

# Church of the Precious Blood

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Dec 20

5:30p Kathleen Tocci & Peter Radigan

### Sunday

8:00a Michael Larkin

9:30a Helen Natalveic & Linda Fusco

11:00a deceased members of our parish family

### Monday

8:30a George E. Gribas

### Tuesday

8:30a the prayers on our Book of Intentions

### Wednesday – Daily Mass

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

### Wednesday – Christmas Eve

2:00p deceased members of our parish family

3:30p deceased members of our parish family

11:00p Peace on Earth

### Thursday – Christmas Day

9:00a Antonio Venditti

10:30a deceased members of our parish family

## **4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT** **DEC 21, 2025**

### **Friday, Dec 26 until Ash Wednesday** **Daily Weekday Masses Suspended**

- Due to the drop-off in attendance during the Winter months, Daily Masses at Precious Blood are suspended.
- Beginning on Ash Wednesday, daily Masses resume at 8:30 AM.

## **WHAT'S HAPPENING**

### **Wednesday Dec 24 & Thursday Dec 25**

- Christmas Masses. See schedule on last page.

### **Friday Holiday Daily Masses: Dec 26 & Jan 2**

- The Fridays which are the day after Christmas and the day after New Years are holidays. The offices will be closed. **Daily Mass both Fridays will be at 9 AM at St. Dorothea.**

### **Weekend of Dec 28**

- Tins available for Helping Hearts casseroles

### **Weekend of Jan 4**

- Collection of Helping Hearts casseroles

### **Sunday, Jan 11**

- Three Kings presentation of our combined Rel. Ed. programs, 1p at St. Dorothea

## **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS**

**Sunday, Dec 21, 4 PM**

**St. Dorothea Church**

Come enjoy a festival of carols from the combined choirs of St. Dorothea's Church Choir; St. Dorothea's Young Servants of the Lord; St. Dorothea's Filipino Choir; Precious Blood Church; St. Leo the Great Church; and the Choraliers of Eatontown; with the Handbell Choir of St. Dorothea. Free to attend.

## **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 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

## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOOKING FOR HELP**

The Society is looking for a volunteer interested in learning to manage our charitable assistance software to monitor the help we give to the poor. Other volunteer opportunities are also available, and help is greatly needed in certain areas to keep our organization moving forward. Please call our intake line at 732-939-6225 and leave your name and phone number so we can call to discuss our needs with you. Thank you!

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Offering **Dec 7** **\$ 6,533**

Offering **Dec 14** **\$ 5,297**

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

- **December** – Christmas Flowers (please put in regular collection)

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.

## **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)

## **ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**Francis Room, 7 PM**

**Mondays, Jan 12**

*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.

## **IN THE NEWS**

U.S. Bishops at their yearly meeting have put out a statement on the treatment of immigrants. Read the statement here:

[tinyurl.com/USBishopsImmigrants](http://tinyurl.com/USBishopsImmigrants)

## **HELP WANTED: COLLECTION COUNTERS**

We are in need of help counting the weekend collections on Sunday mornings. If you're able to help for about an hour once every few weeks, please contact the parish office.

## **Women's Annual Retreat**

**Weekend of Jan 23, 24 & 25**

**San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch**

The Facilitator for the weekend is Father Anthony Michalik C.S.s.R. The topic will be: *"Accepting Our Imperfections & Limitations Without Fear."* The cost is \$325 for the weekend. Please contact the parish office (32-222-4756 to make a reservation.

### **Men's Retreat**

**Weekend of Jan 30-Feb 1**

#### **San Alfonso Retreat House, Long Branch**

The Facilitator for the weekend is Father Anthony Michalik C.S.s.R. The topic will be *The Prodigal Son*. The cost is \$325 for the weekend. Please contact the parish office 732-222-4756 to make a reservation.

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### **MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS**

Those celebrating milestone anniversary dates for their Church marriages, such as a 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup>, or 60<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **THE BOOK OF INTENTIONS**

The Book of Intentions is for people to write down their prayers and requests and their struggles. As a community, we pray for those intentions at every Mass. Even if you don't write in any of your own intentions, it would

be a spiritual gift for yourself and for those who write in their intentions if you would take a moment read those intentions and add those intentions to your own personal prayers.

### **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.

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Our "Mass Intention Book" is open for Mass intentions throughout the rest of 2025 and for all of 2026 for intentions for the dearly departed.

### **HELPING HEARTS**

#### **CASSEROLES FOR THOSE IN NEED**

##### **Collecting on the First Sundays of the Month**

Frozen casseroles are collected and distributed to those in need who don't have the means or aren't able to cook for themselves. Trays are available normally the last weekend of the month. And frozen casseroles are then due next weekend on the first Sunday of the month. Instruction sheets are also available next to the trays. The most important thing to keep in mind is that whatever casserole you make, it must be clearly labeled, with date and type of casserole, and be frozen solid.

### **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, Jan 16, 12:30 – 6:30 PM**

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

### **AA MEETINGS**

Two AA groups meet at Precious Blood's Parish Center. There is a daily one that meets at 7 AM – but, in the Summer, they meet at the beach, unless inclement weather brings them back to inside the Parish Center.

The other group is weekly at 7:30 PM on Sundays.

### **RETROUVAILLE RETREAT WEEKEND:**

#### **REDISCOVER THE LOVE IN YOUR MARRIAGE**

**Weekends Feb 6, Jul 31, and Oct 2, 2026**

**Family Life Center, Malvern, PA**

Tens of thousands of couples have healed their marriages through Retrouvaille (pronounced Reh'-true-veye). If you know anyone who could benefit from this program, please pass this on. Couples learn to build communication skills and to increase intimacy. It provides help for marriage problems, difficulties or crises. For more information, or to register, visit **[www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org](http://www.MarriageHelpDelVal.org)** All inquiries are strictly confidential.

### **CHRISTMAS & THANKSGIVING THANKS**

Thank-you all for your generosity in providing Christmas gifts to those in need from the Giving Trees, and food for the Thanksgiving collection.

## **CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS**

### **CHRISTMAS DECORATION HELP**

Sunday, Dec 21 after the 11 AM Mass  
Poinsettias, crèche, greens, trees!

## **CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE**

### **PRECIOUS BLOOD**

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DEC 24  
**2:00p; 3:30p; 11:00p**

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC 25  
**9:00a; 10:30a**

### **ST. DOROTHEA**

CHRISTMAS EVE, WEDNESDAY, DEC 24  
**2:30p Children's Liturgy;**  
**& 4:00p; 11:00p**

CHRISTMAS DAY, THURSDAY, DEC 25  
**9:30a; 11:00a**

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& Mon, Dec 22 after daily Mass,  
St. Dorothea

## **MARY, MOTHER OF GOD**

### **PRECIOUS BLOOD**

WEDNESDAY VIGIL, DEC 31 AT 7 PM  
THURSDAY, JAN 1 AT 10:00 AM

### **ST. DOROTHEA**

THURSDAY, JAN 1 AT 12:15 PM