

# Church of the Precious Blood

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**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**APR 19, 2026**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Sunday, Apr 26**

- Filipino/English Mass, 3p, St. Dorothea
- tins out for Helping Hearts

### **Weekend, May 3**

- Helping Hearts casserole collection

### **Sunday, May 10**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday morning social after the 8 & 9:30a
- Bi-Monthly Pantry Drive

### **Friday, May 15**

- Blood Drive

### **PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM EMAIL FOLDER**

Google email has been flagging our email as "spam" for some people. So, please check your email spam folder and if our email is in there, please flag it as "safe" or "not spam." Thanks!

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, Apr 18**

5:30p deceased members of our parish family

### **Sunday**

8:00a John Aitken

9:30a Heidi Schmelz

11:00a Richard Gaul

### **Monday**

8:30a Joyce Vetrano

### **Tuesday**

8:30a World Peace

### **Wednesday**

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

### **Thursday**

8:30a Gary Gangwisch & Mark Agresti

### **Friday**

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

## **BISHOP O'CONNELL ON THE POPE, WAR, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Our bishop has made a pastoral statement on the current situation of the Iran War, and the involvement of the Pope and political opposition to the Pope and Church teaching. Go to: [tinyurl.com/BishopApr2026](https://tinyurl.com/BishopApr2026)

## **ABUNDANT HARVEST**

### **Community Vegetable Garden at Precious Blood**

We've started to create a new vegetable garden whose produce will be distributed to those in need through The Food Pantry at St. Dorothea Church. The garden will be along the Southern outside wall of the Parish Center.

**We welcome donations to help pay for the initial installation of the garden** which includes excavation, fencing that goes all around and over the garden (to keep the critters out), timber, potting soil, etc... The initial cost is in the thousands of dollars.

The garden at St. Dorothea's ("*Garden of Plenty*") has for two years provided plenty of fresh vegetables for those coming to our pantry. This "*Abundant Harvest*" garden is even larger and will be a significant help to families who are hungry and living with food insecurity.

### **TEACHERS WANTED FOR NEXT YEAR'S REL. ED. PROGRAM**

Religious Education has begun planning for next year (2026-2027). The program is looking for Teachers and Aides. Anyone who is interested, or simply has questions, can contact Deacon John at [jnotaro32@gmail.com](mailto:jnotaro32@gmail.com). The main quality in helping is a desire to share your faith with the children of the parish. Please pray and think about assisting! The program needs additional help.

### **VOLUNTEER "TABLE COUPLE" AT PRE-CANA WANTED Next Saturday, April 25 all or part time 8:30 AM - 5:30 PM Precious Blood Parish Center**

Our Pre-Cana next weekend is looking for a married couple who is willing to share their time and conversation with our 26 engaged diocesan couples (including a few couples from our own parishes).

You do not need to be a presenter; we have those roles covered. We just need a couple for relaxed conversations a few times during the day at their group tables so as to assist them in participation and their journey towards their

lifelong commitment to a loving Catholic marriage.

If you can share the whole day with us, that's great. If not, we will accept any portion of the day that you are available. Please contact Dee and Steve Bulvanoski: **732-233-4085** for more information or to sign on. We could also use the help for the next Pre-Cana on Sep 19.

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY INFORMATION SESSION Saturday, May 16, 8:30a - 3:00p St. Dorothea Gym**

Did you ever wonder what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Did you ever feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to put your faith into action by helping your neighbors in need?

Please join us for an information session to find out! Our society is supported by St. Dorothea and Precious Blood parishes. If you are interested, you must register by May 8. For more information, please call our intake line @ **732-939-6225** and leave a message with your name and phone number. We will also need your email address so we can forward registration information to you.

Every person volunteering for the society of St. Vincent de Paul should complete this one day national training called the Ozanam Orientation! Everyone, whether new to the society or a member for many years, will learn new things!

### **SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS Sundays, 2:00 PM Apr 26 @ St. Rose Belmar May 31 @ Holy Innocents, Neptune Jun 14 @ St. Benedict, 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 fellowship 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: [NorMonHIS@gmail.com](mailto:NorMonHIS@gmail.com)

### WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offering **Jan Average** \$ 4,914  
 Offering **Feb Average** \$ 6,199  
 Offering **Mar Average** \$ 5,393  
 Good Friday, **Holy Land** \$ 1,022  
 Offering **Apr 5, Easter** \$14,332  
 Offering **Apr 12** \$ 5,014  
 Offering **Apr 12 Capital** \$ 1,650  
 Average Weekend **2024** \$ 4,999  
 Average Weekend **2025** \$ 5,257  
 Average Weekend **2026** \$ 5,502

### SCHEDULE OF 2<sup>ND</sup>/EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- **May 31 – Capital Improvements**
- **Mother’s Day Novena – please put in the regular collection**
- **Father’s Day Novena – please put in the regular collection**
- **Jun 28 – Holy Father & World Missions**

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.

