

Church of the Precious Blood

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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 2

5:30p Mark Agresti

Sunday

8:00a Maria Zifchak & Sean S Tracy

9:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

11:00a deceased members of our parish family

Monday

8:30a Louis Picone

Tuesday

8:30a World Peace

Wednesday

8:30a the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Thursday

8:30a Mother's Day Novena

Friday

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER MAY, 3, 2026

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Weekend, May 3

- Helping Hearts casserole collection
- tickets at the doors for St. Vincent de Paul Flapjack fundraiser at Applebee's
- Children's Liturgy of the Word at the 9:30 AM Mass

Sunday, May 10

- 2nd Sunday morning social after the 8 & 9:30a
- Bi-Monthly Pantry Drive

Friday, May 15

- Blood Drive

Sunday, May 24

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

Monday, May 26

- Memorial Day. Offices closed. Only daily Mass is at Precious Blood at 9a.

Sunday, May 31

- Outdoor Youth Rosary after the 10a Mass at St. Dorothea's
- SVdP fundraiser at Applebee's.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FLAPIACK FUND RAISER

Sunday, May 31, 8-10 AM

Applebee's in Tinton Falls

tickets sold at Masses on May 2

and at the parish offices

and at Applebee's at the door

SVdP will be holding a Flapjack Fundraiser at Applebee's. **Tickets are \$15** and include pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, and a beverage. Funds raised will go directly to assisting our neighbors in need. Make checks to "St. Vincent de Paul" and if paying in cash, it would be helpful if you had the exact amount. Please reach out to Jessica 908-963-9055, if

you have any questions or would like to purchase a ticket.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

INFORMATION SESSION

Saturday, May 16, 8:30a – 3:00p

St. Dorothea Gym

Did you ever wonder what the St. Vincent de Paul Society is all about? Did you ever feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to put your faith into action by helping your neighbors in need?

Please join us for an information session to find out! Our society is supported by St. Dorothea and Precious Blood parishes. If you are interested, you must register by May 8. For more information, please call our intake line @ **732-939-6225** and leave a message with your name and phone number. We will also need your email address so we can forward registration information to you.

Every person volunteering for the society of St. Vincent de Paul should complete this one day national training called the Ozanam Orientation! Everyone, whether new to the society or a member for many years, will learn new things!

PLEASE CHECK YOUR SPAM EMAIL FOLDER

Google email has been flagging our email as “spam” for some people. So, please check your email spam folder and if our email is in there, please flag it as “safe” or “not spam.” Thanks!

BISHOP O’CONNELL ON THE POPE, WAR, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE

Our bishop has made a pastoral statement on the current situation of the Iran War, and the involvement of the Pope and political opposition to the Pope and Church teaching. Go to: tinyurl.com/BishopApr2026

ABUNDANT HARVEST

Community Vegetable Garden at Precious Blood

We’ve started to create a new vegetable garden whose produce will be distributed to those in need through The Food Pantry at St. Dorothea Church. The garden will be along the Southern outside wall of the Parish Center.

We welcome donations to help pay for the initial installation of the garden which includes excavation, fencing that goes all around and over the garden (to keep the critters out), timber, potting soil, etc... The initial cost is in the thousands of dollars. For more info, Jerry Conway **908-902-1916**.

The garden at St. Dorothea’s (“*Garden of Plenty*”) has for two years provided plenty of fresh vegetables for those coming to our pantry. This “*Abundant Harvest*” garden is even larger and will be a significant help to families who are hungry and living with food insecurity.

BI-MONTHLY PANTRY DRIVE: MAY 10

All food items are welcome, but there is a special need for personal hygiene products (male and female) such as:

- razors and shaving cream
- laundry detergent: preferably in sizes of 64 loads or less (some of our clients have to walk and carry their bags home)
- bar and liquid soap and shampoo
- dish detergent and dishwasher detergent
- sauces
- coffee and tea
- deodorant
- toothpaste
- condiments
- dressings
- juice
- cake & muffin mixes
- cooking oil
- sugar
- snacks
- noodles & ramen

Please no fabric softener and no scented products as much as possible because of allergies.

**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.

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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| Offering Apr 26 | \$ 5,472 |
| In-pew | \$ 2,037 |
| Mailed/dropped off | \$ 1,530 |
| Online giving | \$ 1,905 |
| Offering Apr 12 | \$ 5,014 |
| Offering Apr 19 | \$ 4,848 |

Weekly Averages...

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| Year of 2024 | \$4,999 | 2025 | \$5,257 | 2026 | \$5,404 |
| Jan'26 | \$ 4,914 | Feb'26 | \$ 6,199 | | |
| Mar'26 | \$ 5,393 | Apr'26 | \$ 5,111 | | |

SUNDAY MASSES OF OUR 'LINKED' PARISHES

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| 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

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

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- **May 31 - Capital Improvements**
- **Mother's Day Novena - please put in the regular collection**
- **Father's Day Novena - please put in the regular collection**
- **Jun 28 - Holy Father & World Missions**

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.

OCIA JOURNEY GROUP

Are you, or someone you know, contemplating becoming a baptized Catholic, or receiving First Holy Communion and Confirmation? If so, we would like to invite you, or someone you know, to call the parish office, or Steve Bulvanoski's cell at 908-675-0015, to let us know that you would like more information about our Order of Christian Initiation (OCIA) Journey Group.

One of our team members will be happy to share how the OCIA group can join you in examining the gifts that Jesus gives to us, the wisdom of His Word (the Bible), and what it is like to be a member of the community at Precious Blood parish. We look forward to hearing from you.

ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

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

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

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

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

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

NEXT BLOOD DRIVE

Friday, May 15, 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. **Donors will receive a box of Girl Scout cookies!**

SPRING/SUMMER SESSION AT SCAN NJ

Registration is now open for the Spring/Summer session at SCAN NJ. Classes and seminars are available for seniors for free or a small fee. Sessions are held at the Parish Center behind Precious Blood or on the third floor at Boscov's. As a St. Dorothea or Precious Blood parishioner, your membership fee of \$25 to SCAN NJ is waived for the first year. You can find the course list at www.SCANNJ.org

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.

LOCAL RETREATS

ST. JOSEPH BY THE SEA RETREAT HOUSE

400 Route 35 North, So. Mantoloking, NJ
www.sjbsea.org

FRANCIS HOUSE OF PRAYER

84 Wainford Rd, Allentown NJ
www.fhop.org

SAN ALFONSO RETREAT HOUSE

755 Ocean Ave, Long Branch, NJ
www.sanalfonso retreats.org