

Church of the Precious Blood

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21ST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME AUG 24, 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, Aug 24

- Bilingual English/Filipino Mass, 3p, at St. Dorothea's

Weekend, Aug 31

- Missionary Appeal at all Masses

Saturday, Sep 6

- Walk for the Poor (morning)
- Simbang Gabi fund-raising dance, 5-9 at St. Dorothea's

Sunday, Sep 7

- Health Fair 9:15 – 11:30 AM, St. Dorothea school gym
- Helping Hearts casserole donations

Sunday, Sep 14

- Bi-monthly food drive

Sunday, Sep 21

- 11 AM Mass moved to the beach followed by the parish pot-luck picnic (weather permitting)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Aug 23

5:30p Linda McDonough

Sunday

8:00a Emerald Rempel

9:30a Alexander Lasalle

11:00a Edith Crelin

Monday

8:30a World Peace

Tuesday

8:30a deceased member of our Parish Family

Wednesday

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Thursday

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Friday

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WALK FOR THE POOR FUNDRAISER

Sign-ups sheets at the church doors

Walk takes place on Saturday, Sep 6

St. Vincent dePaul will be registering people to ***Walk for the Poor***. Our 14th annual walk will take place on Sep 6 (Sep 7 rain date), in conjunction with Eatontown Day. We will walk at Wolcott Park – as little or as much as you like. Obtaining pledges sponsors will help us raise funds to assist our less fortunate neighbors. Join us for a day of fun and community service! Info:

Jessica@CrowdCG.com

LINE DANCING FUND-RAISER

Saturday, Sep 6, 5 – 9 PM

St. Dorothea School Gym

“Step into Christmas” is the theme for this fund-raiser to support this year’s Simbang Gabi Christmas Novena in December. Food and music included. Advanced tickets are \$20, at the door -- \$25. Call Eugene at 732-822-5963.

SCAN COMING TO PRECIOUS BLOOD

PARISH CENTER

Starting in September 2025

SCAN, a 501©3 non-profit, serving Ocean and Monmouth Counties, will host its free and low-cost classes, workshops, and events at the Parish Center, Monday through Friday from 9a to 3p. Anyone age 55 or older can join SCAN, with an annual membership of just \$25. As a special welcome, all Monmouth Beach residents aged 55 and over and all members of Precious Blood or St. Dorothea Parish will receive a free first-year membership.

Each semester, SCAN offers more than 40 diverse programs including:

- Arts & Culture: Drawing, painting, acting, dance, literature
- Languages: French, Italian, and Spanish—from beginner to conversational
- Technology & Media: Computer classes, TV production, and Jack’s Jazz Radio Hour
- Health & Wellness: Yoga, fitness classes like Strong Bones, Strong Body, Strength and Stretch, and tap dancing
- Games & Social Connection: Mah Jong, backgammon, cornhole toss, and more

Additionally, SCAN presents 13 Lunch & Learn events per year featuring expert speakers, complimentary lunch, and networking. The organization also hosts two Brain Health Fairs annually and the beloved Senior Expo & Fashion Show, where local seniors strut the runway in outfits provided by Macy’s. See...

scannj.org

"BACK TO SCHOOL" BLESSING

Students of all grade levels, their teachers and all educators are invited to receive a special blessing for their success in the new school year at all masses the weekend of Sep 6 & 7.

CONFESSIONS

Precious Blood

Tuesdays & Fridays after the 8:30a Mass

St. Dorothea

Tuesday, after the 7:00 PM Mass

Fridays, after the 12:15 PM Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION IN EXPOSITION

Tuesdays from 12:00 PM to 6:45 PM

Benediction at 6:45 PM

Mass following at 7 PM

Confession following Mass

All at St. Dorothea Church

DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS AT ST. DOROTHEA

- Miraculous Medal Novena 1st Mondays.
- Praying of the Rosary on Wednesdays.
- Our Mother of Perpetual Help every 1st Wednesday before the rosary.
- Sacred Heart of Jesus novena 1st Fridays

SUMMER 50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets sold: \$6,000 worth, take home prize of \$3,000. Though, over \$5,000 worth of ticket booklets have been signed out to be sold to family and friends, so, the take-home could be closer to \$5,500 – so far!

Tickets for our Parish Summer Raffle 50/50 are on sale now. The drawing will be on September 21, 2025 after our 11:00 AM Beach Mass at the Monmouth Beach public pavilion. Tickets will be sold at the parish office, which is open weekdays 9a to 1p. We will also sell at the Summer beach Masses and at all the Masses the first two weekends in September. Last year, the Jackpot was about \$9,000 and the winner received their half of that. We encourage you to take a book of 10 and sell

them to your friends and neighbors. Tickets are \$25 each / book of 10 tickets is \$250. **Those who've sold a book, please bring the stubs to the parish office. Thank-you!**

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offering Aug 10	\$ 5,683
In-pew	\$ 2,755
Mailed/dropped off	\$ 675
Online giving	\$ 2,253
Offering Aug 17	\$ 6,417
In-pew	\$ 2,536
Mailed/dropped off	\$ 1,413
Online giving	\$ 2,468

