

# Church of the Precious Blood

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Feb 7

5:30p Joseph & Rosanne Bogner; & John Bogner

### Sunday

8:00a deceased members of our parish family

9:30a Willie L. Johnson

11:00a Peace on Earth

### 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, Feb 18, daily Masses resume at 8:30 AM.

### FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:

- [usccb.org/bible/readings/](https://usccb.org/bible/readings/)
- [usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/](https://usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/)

## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME FEB 8, 2026

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **Feb 8**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Social

#### **Feb 16**

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

#### **Feb 18**

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

#### **Feb 22**

- Filipino/English Mass at 3 PM at St. Dorothea

### LENTEN FAITH-SHARING GROUPS

#### **Begins the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Lent (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>)**

#### **Sign-ups Due this Monday, Feb 9**

The Spiritual Life Committee of Precious Blood is organizing faith-sharing groups for Lent. All from St. Dorothea are welcome to join! Groups meet weekly starting the week of Feb 16 and goes until Mar 22 (six weeks). This is a great opportunity to share your faith with others in our community and get closer to God as well. Sign-up sheets can be found at the doors of the 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

## **CONFESSIONS**

### **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

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Offering **Jan 4** \$ 5,172

Offering **Jan 11** \$ 5,595

Offering **Jan 18** \$ 4,550

Offering **Jan 25** \$ 3,975

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

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

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

**Christmas 2024** \$34,847

**Christmas 2025** \$46,467

## **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](https://tinyurl.com/USBishopsImmigrants)

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

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.

## **2025 TAX STATEMENTS**

Those wishing to receive a contribution statement from the parish for your taxes can ask for one from our parish office by email or phone. [office@saintdorothea.org](mailto:office@saintdorothea.org)

## **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](https://catholiccharitiesusa.org)

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

## **ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

**Francis Room, 7 PM**

**Mondays: Feb 9, 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.

### **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, Mar 13, 12:30 – 6:30 pm**  
**St. Dorothea School Meeting Room**

Appointments for the next drive 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.

### **SUNDAY MASSES OF OUR 'LINKED' PARISHES**

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

### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Our "Mass Intention Book" is open for Mass intentions throughout 2026 for intentions for the dearly departed.

### **ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER-DANCE**

**Saturday, Mar 14, 6:30 – 10 PM**

**Precious Blood Parish Center**

Hold the date! More info to come!

### **ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE**

**400 Route 35 North, So. Mantoloking, NJ**

Our mission as Religious Teachers Filippini is to "Go forth and teach the Word of God." Our ministry on this holy ground is for the people of God who come to St. Joseph By the Sea for soul searching, trying to find peace in their lives and a God who understands them. Current brochure can be found on our website: **[www.sjbsea.org](http://www.sjbsea.org)**

### **FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER**

**84 Wainford Rd, Allentown NJ**

Francis House of Prayer serves the people of the Diocese of Trenton and beyond by providing a contemplative environment for ongoing spiritual growth which fosters the deepening of relationship with God, self, others and the world through: Spiritual Direction; Retreats; and, Spiritual Exercises. Current brochure can be found on our website: **[www.fhop.org](http://www.fhop.org)**

### **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:

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



## **LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM**