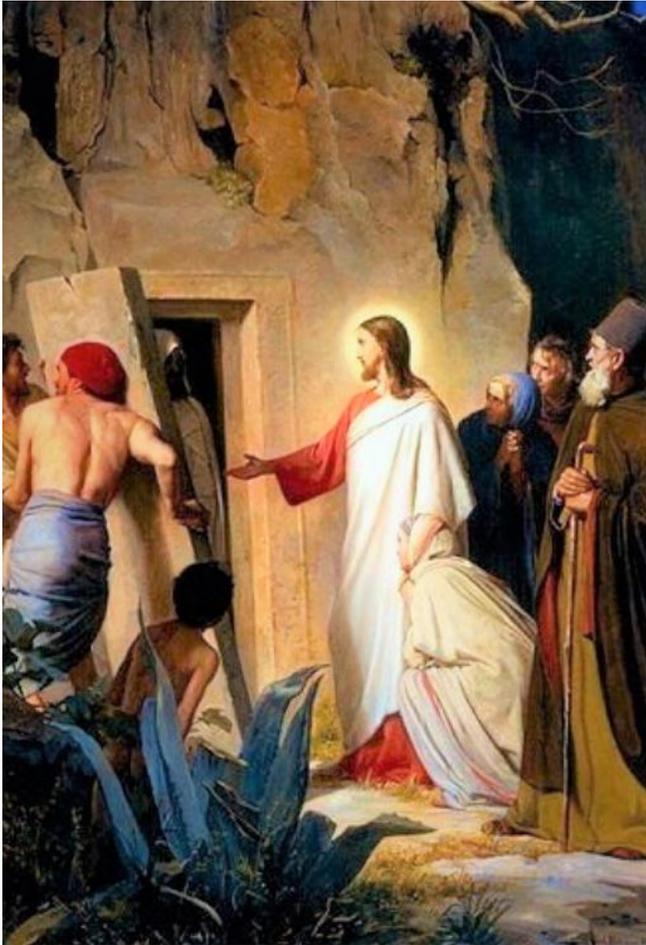


Church of the Precious Blood

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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT
MAR 22, 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Saturday, Mar 21

- Lenten Soup Supper, 5 PM, St. Dorothea gym

Sunday, Mar 22

- Monthly Filipino/English Mass 3p, St. Dorothea

Sunday, Mar 29

- tins out for Helping Hearts

Sunday, Apr 5

- Helping Hearts casserole collection

Sunday, Apr 12

- Divine Mercy devotion, 3p, St. Dorothea
- 2nd Sunday morning social after the 8 & 9:30a

**See last page
for Holy Week and Easter schedule**



LENTEN STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Mar 21

5:30p Robert Rischmann

Sunday

8:00a John Mason & Trudy Hill

9:30a Alfred G Innacio & Heidi Schmelz

11:00a Fr. John Kielb

Monday

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Tuesday

8:30a World Peace

Wednesday

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

Thursday

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Friday

8:30a Fr. John Kielb

ANNUAL LENTEN SOUP SUPPER

**Saturday, Mar 21, after 4 PM Mass (~5 PM)
St. Dorothea School Gym**

The St Vincent DePaul Society will sponsor our annual Soup Supper. After 4 pm mass or about 5 pm, you will have the opportunity to sample dozens of homemade soups.

Bread, soft drinks, and dessert will be part of the meal. As always, the supper is a free will offering, proceeds going to assist our less fortunate neighbors. We are seeking volunteers to make soup and/or desserts. Please contact... **Angela at 732-542-1634.**

PANCAKE BREAKFAST FUND-RAISER

This Sunday, Mar 22, 8 AM – 12 PM

Precious Blood Parish Center

This “Welcome Spring” breakfast is by and for the Monmouth Beach School 7th Grade. \$20 adult, \$10 seniors; \$5 children. Photos with the Easter Bunny included. Gift baskets auction, and 50/50. Info: Lauren Melando, 732-687-1958.

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.

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!

SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS

Sunday, Mar 22, 2:00 PM

Nativity Church, 180 Ridge Rd., Fair Haven
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 a fellowship and 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

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

Tuesdays, after the 7:00 PM Mass

Fridays, after the 12:15 PM Mass

Precious Blood

Tuesdays & Fridays after the 8:30a 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 Average** \$ 6,199

Offering **Mar 1** \$ 5,550

Offering **Mar 8** \$ 4,769

Offering **Mar 15** \$ 7,341

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

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

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- **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**
- **Apr 12 – Capital Improvements**

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

**7p, in Francis Room at Precious Blood
Mondays: Apr13; May 11**

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

CONCERT OF ENGLISH COMPOSERS

Sunday, Mar 15, 4:00 PM

Unitarian Universalist Congregation

1475 W. Front St., Lincroft NJ

Featuring music of English composers including Handel’s coronation anthems performed by The Shrewsbury Chorale. Tickets are available at the door, or, online at shrewsburychoale.org

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.

SUNDAY MASSES OF OUR ‘LINKED’ PARISHES

PRECIOUS BLOOD	ST. DOROTHEA
Saturday Vigil: 5:30p	Saturday Vigil: 4:00p
Sundays: 8:00a, 9:30a, 11:00a	Sundays: 8:30a, 10:00a

WEEKDAY MASSES OF OUR ‘LINKED’ PARISHES

PRECIOUS BLOOD	ST. DOROTHEA
Monday - Friday: 8:30a	Mon., Wed., Thur., Fri. 12:15p
	Tuesdays: 7:00p

HAVING ONE SWALE OF A TIME

You may have noticed that we removed the fencing along the Southern border of our parking lot. And that’s to access and clean out the “swale” (a natural drainage ditch or hollow).

When the parking lot was put in, the county and town had concerns about all that non-permeable coverage and where the water is going to go. And so, the parish was obligated to maintain the swale and direct its outflow through parking lot drainage pipes. Our property line encompasses the swale, but, unfortunately, our fence is too far away from the property line, which keeps us from accessing the swale. So, the fence is gone (which we plan to eventually replace *on* the property line).

Silt and overgrowth will be removed with a powered excavator. And it’ll be done.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SCHEDULE

2026	St. Dorothea	Precious Blood
Holy Thursday, Apr 2	8:00 PM	8:00 PM
Holy Thursday Adoration	9 – 10 PM	9 – 10 PM
Good Friday, Apr 3	3:00 PM	3:00 PM
Holy Saturday, Apr 4	4:00 PM	5:30 PM 8:00 PM
Easter Sunday, Apr 5	8:30 AM 10:00 AM	8:00 AM 9:30 AM 11:00 AM

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS

At St. Dorothea

2:15 PM Outside in the garden

(if inclement weather, then inside)

& also 7 PM inside at St. Dorothea Church

& also 7 PM at Precious Blood

EXTRA PALM BRANCHES

Palm/Passion Sunday masses follow the usual weekend schedule. Once we complete our final Palm Sunday Mass at 11 AM on Sunday, any leftover palm is available to be taken home.

CONFESSIONS DURING HOLY WEEK

Precious Blood

Tuesday after the 8:30a Mass

St. Dorothea

Tuesday, after the 7:00 PM Mass

No confessions on Good Friday

No Confessions during Easter Week

Please, if you are able, avail yourself of Confessions, now, during Lent, rather than everyone waiting until Holy Week.

Thank-you.

EASTER VIGIL NEWS

On Holy Saturday, a simpler Easter Vigil Mass will be celebrated at St. Dorothea at 4 PM and Precious Blood at 5:30 PM. (the usual Saturday afternoon times). It will **not** have the Liturgy of Light (fire and candles). And there will be only three extra readings. There are no baptisms. It will still be a joyous Easter celebration pretty much the same as the Easter Sunday Masses.

At Precious Blood, the fuller Easter Vigil Mass begins at 8:00 PM. There will indeed be the Liturgy of Light with candles. We have no candidates for Baptism this year.

Our adult candidates for Confirmation will be confirmed on Holy Thursday at Precious Blood (our two linked parishes share one OCIA ministry).

EASTER SUNDAY NEWS

Please note that we expect the later Masses on Sunday morning to be the most crowded. If you are able to attend the earliest Masses (or the vigil Masses), it will help spread out crowds and create a more peaceful experience for all.