

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
February 14, 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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, February 14, 2021

Sunday in Quinquagesima, 2nd Class—Violet

- 7:30AM + John Zigarovich (Zigarovich Family)
9:30AM *Pro Populo*
11:30AM Spiritual Welfare of Cheyenne Baker (DT)
4PM* *Private Intention*

Monday, February 15, 2021

Ss. Faustinus & Jovita, 4th Class—Red

- 12PM Kimberly Matassa (Joseph Ferraro III)

Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Votive Mass of the Holy Cross, 4th Class—Red

- 12PM Drew Van Beek (Heidi Van Beek)
7PM In Honor of the Holy Face of Jesus (Carolyn Peternel)

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

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

- 7AM + Martin Albert Michael Walz (Laurie Walz)
12PM + Catherine Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)
7PM Joseph Ferraro, Jr. (Joseph Ferraro III)

Thursday, February 18, 2021

Thursday Post Cineres, 3rd Class—Violet

- Commemoration of St. Simeon*
12PM + Dr. Robert P. Blume, M.D. (Liz Blume)

Friday, February 19, 2021

Friday Post Cineres, 3rd Class—Violet *Abstinence*

- 12PM Ralph V. & Laura G. Capone (Ralph A. & Andrea L. Capone)
7PM *Private Intention*

Saturday, February 20, 2021

Saturday Post Cineres, 4th Class—Violet

- 9AM + Karen Werner (Goelz Family)

Sunday, February 21, 2021

1st Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet

- 7:30AM Charles Lowel Wiley (Rita L. Peto)
9:30AM + Karen Lynne Werner
(Steve, Patsy, Ronan & Maryrita Swope)
11:30AM *Pro Populo*
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, February 7, 2021

Offertory	\$7,918.00
Parish Share 2020	\$5,954.00
ICRSS Province	\$105.00
Parish Improvements	\$120.00
Food Pantry.....	\$81.00

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.

Bulletin Publication Deadline

All announcements for publication in the parish bulletin must be received in printed form by Monday at Noon.

Pray the Rosary Daily!

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, February 18th at 8pm.

Ash Wednesday

February 17th is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of the great fast of Lent. It is a day of abstinence from meat for all Catholics 14 years of age and older. It is also a day of fasting for all Catholics 18 years old until their 60th birthday. Low Masses will be at 7am and 12noon; High Mass at 7pm.

Year of Saint Joseph Devotions

Each 19th of the month there will be devotions in honor of Saint Joseph, Guardian Father of Our Lord and Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This month these devotions will take place after the 12pm Mass on Friday, February 19th.

Parish Share Program 2021

The Parish Share Program for 2021 begins on Sunday, February 21st, the First Sunday of Lent. This annual appeal benefits diocesan programs that no single parish would be able to support. Additionally, amounts received in excess of the diocesan assessment stay within the parish, for parish use. This year, the process is a little different. There are no pledge cards to return, but rather you are being asked to utilize the 'Parish Share' envelopes you receive with your regular Offertory envelopes. If you use Faith Direct, please take a moment to designate your contribution by selecting the Parish Share option. Finally, you can always make a donation at any time by check—simply put 'PSP 2021' on the memo line and return to the Administrative Office. Thank you for your past generous support of the 2020 Parish Share appeal—at this point in time, the parish raised in excess of \$100,000 to utilize for our many parish projects. And thank you in advance for your anticipated support of the Parish Share 2021 appeal.

Institute's Provincial Appeal "Many Apostolate, One Mission"

Each year the U.S. Province of the Institute of Christ the King Sovereign Priest holds a second collection to help the work of the Institute throughout the province. This special collection will be taken up on Sunday, February 28th. Many of you have received already envelopes for this collection through the mail. We also have more envelopes in the church entries. **Help the Institute continue to restore Catholic life and culture in the USA!**



Lenten Regulations

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. Notable during this Lenten season is that the Solemnity of Saint Joseph falls on a Friday. Because of this, **there is not an obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 19, 2021**, the Solemnity of Saint Joseph, according to the norm of canon 1251.
6. 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.
7. 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.

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 2nd, 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.

Diocesan Reopening Guidelines

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, as are the diocesan reopening guidelines/restrictions. The obligation to rest from unnecessary servile work and to sanctify the day by prayer remains in effect. Please ensure the continuation of public Masses for our parishioners by observing the following diocesan guidelines—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. If you or a family member have tested positive for Covid-19, please self-isolate at home. Following these simple directives will limit exposure for your fellow parishioners and maintain a safe environment at the parish.

Seminary Society

This Lenten season we would like to introduce the Institute of Christ the King Seminary Society to our MPBOJ parish by holding a "Sock Drive." Seminarians are only permitted to wear "above the calf black socks." To support our seminarians each family is encouraged to buy a pair of "above the calf black socks" and leave them in the receptacle at the side entrance by March 21, 2021.

In the months to come the Seminary Society-Pittsburgh will be creating prayer cards for seminarians, beginning a sponsorship program where families will be matched with a seminarian to pray for him and write him letters to him over the course of seminary study. The Seminary Society also conducts fundraisers to benefit the seminary.

You may join the Seminary Society to be contacted for planning and organizing activities by choosing this group in the MPBOJ Flocknote. Text "MPBOJ" to 84576.

Baby Bottle Campaign

to benefit Women's Choice Network. Please pick up a baby bottle and fill it by March 21 with your loose change, your offering instead of eating out, or other monetary penance you may choose. Thank you for your consideration!

Women's Choice Network

The Women's Choice Network helps local families to choose life. Offering pregnancy testing, Sonogram, and pregnancy resources, our four Medical Clinics have helped thousands of families in some of Pittsburgh's neediest neighborhoods. Last year over 350 families who once considered abortion chose life because of our Network. These young men and women began a journey toward adoption or successful parenting that began with an ultrasound.



February 17 - March 28

HELP SAVE LIVES IN PITTSBURGH!

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!

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** Outside Planned Parenthood, 933 Liberty Ave.
- **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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