

# Church of the Precious Blood

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## PALM / PASSION SUNDAY MAR 29, 2026

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **Sunday, Mar 29**

- tins out for Helping Hearts

#### **Sunday, Apr 5**

- Helping Hearts casserole collection

#### **Sunday, Apr 12**

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

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

### 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](mailto: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!

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### **Saturday, Mar 28**

5:30p Harry Tober Sr.

#### **Sunday**

8:00a Trudy Hill

9:30a Stacey Gregerson & Heidi Schmelz

11:00a Sacka Duffy

#### **Monday**

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

#### **Tuesday**

8:30a World Peace

#### **Wednesday**

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

#### **Holy Thursday**

no daily Mass

8:00 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper

#### **Friday**

3:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

## **ALL YOU CAN EAT PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**This Sunday, 8 AM - Noon**

**Meadowbrook School**

**65 Wyckoff Rd Eatontown**

Sponsored by The Eatontown Lions Club to support their civil and charitable work. Suggested Donations: Adults \$8 / Children \$5.

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

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

Offering **Feb Average** \$ 6,199

Offering **Mar Average** \$ 5,748

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

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

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

Offering **Mar 22** \$ 5,332

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

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

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

## **SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS**

**Sundays, 2:00 PM**

**Apr 26 @ St. Rose Belmar**

**May 31 @ Holy Innocents, Neptune**

**Jun 14 @ St. Benedict, Holmdel**

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](mailto:NorMonHIS@gmail.com)

## **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

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

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

## **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

## **THE GUILD AT ST. DOROTHEA CHURCH**

### **IS WELCOMING NEW MEMBERS**

*The Guild* was established in 1969 and is dedicated to the Blessed Mother. For the past 60 years, the objective of The Guild has been to be an instrument through which the women of St Dorothea Church serve their parish and the parish community. We are extending an invitation to Precious Blood welcoming you to join us.

The Guild had overwhelming success teaming with the Precious Blood parish selling

Christmas magnets as well as with the volunteers who partnered with St Dorothea's to make over 80 blankets for the Shore Pointe nursing home residents. We look forward to collaboration between both our 'linked' parishes on future endeavors. All from both parishes are welcome!

For more information, you may contact **Mary Anne Linder 732- 542- 0148** at the St Dorothea Rectory or **Sandy Cosentino 908- 489-9881**.

**ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**7p, in Francis Room at Precious Blood  
Mondays: Apr 13; 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.

**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.

**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**

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES OF OUR 'LINKED' PARISHES**

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

**SOUP SUPPER THANKS!**

Thanks to the generous support of our caring parish, our SVdP annual Lenten Soup Supper was a great success! The soups and desserts were bountiful and delicious! Thanks to all who donated time and soups and desserts. And thanks to Nino's Bakery's in West Long Branch, and to Pastosa Ravioli in Eatontown for the cookies. And we raised over \$1,300 to assist our less fortunate neighbors.

# 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  
with Fr. Andrés**

**& 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**

## 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.