

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*

**3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, A.D. 2021**

Temporary Mass Schedule

Mass Schedule

Sundays: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

Monday: 12 Noon

Tuesday: 12 Noon & 7pm

Wednesday through Friday: 12 Noon

1st Friday of Month: 12 Noon & 7pm

Saturday: 9am

Live-streamed Mass on Sundays at 4pm

Confession Schedule

On Sundays, confessions are heard in the school, first floor

Sundays: 7-7:25am, 8:40-9:20am, 10:40-11:20am

Monday - Saturday, confessions are heard in the cry room in the church

Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am

Tuesdays: also 6:15-6:45pm

Saturday: 8-8:30am

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*

John Rokosz, *Music Director*

Jeannine Goelz, *Office Coordinator*

Pennsylvania Childline (report suspected child abuse)

1-800-932-0313

Protection of Children and Youth (diocesan office)

1-888-808-1235

Contact Information

Parish Office Hours: Monday– Friday: 9am-2pm

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Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest

Veritatem Facientes In Caritate—Furthering the Truth in Charity

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 24, 2021

3rd Sunday after Epiphany, 2nd Class—Green

7:30AM *Pro Populo*

9:30AM Capone & Losco Family

(Ralph A. & Andrea L. Capone)

11:30AM Dr. Robert P. Blume, M.D. (Liz Blume)

4PM* *Private Intention*

Monday, January 25, 2021

Conversion of St. Paul, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Peter

12PM Patrick Aul (Jack & Mary Lou Aul & Family)

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

St. Polycarp, 3rd Class—Red

12PM + Edward & Ester Rogers (McCartney Family)

7PM Harry & Catherine Paras (Paras Family)

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

St. John Chrysostom, 3rd Class—White

12PM Laura Van Beek (Heidi Van Beek)

Thursday, January 28, 2021

St. Peter Nolasco, 3rd Class—White

Commemoration of St. Agnes

12PM + Donald Doyle (Jerry & Peggy Wrabley)

Friday, January 29, 2021

St. Francis de Sales, 1st Class—White

12PM + Fr. John David Crowley (Sue Sherwin)

7PM Awana Family (Teri Gauger)

Saturday, January 30, 2021

St. Martina, 3rd Class—Red

9AM + William Allan Obricki (Charles & Deanna Shannon)

Sunday, January 31, 2021

Sunday in Septuagesima, 2nd Class—Violet

7:30AM Personal Intentions of Melinda Check

9:30AM *Pro Populo*

11:30AM Ed & Marge Zeher (Paras Family)

4PM* *Private Intention*

* Live stream only

N.B. Please check the parish website for updates concerning in-person and live-stream Masses.

Our Weekly Offerings

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Offertory \$7,321.00

Parish Share 2020 \$875.00

St. Anthony School \$858.00

Parish Improvements \$100.00

Faith Direct (December 16-31, 2020—2nd deposit)

Offertory \$10,510.00

Parish Improvement \$404.00

PSP \$1255.00

St. Anthony School \$80.00

Your generosity is most appreciated during this difficult time and may God bless you for your sacrifice.

Faith Direct

You can register for donations to be made directly from your bank account or charged to your credit card by visiting www.faithdirect.net or by calling **866-507-8757**. The parish code for Most Precious Blood of Jesus parish is **PA678**.

Notices

* The church uses Flocknote to keep parishioners aware of parish news. If you'd like to sign up, text MPBOJ to 84576 from your cell phone and follow the instructions.

* In the spirit of being with Our Lord during His Agony in the Garden, there will be a **Holy Hour of Adoration** in reparation for sins committed against the Most Blessed Sacrament on **Thursday, January 28th at 8pm**.

End-of-Year Donation Letters

In an effort to save personnel time and postage expense, the parish will not send 2020 end-of-year donation summaries. If you need a summary due to the changes regarding charitable contributions under the 2020 CARES Act, please contact the parish office (email: office@mpboj.com or phone: 412.761.1508) to obtain a copy of your annual contributions. Those who utilize Faith Direct will receive a summary directly from the company.

March for Life—Adoration

As many of you may know, this year the March for Life, which takes place every year on the last Friday of January, will be done virtually. As a response to the need of prayer and reparation for the sin of abortion, our parish will hold Adoration of the most Blessed Sacrament on Friday, January 29th starting after the noon Mass and concluding with Benediction before the 7pm Solemn Mass. There are sign-up sheets in the vestibules for the time slots during the adoration. We hope to have at least two adorers throughout the afternoon. Please, consider spending some time before Our Lord in prayer and reparation.

Bring out your palms

We're getting ready for Lent, which starts on February 17, 2021 this year. The parish is collecting old, blessed palms to burn for the ashes used on Ash Wednesday. If you are interested in disposing of your palms, please place them in the receptacle located at the side entrance to Church, before Monday, February 8.

Diocesan Reopening Guidelines

Please be sure to wear a face covering and maintain a six-foot distance between all non-family groups when entering the church, in the pews, and at the Communion rail.

It is imperative that we follow the restrictions to provide a safe, comfortable environment for all and to ensure continued access to public Mass.

The dispensation given by the Bishop of Pittsburgh concerning attendance at Mass (Precept of the Church) on Sundays and Holy Days of obligation is still in effect. The obligation to rest from unnecessary servile work and to sanctify the day by prayer (3rd Commandment) remains in effect.

Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

During the course of the day, recall as often as possible that you are in God's presence. Consider what God does and what you are doing. You will see His eyes turned toward you and constantly fixed on you with incomparable love. Then you will say to Him, "O God, why do I not look always at You, just as You always look at me? Why do You think so often of me, O Lord, and why do I think so seldom of You?" Where are we, O my soul? God is our true place, and where are we?

Catechism Corner

From The Catechism of St. Pius X—first issued in 1908 by Pope St. Pius X to fulfill this holy pope's desire to have a plain, simple and brief catechism for laypeople.

The Apostles' Creed: 4th Article

1 Q: What are we taught in the Fourth Article: Suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried?

A: The Fourth Article of the Creed teaches us that to redeem the world by His Precious Blood Jesus Christ suffered under Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Judea, died on the tree of the Cross, and, on being taken down therefrom, was buried.

2 Q: What does the word suffered denote? A: The word suffered denotes all the pains endured by Jesus during His Passion.

3 Q: Did Jesus Christ suffer as God or as man? A: Jesus Christ suffered as man alone; as God He could neither suffer nor die.

4 Q: What class of punishment was that of the Cross?

A: The punishment of the Cross in those days was the cruellest and the most ignominious of all punishments.

5 Q: Who was it that condemned Jesus Christ to be crucified? A: He who condemned Jesus Christ to be crucified was Pontius Pilate, the Governor of Judea who, through recognizing His innocence, cravenly yielded to the threats of the people of Jerusalem.

6 Q: Could not Jesus Christ have freed Himself from the hands of Pilate and the crowd?

A: Yes, Jesus Christ could have freed Himself from the hands of Pilate and the crowd, but knowing it was His Eternal Father's will that He should suffer and die for our salvation, He voluntarily submitted; nay, He Himself went forth to meet His enemies and freely permitted Himself to be taken and led to death.

7 Q: Where was Jesus Christ crucified?

A: Jesus Christ was crucified on Mount Calvary.

8 Q: What did Jesus Christ do while on the Cross?

A: On the Cross Jesus Christ prayed for His enemies; gave His own Most Blessed Mother as a Mother to St. John, and, in his person, to all of us; offered up His death in sacrifice; and satisfied the justice of God for the sins of men.

9 Q: Would it not have been enough for an Angel to come and make satisfaction for us?

A: No, it would not have been enough for an Angel to come and make satisfaction for us, because the offense given to God by sin was, in a certain sense, infinite, and to satisfy for it a person possessing infinite merit was required.

10 Q: To satisfy divine justice, was it necessary that Jesus Christ should be both God and man?

A: Yes; to be able to suffer and die it was necessary that Jesus Christ should be man; while for His sufferings to be of infinite value it was necessary that He should be God.

11 Q: Why was it necessary that the merits of Jesus Christ should be of infinite value? A: It was necessary that the merits of Jesus Christ should be of infinite value, because God's Majesty, which had been offended by sin, is infinite.

12 Q: Was it necessary for Jesus Christ to suffer as much as He actually did? A: No, it was not absolutely necessary for Jesus Christ to suffer as much as He did, because each of His acts being of infinite value, the least of His sufferings would have sufficed for our redemption.

13 Q: Why, then, did Jesus suffer so much?

A: Jesus Christ suffered so much in order to satisfy divine justice all the more abundantly; to display His love for us still more; and to inspire us with the deepest horror of sin.

14 Q: Did anything remarkable happen at the death of Jesus Christ?

A: Yes, at the death of Jesus Christ, the sun was darkened the

earth trembled, graves opened and many of the dead arose.

15 Q: Where was the Body of Jesus Christ buried? A: The Body of Jesus Christ was buried in a new grave, hewn out of a rock, on the mount not far from where He had been crucified.

16 Q: Was the Divinity separated from the Body and Soul of Jesus Christ by His death? A: The Divinity was separated from neither the Body nor the Soul of Christ in death; only the Soul was separated from the Body.

17 Q: For whom did Jesus Christ die? A: Jesus Christ died for the salvation of all men, and made satisfaction for all.

18 Q: If Jesus Christ died for the salvation of all men, why are not all men saved?

A: Jesus Christ died for all, but not all are saved, because not all will acknowledge Him; all do not observe His Law; all do not avail themselves of the means of salvation He has left us.

19 Q: To be saved is it enough that Jesus Christ has died for us? A: No, it is not enough for our salvation that Jesus Christ has died for us; it is also necessary that the fruit of His Passion and death be applied to each one of us, which is accomplished especially by means of the Sacraments instituted for this end by Jesus Christ Himself; and as many either do not receive the Sacraments at all, or do not receive them well, they thus render the death of Jesus Christ useless in their regard.

Would you like to read more from the Catechism of St. Pius X? Visit

<http://www.cin.org/users/james/ebooks/master/pius/pindex.htm>

Pray the Rosary Daily!



February 17 - March 28
40 DAYS FOR LIFE

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You can protect mothers and children by joining this worldwide mobilization! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 1,000,000 volunteers!

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- **Vigil hours:** 7 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contacts:**
Nikki Bruni at: nbruni@40daysforlifepgh.com
Fran Morrow at: franmac98fmc@gmail.com
Donna Goss at: gdgoss620@gmail.com

[Learn more and get involved by visiting our campaign:](#)

40daysforlife.com/Pittsburgh (to sign up)
40daysforlifepittsburgh.com (to read our blog)

Kick-off Event on Tuesday, Feb. 16th

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Parish, Epiphany Church – Mass with Bishop Waltersheid
7:00 pm Eucharistic Procession from the Church to Planned Parenthood.

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