

Church of the Precious Blood

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Feb 14

5:30p Stanley Tober & Kathleen Tocci

Sunday

8:00a deceased members of our parish family

9:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

11:00a Jim Hunt

Monday & Tuesday

No daily Mass

Ash Wednesday: The Beginning of Lent

See schedule on last page

Thursday

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

Friday

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

6TH SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME FEB 15, 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Sunday, Feb 15

- 2nd Collection for Home, Black, & Indian Missions in the U.S.

Feb 16

- Offices closed on Monday for the holiday. Daily Mass at 12:15 PM at St. Dorothea.

Feb 18

- **Ash Wednesday. See schedule, last page.**
- **Daily Mass at 8:30a returns**

Feb 22

- Filipino/English Mass at 3 PM at St. Dorothea
- Tins available for Helping Hearts casseroles

Weekend, Mar 8

- Food Pantry drive

Friday, Mar 13

- Pasta Dinner Fund-Raiser, 5-7p, St. Dorothea School meeting room

Saturday, Mar 14

- St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance

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. 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.

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

CONFESSIONS

St. Dorothea

Tuesday, after the 7:00 PM Mass

Fridays, after the 12:15 PM Mass

Precious Blood

Fridays after the 7:30a 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

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Offering **Jan Average** \$ 4,914

Offering **Feb 1** \$ 4,235

Offering **Feb 8** \$ 9,705

Average Weekend **2024** \$ 4,999

Average Weekend **2025** \$ 5,257

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- **Feb 15 – Catholic Home Missions & American Indian and Black Churches**
- **Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 – For the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society**
- **Easter Flowers – Please put in with the regular collection basket**
- **Apr 3 – For the care of The Holy Land**
- **Mother's Day Novena – please put in the 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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL LOOKING FOR HELP

The Society is greatly in need for volunteers in certain areas to keep our organization moving forward. Any volunteers who are interested in learning to be intake callers or home visitors should call 732-939-6225 and leave your name and phone number so we can discuss our needs with you. Thank you!

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

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

Francis Room, 7 PM

Mondays: Mar 9

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.

SUNDAY MASSES OF OUR 'LINKED' PARISHES

PRECIOUS BLOOD	ST. DOROTHEA
Saturday Vigil: 5:30p	Saturday Vigil: 400p
Sundays: 8:00a	Sundays: 8:30a
9:30a	10:00a
11:00a	

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

Saturday, Mar 14, 6:30 – 10 PM

Precious Blood Parish Center

Featuring: music, a DJ, dancing, Irish Dancers performing, appetizers, corned beef & cabbage, buffet dinner, Shepherd's Pie, Irish soda bread, coffee, tea, & dessert. \$35 (make checks out to Precious Blood). BYOB. Tickets are on sale at the parish offices or online at tinyurl.com/StPat2026. Advanced tickets only, no walk-ins. Info: Marion at...

mjmaloney58@gmail.com, 732-403-1825

SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED, OR IN BETWEEN

Find peace and healing whether from divorce, separation, or even considering divorce. We don't ask if you are Catholic, we only ask if you need healing.

St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown, is pleased to host the ministry for separated and divorced Catholics. To learn more about the upcoming Spring program beginning March 5th, and to meet us, please join us for an **Information Night** on Monday, Feb 23 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine Basement (access from Shrine parking lot), 26 Leonardville Road, Middletown, NJ

07748. To register or to have a Facilitator call you to answer any questions, please email Elaine: healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com and include your phone number as well!

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday, Feb 22, 2:00 PM

Our Lady of Fatima, Keyport

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 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

PASTA DINNER FUND-RAISER

Friday, Mar 13, 5 – 7 PM

St. Dorothy School Meeting Room

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner with salad, dessert, and drinks (coffee, tea, soda, water). BYO Beer or Wine. In lieu of the price of admission, there will be a donation offering that will go to the Special Needs programs for The Arc of Monmouth and Special Olympics NJ.

LENTEN FAQ (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)

What's the difference between fasting and abstinence?

Abstinence is really *abstinence from meat*, i.e., to abstain or refrain from eating meat. *Fasting* means not eating any food at all.

I find it truly difficult to go all day without eating (i.e., fasting), what should I do?

If fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday doesn't allow you to function properly at work or school or parenting; or, it makes you dizzy or weak; or, you have a medical condition which requires you to eat regularly (e.g., diabetes), then you have several options:

- 1) Eat just one full meal for the day; or,
- 2) If you really need to, eat one full meal and two very light meals; or,
- 3) Substitute some other act of penance or charity.

On days of abstinence from meat (Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent), what is meant by 'meat'?

The actual flesh and organs of warm blooded animals or of birds. So, meat would be steak, hamburger, pork, ham, lamb, salami, sausage, chicken, and turkey (the color of the meat

doesn't matter). However, fish and cold blooded animals (frog, clams, etc...) are not meat. Also dairy and meat by-products (milk, cheese, etc...) or condiments and sauces with meat fat (some pasta sauces, e.g.,) are not meat.

Who is required to follow these rules of fasting and abstinence?

Fasting: 18 to 59 year-olds. Abstinence: 14 year-olds and older. But keep in mind, that those younger and older can try to keep these disciplines if they choose to, and adapt them to their circumstance.

I forgot that it was a day of abstinence and ate meat. I also forgot it was a day of fasting and ate several full meals. Do I have to go to confession?

No. First of all, you can't sin accidentally. Sin comes about from **purposely choosing** evil.

Secondly, failure to perform one particular act of the Church's communal penance isn't an act of grave evil. Failure to do penance, to pray, and to be charitable, **over all in one's life...** *that* is a seriously grave problem.

Thirdly, these penitential acts of fasting and abstinence are the least significant of the three disciplines of Lent. The other two disciplines are prayer and charity. It is a failure to pray and to be charitable which is a worthier subject matter of confession than accidentally eating meat on Friday.

And finally, if you forget to do one of these Lenten disciplines, you are free to substitute. Choose a different day. Choose a different penance. And you may do this without getting dispensation from a priest or the bishop.

I'm going to a St. Patrick's Day party on a Friday in Lent. Can I eat the traditional corned beef? Do I need to get a dispensation?

You may eat the corned beef without getting a

dispensation. Simply substitute a different day for abstinence, or, a different penance or act of charity. You have the authority to make those decisions for yourself without seeking dispensation from any clergy.

I'm doing an additional, personal act of penance for all of Lent (e.g., giving up a treat like ice cream). Should I also do this on Sundays?

You may, if you want, but you don't have to. Sundays aren't counted in the "forty days of Lent." The reason for this is that Sundays are festive days of celebration, and therefore, not penitential days.

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 18

In order to accommodate the schedules of our parishioners on Ash Wednesday, we will distribute ashes within the following Masses and Liturgies of the Word:

Precious Blood	St. Dorothea
6:00 AM	
Liturgy of the Word	
8:30 AM Mass	
	12:15 PM Mass
	4:00 PM
	Liturgy of the Word
5:30 PM	
Liturgy of the Word	
7:00 PM Mass	



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM