

# Church of the Precious Blood

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**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**NOV 30, 2025**

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Weekend of Nov 30**

- Woman's Guild selling Christmas magnets, \$5
- Tags available on Giving Tree (Christmas gifts due Dec 7)

### **Monday, Dec 1**

- Fr. Mike's Advent Seminar on the Social Justice encyclicals, 7 PM in Precious Blood Church

### **Sunday, Dec 7**

- **Giving Tree gifts due before the close of the 11:00 AM Mass.**
- Helping Hearts casserole donations

### **Monday, Dec 8**

- Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception

### **Sunday, Dec 14**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday Social after the 8 & 9:30a Masses
- St. Vincent Cookie distribution (for pre-orders)
- Carriage Ride fundraiser, Sunday 2:30-6p

## MASS SCHEDULE

### **Saturday, Nov 29**

5:30p deceased members of our parish family

### **Sunday**

8:00a Michael Gallagher

9:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

11:00a William Holland & Bob Sudman

### **Monday**

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

### **Tuesday**

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

### **Wednesday**

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

### **Thursday**

8:30a World Peace

### **Friday**

8:30a deceased members of our parish family

## **ADVENT SEMINAR:**

## **FROM LEO XIII TO LEO XIV**

## **CATHOLIC SOCIAL JUSTICE**

**Monday, Dec 1, 7-8 PM**

### **Precious Blood Church Building**

The list of human rights are more than what's found in the U.S. Constitution. Come and take a journey with Fr. Mike through the social justice encyclicals of the popes in which the Church not only caught up to modern society but went far past it laying out the principles of a just society that puts human dignity at the center of all our endeavors.

## **CONFESSIONS**

### **Precious Blood**

Tuesdays & Fridays after the 8:30a Mass

### **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

## **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

## **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!

## **WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

Offering <b>Nov 2</b>	<b>\$ 5,469</b>
Offering <b>Nov 9</b>	<b>\$ 5,914</b>
Offering <b>Nov 16</b>	<b>\$ 5,225</b>
Offering <b>Nov 23</b>	<b>\$ 4,674</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Coll. Human Develop.	<b>\$ 829</b>

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

- **December** – Christmas Flowers (please put in 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.

## **ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

**Francis Room, 7 PM**

**Mondays, Dec 8; 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.

## **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)

## **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](http://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.

**SAVE THE DATE FOR JAN 2026**  
**WOMEN'S & MEN'S WEEKEND RETREATS**

Women's retreat: Jan 23, 24 & 25

Men's retreat: Jan 30, 31 & 28

San Alfonso's Retreat House, Long Branch

More info to come in the coming weeks.

## **CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS**

### **Gift-Giving Tree & Tags are Up**

Please consider buying a gift for a child. The tags on the tree are for specific children and represent an age range of boys and girls to ensure that there are enough age-appropriate gifts. **The gifts are due next Sunday, Dec 7.** There is no infrastructure in place to give out late gifts, please make the deadline if you take a tag. If circumstances keep you from getting a gift, then a gift card will do.

### **ADOPT A FAMILY** **FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT-GIVING!**

In addition to our Christmas Giving tree (going up on Nov 15) – in which one is able to buy a gift for one particular child in need – we are coordinating the opportunity for our parishioners to provide all the gifts for an entire family within our community.

To share in the joy of giving you can 'adopt' a family by contacting Virginia Grob via email (preferred) at [ginnygrob@gmail.com](mailto:ginnygrob@gmail.com) or call 732-616-4184 **no later than Dec 12.** We have families of all sizes, so let us know the number of people you would like to adopt, and we will match you with a family. (We suggest up to \$35 per person, so a family of 4 costs approximately \$140.)

### **GIFTS FOR THOSE** **IN ADULT CARE CENTERS**

We're providing gifts for the residents at Shore Point Care Center (formerly known as Gateway Care Center). The residents there are in need of many items, and Christmas provides an opportunity for our faith community to share Christ's spirit of concern for our neighbors.

A table in the main lobby of the church will be marked for these donations, or, bring them to the parish office **by December 12.** If you are able, please wrap the gift and label the contents (e.g., 'men's XL sweatshirt').

The following is a list of requested items.

