

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*

**Fourth Sunday of Lent
March 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

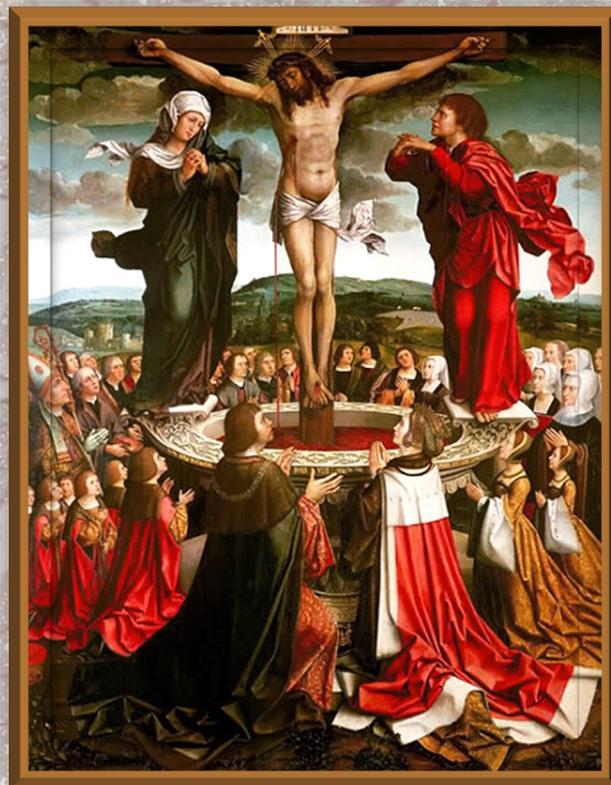
Monday-Friday: 11:15-11:45am

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

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Mass Intentions

Sunday, March 14, 2021

4th Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet/Rose “Lætare”

7:30AM + William Allan Obricki (Charles & Deanna Shannon)
9:30AM *Pro Populo*
11:30AM Emily Paras (Family)
4PM* *Private Intention*

Monday, March 15, 2021

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM + Frank Otuyce (Bill & Gerry Redic)

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

12PM + William Amrhein (DT)
7PM Nicholas Van Beek (Heidi Van Beek)

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Patrick

12PM + Karen Lynne Werner (Steve, Patsy, Ronan & Maryrita Swope)

Thursday, March 18, 2021

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

Commemoration of St. Cyril of Jerusalem

12PM Patrick Lewis (Sobocinski Family)

Friday, March 19, 2021

St. Joseph, 1st Class—White

Commemoration of the Lenten Feria

12PM + Joseph F. Jurkovich (Kay F. Byrne)
7PM Francesca Rooney (Andrew Raffensperger)

Saturday, March 20, 2021

Lenten Feria, 3rd Class—Violet

9AM + Joseph Ferraro (Joseph Ferraro III)

Sunday, March 21, 2021

Passion Sunday, 1st Class—Violet

7:30AM + Donna Simelis (Bill & Gerry Redic)
9:30AM *Pro Populo*
11:30AM + Charles Conroy, Jr. (David & Rebecca Killian)
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, Feb. 28, 2021

Offertory	\$7,558.00
One-time gifts	\$10,100.00
Parish Share 2021	\$525.00
ICRSS Province	\$8,204.00
Parish Improvements	\$130.00
Food Pantry	\$10.00
Easter Flowers	\$15.00

Sunday, March 7, 2021

Offertory	\$5,863.00
Parish Share 2021	\$1,936.00
ICRSS Province	\$1,100.00
Parish Improvements	\$10.00
St. Anthony	\$25.00
Easter Flowers	\$274.00

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

Pray the Rosary Daily!

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, March 18th at 8pm.

* **Stations of the Cross** on Friday, March 19th at 6:30pm followed by Mass.

The Parish Share Program 2021

As you know, the Parish Share Program for 2021 began on Sunday, February 21st. As indicated in the previous bulletin, the process for Parish Share is changing this year. 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. Our assessment for the 2021 appeal is \$99,291.00, which the parish must submit to the diocese no matter the amount collected as Parish Share. If Parish Share contributions are less than the assessed amount, the remainder is made up from the parish Offertory/donation income. Remember, too, that anything collected in excess of the assessment remains with the parish, for parish projects. Thank you for your donations to the 2020 Parish Share appeal and please consider supporting the 2021 appeal.

Easter Candy Fundraiser

We are very thankful for those who participated in our semi-annual Betsy Ann Chocolates Fundraiser. Your orders can be picked up at the school today, Sunday, March 14 after all the Masses. We are very grateful to Jim and Karen Paras owners of Betsy Ann Chocolates and parishioners, for their generous support of our parish, once again. Thank you!

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. 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.

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: 9th Article

The Church in General

1 Q: What does the Ninth article: The Holy Catholic Church, the Communion of Saints, teach us?

A: The Ninth Article of the Creed teaches us that Jesus Christ founded a visible society on earth called the Catholic Church, and that all those who belong to this Church are in communion with one another.

2 Q: Why immediately after the article that treats of the Holy Ghost is mention made of the Catholic Church?

A: Immediately after the article that treats of the Holy Ghost mention is made of the Catholic Church to indicate that the Church's holiness comes from the Holy Ghost, who is the Author of all holiness.

3 Q: What does the word Church mean?

A: The word Church means a calling forth or assembly of many.

4 Q: Who has convoked or called us into the Church of Jesus Christ?

A: We have been called into the Church of Jesus Christ by a special grace of God, to the end, that by the light of faith and the observance of the divine law, we may render Him the worship due to Him, and attain eternal life.

5 Q: Where are the members of the Church to be found?

A: The members of the Church are found partly in heaven, forming the Church Triumphant; partly in purgatory, forming the Church Suffering; partly on earth, forming the Church Militant.

6 Q: Do these various parts of the Church constitute one sole Church?

A: Yes, these various parts of the Church constitute one sole Church and one sole body for they have the same Head, Jesus Christ, the same Spirit animating and uniting them, and the same end, eternal happiness, which some already enjoy and the rest hope for.

7 Q: To which part of the Church does this Ninth Article principally refer?

A: This Ninth Article of the Creed principally refers to the Church Militant, which is the Church we actually belong to.

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.



Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

Our intellect is ordinarily full of ideas, opinions and considerations suggested by self-love. This is the root of many conflicts within the soul, putting before us all sorts of reasons dictated by human prudence to justify our pretensions. People who make use of this false prudence, instead of enlightening their intellect, obscure it. They reject advice given to them and let those reasons prevail in their minds which support their own opinions, even wrong ones. Make use of the virtue of prudence because it is good, but make good use of it. Employ it only rarely, with simplicity, and solely for the glory of God.



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.

Lenten Fasting Prayer

From the Collect of Monday of 2nd Week of Lent

Grant, we beseech Thee, almighty God, that Thy servants who discipline the body by fasting from food, may strive after righteousness by abstaining from sin. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Penitential Tract

From the Ferial Masses of Lent (Monday, Wednesday & Friday)

Ps 102:10 O Lord, deal with us not according to our sins, nor requite us according to our crimes. Ps 78:8-9 O Lord, remember not against us the iniquities of the past; may Thy compassion quickly come to us, for we are brought very low. V. Help us, O God, our Savior, because of the glory of Thy Name, O Lord; deliver us and pardon our sins for Thy Name's sake.

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