

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish

*A Pennsylvania Charitable Trust and Roman Catholic Parish celebrating the Mass in the Extraordinary Form
Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest*

**Quinquagesima Sunday “Carnivale”
February 23, A.D. 2020**

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 8am Low Mass; 11am High Mass
Monday: 12 Noon
Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm
Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon
1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm
Saturday: 9am

Confession Schedule

Sundays: 7:30 to 9am; 10:30am to 12:30pm
Monday: 11:30 to 11:55am
Tuesday: 11:30 to 11:55am; 6:30 to 6:55pm
Wednesday through Friday: 11:30 to 11:55am
1st Friday of Month: 11:30 to 11:55am; 6:30 to 6:55pm
Saturday: 8:30 to 8:55am

*Please consult weekly bulletin for modifications to the schedule
(eg. Holy Days, Civil Holidays...).*
*For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or
Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

Clergy & Staff

Canon William Avis, *Pastor*
Canon John O’Connor, *Parochial Vicar*
Gail Buchman, *Administrative Assistant*
Gerry Redic, *Business Manager*
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Jeannine Goelz, *Office Coordinator*

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1-888-808-1235



Contact Information

Parish Office Hours: Mon—Thurs: 9am to 5pm
Fri: 9am to 2pm

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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 23, 2020

Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet

8AM *Pro Populo*

11AM Norma Paytash (Debra Mamula)

Monday, February 24, 2020

Votive Mass of the Prayer of Our Lord, 4th Class—Red

12noon Living & Deceased Members of the Drummond

Family (Lynette Shuster)

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

St. Matthias the Apostle, 2nd Class—Red

12noon Private Intention

7PM In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus (anon.)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

Ash Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet *Fast & Abstinence*

12noon + George & Regina Yuhás (Maria Rikk)

7PM Private Intention

Thursday, February 27, 2020

Thursday *Post Cineres*, 3rd Class—Violet

12noon + Arlen Staab (Kathy Burchill)

Friday, February 28, 2020 *Abstinence*

Friday *Post Cineres*, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Gabriel of Our Lady of Sorrows

12noon Private Intention

7PM Robert Paras Family (Paras Family)

Saturday, February 29, 2020

Saturday *Post Cineres*, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM + Anna Marie Talarico & Pearl Talarico (Louis &

Judith Talarico)

Sunday, March 1, 2020

First Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

8AM + Robert Aguglia (Joe Aguglia, Sr. Family)

11AM *Pro Populo*

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, February 16th: due to the bank holiday on Monday, this information will be published in next week's bulletin.

Faith Direct (January 16-31, 2020)

Offertory \$5,797.00

Church restoration..... \$224.00

Parish Share 2019 \$159.00

Mass Attendance

Sunday, February 16th 8AM-385; 11AM-338

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Bulletin Publication Deadline

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Upcoming Events

Tuesday, February 25th—40 Days for Life begins

Wednesday, February 26th—Ash Wednesday: Day of Fasting and Abstinence. Low Mass: 12pm, High Mass: 7pm

Saturday, March 7th: Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas: Plenary Indulgence for all who assist at Mass at MPBOJ. Confraternity of Christian Mothers meeting after Mass.

Sunday, March 8th: MPBOJ vigil shift for 40 Days for Life from 9am to 3pm

Lenten Regulations In the Diocese of Pittsburgh

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. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

Ash Wednesday

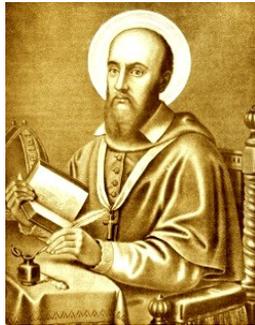
February 26th is Ash Wednesday. It is a day of fasting and abstinence. Ashes will be blessed and imposed at 12 noon (followed by Low Mass) and 7pm (followed by High Mass). Although Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation, it is good to start Lent by assisting at Holy Mass.

Stations of the Cross

A venerable devotion during Lent is the *Via Crucis* or Way of the Cross. It is a great means to meditate on the Passion and Death of Our Lord. Stations will be held at 6:30pm on the Fridays of Lent and followed by Holy Mass. On Good Friday, April 10th, Stations will be held at 12 noon. Also the faithful may gain a plenary indulgence under the usual condition by praying the *Via Crucis*. This may be done privately or during public devotions (in which case, only one person needs to go from station to station). No specific prayers are prescribed, just meditation on the sufferings of Christ.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

All of us will die on a day we do not know at present, but how happy we will be if we die with our dear Savior in our hearts! Indeed, we must always keep Him there, making our spiritual exercises in His company and offering Him our desires, resolutions and protests. It is a thousand times better to die with the Lord than to live without Him. If we live happily and courageously in His company, there is no reason to be terrified by death. I do not say we should have no fear, but that we should not be too disturbed by it. If the death of the Savior is propitious for us, our own death will be a happy one. For this reason we should often think of His holy death, and love His cross and His passion.



Access to the Church

In an ideal world, we would be able to leave the church open all day for those who would like to visit the Blessed Sacrament, however for security's sake, we are not able to do so. The canons also need to be able to schedule appointments, sick calls, and meetings on weekday afternoons. Therefore, our intent is to leave the church open after weekday Masses for 30 minutes so that those attending Mass have time for prayer and thanksgiving. The church is opened an hour before Mass to permit time for prayer and confession before Mass.

Parking...

We have been greatly blessed with many faithful who join us for Sunday Masses. With that blessing comes many cars. While we investigate various ways to improve/expand our parking lot, we must remember parking regulations and courtesy towards our neighbors. It is not permitted to park: in front of a public or private driveways or within three feet thereof; within fifteen feet of a fire hydrant; where there are yellow lines at intersections. On some streets (like Massachusetts Ave. or Rankin St.), the people who live there rely on street parking also. There is free space heading south on California past Hybla Street. Your attention in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Looking to Volunteer

Would you like to volunteer at the parish? We need some help for the for the following:

School Entry Monitors: this allows us to keep the school building open during Sunday Masses giving more bathroom accessibility.

Ushers: they take up the collection during Mass and assist the faithful before, during, and after Mass.

Coffee Makers: set up and prepare the coffee for the coffee and donuts after the 8am Sunday Mass.

If you are interested in helping out in these ways, please contact the parish office (contact information on front page of bulletin).

Holy Land Pilgrimage

The Annual Institute pilgrimage to the Holy Land with Canon Commins will take place from April 13-22, 2020. See the holy places Christ walked, learn more about your Faith. Daily Traditional Mass. For more information, go to: www.stolavtravel.com



From February 26 – April 5, 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, and to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you'd like more information – and especially if you'd like to volunteer to help, please contact: **Nikki Bruni**, 412-926-9413, nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com
www.40daysforlife.com/pittsburgh (or)
www.40daysforlifepittsburgh.com

- 16,742 babies saved
- 196 abortion workers converted
- 104 abortion centers closed!

Kick-off Mass at Epiphany Church on Tuesday, Feb. 25 at 5:30 pm, followed by a **Eucharistic Procession to Planned Parenthood led by FORTY PRIESTS!** Bishop William Waltersheid as main celebrant and Fr. Joe Freedy as homilist!

Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish has adopted a shift to pray on the sidewalk on Sunday, March 8th from 9 am to 3 pm.

Contact Rose Waruszewski to get signed up at rose_waruszewski@reagan.com or 412-526-8613

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