Women and Men's sweaters (all sizes)  
Gloves                      Colored pencils  
Blankets                    Hand and Body Lotion  
Socks                        Packaged cookies, candy  
Body Wash/Shampoo/Soap  
Adult coloring books/ Word searches

### **CHRISTMAS MAGNETS**

**This Weekend of Sunday, Nov 30**

The Women's Guild of St Dorothea is selling Christmas magnets (\$5 each) at the doors of the church at both St Dorothea and Precious Blood parishes. This is a fund raiser to support the charitable works of the Guild.

### **MONMOUTH COUNTY SIMBANG GABI**

Inherited by the Filipinos from the Spaniards, Simbang Gabi ('Midnight Mass' – pronounced sihm – BAHNG' – gah - bee) is a Catholic devotion of nine consecutive nights for the joyful anticipation of Christmas. All are welcome to this festive Novena of Masses. Nights start at 6:30pm praying the Rosary followed by Mass at 7:00pm. The first night will be at St. Anselm, Wayside, Dec 12. The ninth and final night on Dec 20<sup>th</sup> will be at St. Dorothea with a big party following. All are invited. See flyer at the doors of the church.

### **THE CENTER CREATES**

**Wednesday, Dec 3, 5 -9 PM**

**Jersey Shore Art Center, Ocean Grove**

Residents of The Center display their crafts of art, fashion, food, and flowers for sale at this holiday social. Complimentary beer, wine, soft drinks and apps. Free to attend. All proceeds go to the artists. RSVP to

[thecenterinap.org/thecentercreates](http://thecenterinap.org/thecentercreates)

### **MESSIAH & CAROLING SING-ALONG**

**Friday, Dec 5, 7:30 PM**

The Society of St. Cecilia presentation at St. Anthony of Padua, 28 Oratory Way, Red Bank. (Use Chestnut St. Entrance) Admission is a Free Will Offering. Church is handicapped accessible. (info; 732-747-0813)

### **CHRISTMAS CONCERT: THE CHORALIERS**

**Sunday, Dec 7, 4:00 PM**

West Grove United Methodist Church

102 Walnut St., Neptune

Presenting: *One Silent Night, A Christmas Ballad of Love and Joy.* (Free will offering)

### **CONCERT: SHREWSBURY CHORALE**

**Sunday, Dec 7, 4:00 PM**

Westminster Presbyterian Church

94 Tindall Rd, Middletown

*Peace on Earth, Sarah Quartel's "Snow Angel."*

Tix: \$25 (\$20 student/senior; \$10 child)

[shrewsburychorale.org](http://shrewsburychorale.org)

### **HOLY DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY**

**PRECIOUS BLOOD**

**ST. DOROTHEA**

**No Vigil**

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**Monday, Dec 8:**

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**8:30a**

**12:15p**

**5:30p**

**4:00p**

### **LIONS CLUB FUND-RAISER**

**All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast**

**Sunday, Dec 7, 8 AM – 12 Noon**

Meadowbrook School, Eatontown

Adults \$8 / Kids \$5

Picture with Santa \$5

[EatontownLionsClub@gmail.com](mailto:EatontownLionsClub@gmail.com)

### **SURVIVING THE HOLIDAYS FOR THOSE DIVORCED OR SEPARATED SEMINAR**

**Monday Dec 8, 7p**

for more info: Elaine at

[healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com)

### **CHRISTMAS FUND-RAISER:**

### **CARRIAGE RIDE & CHRISTMAS PARTY**

**Sunday, Dec 14, 2:30-5:15p**

Join the Community of Precious Blood Church for a special fundraising Christmas event that includes:

- Horse-Drawn Carriage rides through the beautiful town of Monmouth Beach
- family fun activities and arts and crafts at the Parish Center for children of all ages
- Pictures with Santa
- Hot coco & Christmas caroling
- curated gifts to purchase from local businesses
- in the spirit of giving, we'll be accepting donations for the Food Pantry, and mittens and gloves for children and youths in need

**Only 44 out of the 230 time slots are left.**

Dress for the weather and bring a blanket for the ride. See here for tickets which are \$25/person.

Children under 2 ride free on a parent's lap (space in the carriage is limited).

[zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-christmas-event](http://zeffy.com/en-US/ticketing/2025-christmas-event)



### **CHRISTMAS DECORATION HELP**

**Sunday, Dec 21 after the 11 AM Mass**

Poinsettias, crèche, greens, trees!