### DEVOTIONS AFTER MASS AT ST. DOROTHEA

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

### 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

## 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

### AID FOR THOSE HARMED BY FIRE, DISASTERS, AND WAR

To provide aid for those affected by the flooding and damage caused by hurricanes, fires, or other disasters, please give to Catholic Charities USA: [catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://catholiccharitiesusa.org)

To aid those affected by natural disasters or war outside of the U.S., please give to Catholic Relief Services: [crs.org](http://crs.org)

### SUNDAY MASSES OF OUR ‘LINKED’ PARISHES

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| <b>PRECIOUS BLOOD</b>                    | <b>ST. DOROTHEA</b>               |
| <b>Saturday Vigil: 5:30p</b>             | <b>Saturday Vigil: 4:00p</b>      |
| <b>Sundays: 8:00a,<br/>9:30a, 11:00a</b> | <b>Sundays: 8:30a,<br/>10:00a</b> |

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| <b>PRECIOUS BLOOD</b>             | <b>ST. DOROTHEA</b>                       |
| <b>Monday - Friday:<br/>8:30a</b> | <b>Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri.<br/>12:15p</b> |
|                                   | <b>Tuesdays: 7:00p</b>                    |

### OCIA JOURNEY GROUP

Are you, or someone you know, contemplating becoming a baptized Catholic, or receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation? If so, we would like to invite you, or someone you know. to call the parish office, or Steve Bulvanoski’s cell at 908-675-0015, to let us know that you would like more information about our Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) Journey Group.

One of our team members will be happy to share how the OCIA group can join you in

examining the gifts that Jesus gives to us, the wisdom of His Word (the Bible), and what it is like to be a member of the community at Precious Blood parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

### **ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**7p, in Francis Room at Precious Blood  
Mondays: May 11**

*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. The Francis Room is the converted garage behind the Parish House. Enter through screened-in porch.

### **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, May 15, 12:30 – 6:30 PM**

Appointments for the next drive at St. Dorothea Meeting Room (school) are now available at: [nybc.org/newjerseydrive](http://nybc.org/newjerseydrive), sponsor code **71265**, or, search by zip code. And make sure you change the ending date filter.

### **CONCERT: HAYDN'S MASS IN TIME OF WAR & SYMPHONY NO 92 IN G MAJOR**

**Friday, April 24 7:30 PM**

**Oratory Church of St. Anthony of Padua  
27 Oratory Way, Red Bank, NJ**

Presented by the Society of St. Cecilia & the Diocesan Festival Choir. Free Will Offering.  
Info: **732-747-0813** [stanthonysofredbank.net](http://stanthonysofredbank.net)

### **CENTER Á LA CARTE**

**Thursday, Apr 23, 6:30-10:00 PM  
Asbury Park Convention Hall**

This is a major and long-running fund-raiser for The Center which provides assistance in the form of housing, health care, and wellness programs for those in need, especially those with AIDS/HIV. Tickets, \$175, at:  
[tinyurl.com/CenterAlaCarte2026](http://tinyurl.com/CenterAlaCarte2026)

The event includes small plates from 20 local restaurants buffet-style, and an impressive gift basket and 50/50 auction. Info: Christna  
**732-580-4406** or [Chris6sm00@gmail.com](mailto:Chris6sm00@gmail.com)

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER FUND-RAISER**

**Sunday, Apr 26, 4:00 – 7:00 PM**

**Port Au Peck Firehouse  
433 Myrtle Av., Oceanport**

Sponsored by Troop 58 of Oceanport & Monmouth Beach. Dinner includes: Spaghetti, meatball, salad, bread, assorted drinks and desserts. \$15 (\$10 for seniors and children under 10) For tickets call or text: Nancy Kelly  
**973-818-2088**

### **SPRING/SUMMER SESSION AT SCAN NJ**

Registration is now open for the Spring/Summer session at SCAN NJ. Classes and seminars are available for seniors for free or a small fee. Sessions are held at the Parish Center behind Precious Blood or on the third floor at Boscov's. As a St. Dorothea or Precious Blood parishioner, your membership fee of \$25 to SCAN NJ is waived for the first year. You can find the course list at [www.SCANNJ.org](http://www.SCANNJ.org)

### **BRAIN HEALTH AT SCAN**

**Thursday, Apr 23, 10:30a – 12:00p**

This a Brain Health event will include music, group activities, medical lecture, and lunch. This event is free and open to the public. Call SCAN to register at **732-542-1326**.