

Church of the Precious Blood

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Dec 6

5:30p Joan Neff & Thomas Tooman

Sunday

8:00a Colomba Locicero & Agnes Allen

9:30a Rose Astrella & Kathleen Duignan

11:00a Jason Desiderio

Monday – Immaculate Conception

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

5:30p deceased members of our parish family

Tuesday

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

Wednesday

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Thursday

8:30a Craig Badalaty

Friday

8:30a William Cosgrove & Louis Love Keeler Jr.

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 7, 2025

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, Dec 7

- **Giving Tree gifts due before the close of the 11:00 AM Mass.**
- Helping Hearts casserole donations

Monday, Dec 8

- Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, Dec 14

- 2nd Sunday Social after the 8 & 9:30a Masses
- St. Vincent Cookie distribution (for pre-orders)
- Carriage Ride fundraiser, Sunday 2:30-6p

HOLY DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY

PRECIOUS BLOOD

No Vigil

Monday, Dec 8:

8:30a

5:30p

ST. DOROTHEA

No Vigil

Monday, Dec 8:

12:15p

4:00p

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

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 Nov 2	\$ 5,469
Offering Nov 9	\$ 5,914
Offering Nov 16	\$ 5,225
Offering Nov 23	\$ 4,674
Offering Nov 30	\$ 8,454

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/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.

ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Francis Room, 7 PM
Mondays, Dec 8; 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.

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

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

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 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.

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, Jan 16, 12:30 – 6:30 PM

There were 271 units collected the previous Friday. Thanks to all who gave! Appointments for the next drive at St. Dorothea Meeting Room (school) are now available at: nybc.org/newjerseydrive, sponsor code **71265**, or, search by zip code. And make sure you change the ending date filter.

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

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

Gift-Giving Tree & Tags

The gifts are due thus Sunday, Dec 7 before the end of the 11 AM Mass. There is no infrastructure in place to give out late gifts, please make the deadline if you take a tag. If circumstances keep you from getting a gift, then a gift card will do.

ADOPT A FAMILY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING!

In addition to our Christmas Giving tree (going up on Nov 15) – in which one is able to buy a gift for one particular child in need – we are coordinating the opportunity for our parishioners to provide all the gifts for an entire family within our community.

To share in the joy of giving you can ‘adopt’ a family by contacting Virginia Grob via email (preferred) at ginnygrob@gmail.com or call 732-616-4184 **no later than Dec 12**. We have

families of all sizes, so let us know the number of people you would like to adopt, and we will match you with a family. (We suggest up to \$35 per person, so a family of 4 costs approximately \$140.)

GIFTS FOR THOSE IN ADULT CARE CENTERS

We’re providing gifts for the residents at Shore Point Care Center (formerly known as Gateway Care Center). The residents there are in need of many items, and Christmas provides an opportunity for our faith community to share Christ’s spirit of concern for our neighbors.

A table in the main lobby of the church will be marked for these donations, or, bring them to the parish office **by December 12**. If you are able, please wrap the gift and label the contents (e.g., ‘men’s XL sweatshirt’).

The following is a list of requested items.

Women and Men’s sweaters (all sizes)
Gloves Colored pencils
Blankets Hand and Body Lotion
Socks Packaged cookies, candy
Body Wash/Shampoo/Soap
Adult coloring books/ Word searches

Christmas Cookie Pre-Order

Pre-ordered cookies will be distributed the weekend of Dec 13/14.

MONMOUTH COUNTY SIMBANG GABI

Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, Simbang Gabi (‘Midnight Mass’ – pronounced sihm – BAHNG’ – gah - bee) is a Catholic devotion of nine consecutive nights for the joyful anticipation of Christmas. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses. Nights start at 6:30pm praying the Rosary

followed by Mass at 7:00pm. The first night will be at St. Anselm, Wayside, Dec 12. The ninth and final night on Dec 20th will be at St. Dorothea with a big party following. All are invited. See flyer at the doors of the church.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT: THE CHORALIERS

Sunday, Dec 7, 4:00 PM

West Grove United Methodist Church

102 Walnut St., Neptune

Presenting: *One Silent Night, A Christmas Ballad of Love and Joy*. (Free will offering)

CONCERT: SHREWSBURY CHORALE

Sunday, Dec 7, 4:00 PM

Westminster Presbyterian Church

94 Tindall Rd, Middletown

Peace on Earth, Sarah Quartel's "Snow Angel."

Tix: \$25 (\$20 student/senior; \$10 child)

shrewsburychorale.org

LIONS CLUB FUND-RAISER

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, Dec 7, 8 AM – 12 Noon

Meadowbrook School, Eatontown

Adults \$8 / Kids \$5

Picture with Santa \$5

EatontownLionsClub@gmail.com

SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS FOR THOSE DIVORCED OR SEPARATED SEMINAR

Monday Dec 8, 7p

for more info: Elaine at

healingheartfromdivorce@gmail.com

CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISER:

CARRIAGE RIDE & CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sunday, Dec 14, 2:30-5:15p

Join the Community of Precious Blood Church for a special fundraising Christmas event that includes:

- Horse-Drawn Carriage rides through the beautiful town of Monmouth Beach

- family fun activities and arts and crafts at the Parish Center for children of all ages
- Pictures with Santa
- Hot coco & Christmas caroling
- curated gifts to purchase from local businesses
- in the spirit of giving, we'll be accepting donations for the Food Pantry, and mittens and gloves for children and youths in need

Only 25 out of the 230 time

slots are left. Dress for the

weather and bring a blanket

for the ride. See here for

tickets which are \$25/person.

Children under 2 ride free on a

parent's lap (space in the carriage is limited).

zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-christmas-event



HELP NEEDED

FOR THE CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISER

We're could use help in running the fun activities for children that will take place in the Parish Center, such as cookie decoration. Those preparing for Confirmation or High Schoolers looking for service hours are welcome! Please call the office to volunteer.

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 Hanbell Choir of St. Dorothea. Free to attend.

CHRISTMAS DECORATION HELP

Sunday, Dec 21 after the 11 AM Mass

Poinsettias, crèche, greens, trees!