

# 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 27, A.D. 2022**

## **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.  
For Baptisms, Marriages, Visitation of the sick, Funerals, or Registration as a parishioner, please contact the Parish Office.*

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## Mass Intentions

**Sunday, February 27, 2022**

**Quinquagesima Sunday, 2nd Class—Violet**

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Robin Bolea (Jan Bolea)

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

**Votive Mass of the Holy Trinity, 4th Class—White**

12PM + Carmela Zanoni (Robert Kish Family)

**Tuesday, March 1, 2022**

**Votive Mass of the Passion, 4th Class—Red**

12PM + Antonio Fragelli (Mylott Family)

7PM In honor of the Holy Face of Jesus

**Wednesday, March 2, 2022 *Fast & Abstinence***

**Ash Wednesday, 1st Class—Violet**

12PM Megan Elizabeth Thimons-40th Birthday  
(Dan Thimons)

7PM + Herman & Verna Marini (Herman Marini III)

**Thursday, March 3, 2022**

**Feria, 3rd Class—Violet**

12PM + Joseph Capan (Dave & Mandy Capan)

**Friday, March 4, 2022 *Abstinence First Friday***

**Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of the Feria*

12PM + Ralph, Josephine & Sally Curtis (Son)

7PM + Virginia Roth (Brendan & Maureen O'Connor)

**Saturday, March 5, 2022 *First Saturday***

**Votive Mass of Immaculate Heart, 3rd Class—White**

*Commemoration of the Feria*

9AM + Bertha Kotwica (Kotwica Family)

**Sunday, March 6, 2022**

**First Sunday of Lent, 1st Class—Violet**

8AM *Pro populo*

11AM Emily Paras (Family)

## Our Weekly Offerings

*Sunday, February 20, 2022*

Offertory ..... \$11,317.00

Parish Share ..... \$1,690.00

Parish Improvements ..... \$140.00

Food Pantry..... \$10.00

The parish is very appreciative for your continued generosity.

### **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, please visit [www.faithdirect.net](http://www.faithdirect.net) or call 866-507-8757. Our parish code is PA678.

### **HELP WANTED!**

#### **Summertime Coffee & Donuts**

With the Catechism year ending in May, the parish needs someone to take over the responsibility of running the weekly coffee/donut social hour between the Sunday Low and High Masses. This opportunity to meet and visit with fellow parishioners is an important part of parish life. If you are interested and can commit, please contact Tom Smith at (412) 606-9866 or [tomsmith-pittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:tomsmith-pittsburgh@gmail.com).

#### **Holy Hour of Adoration**

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 at 8 pm on Thursday, March 3rd.

## **Parish Notices**

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS**—Requests for proposed **bulletin announcements** must be submitted in writing to the Parish office ten days in advance of publication. **Please note the change in lead 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.

**WEEKLY GET TOGETHER**—Join your fellow parishioners for **coffee and doughnuts** (75¢ each) in the school building on Sundays from 9:00 - 10:30am, while Catechism Classes are in session. If you'd like to volunteer to help with setup, service, or cleanup, please contact Tom Smith: [tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com](mailto:tomsmithpittsburgh@gmail.com) or call (412) 606-9866.

### **Confraternity of Christian Mother's**

The Christian Mothers will meet on Saturday, March 5th for First Saturday Mass at 9:00AM, followed by our monthly brunch and meeting in the school. Please remember to bring donated China teacups, saucers, small plates and teapots. There is a bin located in the gym for these items."

### **AQUINAS ACADEMY SPEAKERS SERIES**

**"Christian Community vs. Christian Kingdom: what ought we to build?"**

Aquinas Academy invites MPBOJ parishioners to their speaker series on March 15, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. for a presentation by Jacob Imam, the executive director of New Polity, a think-tank for Catholic social doctrine. The event will take place at Mross McGonigle Hall, Aquinas Academy of Pittsburgh Campus. A light reception will follow the talk. Please register at [www.AquinasAcademy.info](http://www.AquinasAcademy.info).

### **Parish Share 2022**

The 2022 Parish Share appeal begins today, Sunday, February 27, 2022. This appeal supports those diocesan programs that a parish relies upon and alone would be unable to sustain. The diocese has partnered with Our Sunday Visitor to manage the appeal. You may utilize the pledge cards found at the entrances to the church and deposit into the collection basket at Mass. OSV will then track your donations towards the pledge amount and send you reminders throughout the year. Alternatively, you can omit making a pledge and simply use the monthly collection envelope, designated as Parish Share, to make donations towards the parish goal in the same manner as last year. Our goal for 2022 is \$130,836, so the parish truly appreciates your generosity to the program, however you choose to contribute.

