Cleanup

Julie Roytas of our parish Landscape Team is calling for volunteers to help this **Saturday, March 23, after the 9 a.m. Mass**, to sweep and pick up any debris around the Church, school and priory in preparation for Easter. You can contact Julie by email at julier.LOM@hotmail.com.

Why do we veil statues and the crucifix?

The custom of veiling the images of churches is very ancient. In the Middle Ages, at the beginning of Lent, a giant curtain was hung separating the sanctuary from the rest of the church and virtually hiding the sanctuary from view. Over the centuries this transformed into the veiling of images, especially the Cross, which is done during Passiontide (the last two weeks of Lent). Dom Guéranger in his Liturgical Year has some interesting insight on this custom during Passiontide.

“The presentiment of that awful hour leads the afflicted mother to veil the image of her Jesus: the cross is hidden from the eyes of the faithful. The statues of the saints, too, are covered; for it is but just that, if the glory of the Master be eclipsed, the servant should not appear. The interpreters of the liturgy tell us that this ceremony of veiling the crucifix during Passiontide, expresses the humiliation to which our Savior subjected Himself, of hiding Himself when He was threatened with stoning, as is related in the Gospel of Passion Sunday. The Church begins this solemn rite with the Vespers of the Saturday before Passion Sunday. Thus it is that, in those years when the feast of our Lady's Annunciation falls in Passion-week, the statue of Mary, the Mother of God, remains veiled, even on that very day when the Archangel greets her as being full of grace, and blessed among women.”



The covering of sacred images is meant to focus attention on Christ's Passion, and the manner in which He veiled His divinity to suffer in His humanity for the redemption of the world. By shrouding the sacred images for these two weeks before Easter, we are encouraged to imagine the bleakness of a world without Christ's Sacrifice on the Cross and focus on the great gift of Life the Passion bestowed on humanity.

Outsiders are intrigued by these little customs. Children remember them. The Faith is passed on. By this practice, we preserve the inheritance that has been handed on to us by the wisdom of our forefathers in the Faith.

No Coffee & Donuts Next Two Sundays

With Catechism classes on hiatus for two weeks after today, the “Coffee & Donuts” which usually follow the 8 a.m. Low Mass are cancelled on Palm Sunday and Easter, to resume April 7th.

Results of Easter Candy Fundraiser

Thank you to those 58 families who so kindly bought candy during our Betsy Ann Candy Easter Fundraiser. Our parish realized a profit of \$1933.98. Thanks again to parishioners Jim and Karen Paras, owners of Betsy Ann, and to Peggy Wrabley for her organization of this endeavor.

“Saint Sharbel: Love of the Eucharist, Love of Mary” Retreat

The recently-established Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Brookline (part of the Maronite Catholic diocese) is holding a day-long retreat this Saturday, March 23: “Saint Sharbel: Love of the Eucharist, Love of Mary.” The program runs from 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Cost of \$45 includes all meals, materials and a handmade Chaplet of Saint Sharbel. For more details and to register, visit tinyurl.com/StSharbelRetreat.

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.