

# St. Dorothea Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Dec 6

4:00p Robert Carapezzi & Thomas Welch, Jr.

### Sunday

8:30a John T. Kammers, Jr.

& Carol Rudavsky-Sweeney

10:00a Gaspare Ciaravino & Rafik Abboud

### Monday – Immaculate Conception Holy Day

12:15p the prayers in our Book of Intentions

4:00p deceased member of our parish family

### Tuesday

7:00p deceased member of our parish family

### Wednesday

12:15p Jessica Purcell & Robert Sudman

### Thursday

12:15p Krysta Maria Torres

### Friday

12:15p Loretta Wickline

## 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT DEC 7, 2025

### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### **Sunday, Dec 7**

- Giving Tree gifts due

#### **Monday, Dec 8**

- Holy Day of the Immaculate Conception

#### **Monday, Dec 14**

- St. Vincent Cookie distribution (for pre-orders)
- Carriage Ride fundraiser, Sunday 2:30-6p, at Precious Blood

### **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

### 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 DAILY MASS

- 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!

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

- **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.

Donations to St. Vincent de Paul can be made any time during the year by putting a donation in the slot of the wall-safe in the back of the church.

### **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)

### **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

### **ALL GOD’S CHILDREN**

**7p, in Francis Room at Precious Blood**

**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.

### **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 & Feb 1

San Alfonso’s Retreat House, Long Branch

More info to come in the coming weeks.

### **NEXT BLOOD DRIVE**

**Friday, Jan 16, 12:30 – 6:30 PM**

**There were 271 units collected the previous Friday. Thanks to all who gave!** Appointments for the next drive at St. Dorothea Meeting Room (school) are now available at: [nybc.org/newjerseydrive](http://nybc.org/newjerseydrive), sponsor code **71265**, or, search by zip code. And make sure you change the ending date filter.

# CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS

## Gift-Giving Tree & Tags

**The gifts are due this 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 Cookie Pre-Order

Pre-ordered cookies will be distributed the weekend of Dec 13/14.

## 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.

## 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)

## **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)

## **SEND A HERO HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS**

For the past 13 years the Knights of Columbus of the Trenton Diocesan have sent over 1600 active-duty military personnel to return home for Thanksgiving and Christmas Holidays. The only restriction for applicants is their rank can be no higher than an E4 – junior enlisted personnel.

Last year, we were able to send 214 personal home at a cost \$102,000 because of your generosity. We ask the parishioners of St. Dorothea's for their continued support in funding this program for the men and women who serve our country every day. Additional information flyers are located at the church exits. The Knights of the Rev. James B. Coyle Council wish you all a Happy Thanksgiving and thank you for donations to this program.

## **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)

## **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL OF CAROLS**

**Sunday, Dec 21, 4 PM**

**St. Dorothea Church**

Come enjoy a festival of carols from the combined choirs of St. Dorothea's Church Choir; St. Dorothea's Young Servants of the Lord; St. Dorothea's Filipino Choir; Precious Blood Church; St. Leo the Great Church; and the Choraliers of Eatontown; with the Hanbell Choir of St. Dorothea. Free to attend

## **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 25 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)

