

Church of the Precious Blood

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Jan 3

5:30p Helen Field

Sunday

8:00a deceased members of our parish family
9:30a Margaret Casgrove
11:00a World Peace

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.

FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:

- usccb.org/bible/readings/
- usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY JAN 4, 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING

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
- Food Pantry Drive
- 2nd Collection: Europe & S. America
- 2nd Sunday Social after the 8 & 9:30a Masses

Friday, Jan 16

- Blood Drive at St. Dorothea, 12:30-6:30p

Feb 1

- Diaper Drive

CONFESIONS

St. Dorothea

Tuesday, after the 7:00 PM Mass
Fridays, after the 12:15 PM Mass

EUCARISTIC 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!

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

JANUARY BI-MONTHLY FOOD DRIVE

Next Weekend: Jan 10 & 11

We have a bimonthly food drive to support the pantry located at St. Dorothea's. All food donations are welcome. There is a special need for:

- macaroni (but not spaghetti)
- ramen noodles
- condiments (ketchup, mustard, mayo, dressing, etc...)
- detergent and other cleaning products (window, dish, dishwasher, laundry [but not softeners] - preferably unscented)
- juice

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Christmas donations are still coming in and being counted...

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- **Jan 11 - The churches in Eastern Europe & Latin America**
- **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.

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

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.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS

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

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.

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 All inquiries are strictly confidential.

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.

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, sponsor code 71265, or, search by zip code. And make sure you change the ending date filter.

LOCAL DAILY MASSES

While the Daily Masses at Precious Blood are suspended Christmas through Ash Wednesday, the following is a list of local Daily Masses. The list is ordered by Mass times. And the third column represents how many miles that church is from Precious Blood. The last column shows which days of the week those Masses take place.

St. James	Red Bank	7	6:30 AM	MTWThF
St. Anthony	Red Bank	7	7:30 AM	MTWThF
St. Michael	Long Branch	4	8:00 AM	MTWThFS
St. James	Red Bank	7	8:15 AM	MTWThFS
St. Jerome	W. Long Branch	5	8:30 AM	W FS
Holy Cross	Rumson	3	9:00 AM	MTWThF
St. Mary	Deal	7	9:00 AM	MTWTh
St. Anselm	Tinton Falls	8	9:00 AM	M W F
St. Leo	Lincroft	10	9:00 AM	MTWThF
Holy Trinity	Long Branch	3	12:10 PM	MTWThF
St. Dorothea	Eatontown	5	12:15 PM	M WThF
St. Michael	Long Branch	4	7:00 PM	Mon .
St. Dorothea	Eatontown	5	7:00 PM	Tue .

SNOW DAYS

Sometimes it can be difficult to tell when snowy weather conditions (or other extreme weather such as flash flooding, hurricanes, or nor'easters) are going to cancel Masses or events at our parish. Here are some rules of thumb:

- If there is ever any doubt, please check out the parish website. Don't drive or walk here and then find out that the building is closed. Cancelled events will be announced on our website at least an hour in advance of the event.
- Parents of children in our Religious Education program have been given the information on how to find school closings.
- If a snow or extreme weather emergency is declared by government officials for our area asking people to stay off the roads, then all events of the parish will be cancelled. It is illegal to be out on the roads if the emergency declaration requires us to stay off the roads.
- Snow cancels Masses and events if these two conditions are met: 1) It is currently snowing; and, 2) The snow is actively accumulating on roadways. During the accumulation of snow, it is much more risky to drive, and the roads (and parking lots) should remain clear for proper plowing. [Certainly if the snow isn't accumulating or "sticking," or, if it's the day after a snow storm and the roads have been plowed, then we will have Masses and other scheduled events.]
- If a Sunday or obligatory Mass is cancelled due to the weather, then the obligation to attend is excused for all in the parish. In other words, no one should confess missing a cancelled Mass.
- In a similar fashion, those who cannot tolerate very cold or icy conditions (for example, the elderly or the infirm) are also excused from the obligation to attend

Sunday Mass. One should not confess missing Masses that one cannot make due to health reasons (including staying home for colds or other illnesses), since the obligation to attend doesn't apply for these conditions.

COLD & FLU PRECAUTIONS

Our response to cold and flu should continue to be guided by recommendations from our health officials. During 'flu seasons', they are recommending extra caution which includes:

- Those who are feeling ill stay at home so as not to spread the disease
- Increased vigilance in washing hands and not touching our own eyes, mouth, or nose.
- Coughing and sneezing into disposable tissues (and washing one's hands afterwards), or if none available, the inside of one's forearm to reduce spreading any virus.
- Getting the current flu, COVID, RSV, and pneumonia vaccinations.
- If you are immune-compromised or living with someone who is, then for your own protection, it is recommended you wear a mask while attending.

The absolutely best way for respiratory viruses to be kept from spreading is for those who have them to self-quarantine.

If you have a cold or any symptoms of the flu, cold, or COVID, then you are to stay at home and not go to Mass. The sick are excused from the obligation to go to Mass, and those who might be contagious have a moral duty to not expose others to their (possible) illness.