### **Benedictus Books**

After receiving numerous, overwhelmingly positive comments about the Benedictus booklets, the parish will continue to order 200 booklets per month, for use by our parish family. Because of the associated expense, we are asking those who can contribute to donate to defer the cost. Please use the designated collection box in the side entrance for your donations. As always, the parish appreciates your generosity.

## 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 Commandments of God and of the Church*

### Fifth Commandment

**1 Q: What does the Fifth Commandment: Thou shalt not kill, forbid?** A: The Fifth Commandment, Thou shalt not kill, forbids us to kill, strike, wound or do any other bodily harm to our neighbor, either of ourselves or by the agency of others; as also to wish him evil, or to offend him by injurious language. In this Commandment God also forbids the taking of one's own life, or suicide.

**2 Q: Why is it a grave sin to kill one's neighbor?** A: Because the slayer unjustly invades the right which God alone has over the life of man; because he destroys the security of civil society; and because he deprives his neighbor of life, which is the greatest natural good on earth.

**3 Q: Are there cases in which it is lawful to kill?** A: It is lawful to kill when fighting in a just war; when carrying out by order of the Supreme Authority a sentence of death in punishment of a crime; and, finally, in cases of necessary and lawful defense of one's own life against an unjust aggressor.

**4 Q: Does God also forbid us in the Fifth Commandment to do harm to the spiritual life of another?** A: Yes, in the Fifth Commandment God also forbids us to do harm to another's spiritual life by scandal.

**5 Q: What is scandal?** A: Scandal is any word, act, or omission which is the occasion of another's committing sin.

**6 Q: Is scandal a grave sin?** A: Scandal is a grave sin because, by causing the loss of souls, it tends to destroy the greatest work of God, namely, the redemption; it effects the death of another's soul by depriving it of the life of grace, which is more precious than the life of the body; and is the source of a multitude of sins. Hence God threatens the severest chastisement to those who give scandal.

**7 Q: Why does God, in the Fifth Commandment, forbid the taking of one's own life or suicide?** A: In the Fifth Commandment God forbids suicide, because man is not the master of his own life no more than of the life of another.

**8 Q: Is dueling also forbidden by the Fifth Commandment?** A: Yes, dueling is also forbidden by the Fifth Commandment, because dueling has in it the guilt both of suicide and of homicide.

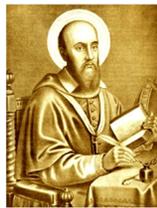
**9 Q: Is dueling also forbidden when there is no danger of being killed?** A: This sort of dueling is also forbidden, because not only are we forbidden to kill, but even voluntarily to wound ourselves or others.

**10 Q: Is the defense of one's honor an excuse for dueling?** A: No, because it is not true that the offense is repaired by dueling; and because honor cannot be repaired by an unjust, irrational and barbarous act such as dueling.

**11 Q: What does the Fifth Commandment command?** A: The Fifth Commandment commands us to forgive our enemies and to wish well to all.

**12 Q: What should he do who has injured another in**

**the life of either body or soul?** A: He who has injured another must not only confess his sin, but must also repair the harm by compensating his neighbor for the loss he has sustained, by retracting the errors taught, and by giving good example.



### Wisdom of St. Francis de Sales

It is a difficult thing to have an exact idea of one's goal, but it is likewise true that all of us must perfectly pinpoint the virtue we are aiming to acquire. However, if we cannot do this, we must not lose courage or get upset; we must get as close to the goal as possible, because even the saints did not succeed in doing any more than that. Only Our Lord and the virgin most holy fully succeeded.

### Ash Wednesday

March 2nd, 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. Ashes will be blessed and imposed before the Masses that day: Low Mass 12 noon and High Mass at 7pm. Although not a Holy Day of obligation, attending Mass is an excellent way to begin this Lenten season.

### 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 15th, 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. The meditations of St. Alphonsus Liguori will be used for this Friday's Stations.

### 40 Days for Life Campaign

The 40 Days for Life campaign takes place March 2—April 10, 2022. For this 24th consecutive campaign, parishes will pray on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood *every day*, for *forty days*! Most Precious Blood of Jesus Parish is scheduled for Sunday, March 20, 2022, from 7 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm. Sign-up sheets will be at the back and side entrances of the church, beginning February 27th. Please consider committing to just one hour to stand, pray, and unite the Body of Christ in this fight to end abortion in Pittsburgh.

### SUNDAY MARCH 6

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