Averages...

all of 2024:	\$ 4,981	Jan'25	\$ 4,862
Feb'25	\$ 5,129	Mar'25	\$ 5,060
Apr'25	\$ 5,219	May'25	\$ 5,250
Jun'25	\$ 4,965	Jul'25	\$ 4,842
Aug'25	\$ 5,877		

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- **Aug 24** – Capital Improvements
- **Aug 31** – Missionary Appeal
- **Sep 7** – Catholic Communications

Regular and Special Donations can be set up to happen electronically. Please click on "Online Giving" at the top menu of our parish's home page on the Internet.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT COLLECTIONS

Our second collections for "Capital Improvements" is to help pay for new major purchases or to cover the cost of major repairs/replacement. If it wasn't for the extraordinary expenses, our yearly budget would be nearly balanced. Recent expenditures have been:

- Replacing the parking lot filtration system that protects the surrounding wetlands: \$14,000
- Major appliance replacements/repairs (Parish Center and Parish House freezer, washer, and others): ~\$3,000.
- Changing the high pressure argon light bulbs in the gym – they were not protected

from projectiles (we have several sports groups renting our gym), and they've been known to explode on their own at the end of their life. Plus, they buzz loudly. Plus other upgrades to lighting around the parish center and church sanctuary. ~\$20,000

Upcoming expenses:

- Upgrading all our fluorescent lighting in the Parish Center hallways and classrooms to LED.
- Minor repairs to the church roof (especially to keep squirrels out!)
- New stove for the parish center (one of the ovens is irreparable, and we definitely need to switch from gas pilot lights to electronic ignition). ~\$1,500.
- Repairing cracks in the parking lot

YOUNG ADULTS: THEOLOGY ON TAP

Tuesday, Aug 26, 7 PM

Columbian Club, Jackson NJ

Theology on Tap are events created for young adults (21-39) and take place in restaurants or breweries around the Diocese. Join us for... a relaxed atmosphere with drinks, food and Friends; hear a casual talk on a topic related to our Faith; followed by Q&A. Connect with other YA's from around our Diocese! The theme of this event is "*The World is Not What We Think it Is*" by Fr. Mike Kennedy. Registration opens up soon at...

dioceseoftrenton.org/theology-on-tap

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

Those celebrating milestone anniversary dates for their Church marriages, such as a 25th, 40th, 50th, or 60th anniversary can receive a blessing from a priest or deacon. This can be done during a Mass (Sunday or Weekday) or, outside of Mass. It can be done on the anniversary date, or a nearby date. Please call the parish office to arrange.

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED MINISTRY

Info Night: Monday Aug 25, 7p

Thursdays start Sep 4, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

St. Mary, Mother of God, Middletown

St. Mary's parish in Middletown is pleased offer a ministry to divorced and/or separated Catholics on Thursday for 12 weeks. Please email: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday, Sep 7, 2:00 PM

St. Catharine, Holmdel

A Sensory Friendly Mass is designed for all families with children or adults diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder or sensory sensitivities, or other disabilities. This is a regular Sunday Mass, with a flexible environment. After the Mass, we will join for a craft and refreshments. We invite all who are interested as a participating family or volunteer to attend our Mass. For more info and to RSVP, contact: NormanHIS@gmail.com

COME JOIN PRECIOUS BLOOD'S

PARISH MISSION

Weekend Masses of Oct 5

Nightly Sessions, Mon-Wed, Oct 6-8, 7p

Topic: *Mission of Mercy & Hope*

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

No Meetings in Jun, Jul, or Aug.

Resumes September in parish center

All God's Children is part support group, part spiritual faith-sharing group, and part organizational. As a support group, they help anyone in the LGBT+ community, their family and friends, and anyone interested in LGBT+ concerns (called 'allies') to feel welcome and loved by God's family and the Church.

ST. DOROTHEA HEALTH FAIR 2025

September 7 at 9:15-11:30 AM

St. Dorothea School Gym

Theme: Spiritual Health

Blood Pressure Screening * Flu Vaccine

Educational Materials * Giveaways * Raffle

Zumba Gold * Tai Chi * Line Dancing

BACKPACK DRIVE RECAP

We collected a total of 79 backpacks and a rather robust amount of school supplies this year. The donations went to families in Asbury and Eatontown. The recipients were thrilled to receive the supplies. Thanks to all those who donated so much to families in need.

SIGHT & SOUND'S NOAH

IN MOVIE THEATERS

Thu – Wed, Sep 18-24, 7 PM

Noted for the live animals in their stage productions, Sight & Sound's staging of Noah has been filmed and will show in theaters, including the local AMC in Eatontown.

AID FOR THOSE HARMED

BY FIRE, DISASTERS, AND WAR

To provide aid for those affected by the flooding and damage caused by hurricanes Helene and Milton, or the fires in Los Angeles, please give to Catholic Charities USA.

<https://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/>

To aid those affected by natural disasters, such as the super typhoon Man-Yi in the Philippines, or by war, outside of the U.S., please give to Catholic Relief Services.

<https://www.crs.org/>