

# St. Dorothea Church

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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Saturday, Feb 14

4:00p Mary Hughes;  
and, Michael & Speranza Auriemma

### Sunday

8:30a Esther Peireira  
10:00a Angela DeCaro & Gaspare Ciaravino

### Monday

12:15p World Peace

### Tuesday

7:00p intentions of the St. Dorothea Novena

### Ash Wednesday

See schedule on the last page

### Thursday

12:15p deceased members of our parish family

### Friday

12:15p the prayers in our Book of Intentions

## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME FEB 15, 2026

## WHAT'S HAPPENING

### **Feb 15**

- Join us after the morning Masses in the school meeting room for light refreshments and fellowship.

### **Feb 16**

- Offices closed on Monday for the holiday. Daily Mass at 12:15 PM.

### **Feb 18**

- Ash Wednesday. See schedule on the last page**
- Daily Masses at 8:30 AM resume at Precious Blood.

### **Feb 22**

- Filipino/English Mass at 3 PM at St. Dorothea
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Collection for Home, Black, & Indian Missions in the U.S.

### **Friday, Mar 13**

- Pasta Dinner Fund-Raiser, 5-7p, St. Dorothea School meeting room

### **Saturday, Mar 14**

- St. Patrick's Day Dinner/Dance, Precious Blood Parish Center

## 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!

## **PASTA DINNER FUND-RAISER**

**Friday, Mar 13, 5 – 7 PM**

### **St. Dorothy School Meeting Room**

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Pasta Dinner with salad, dessert, and drinks (coffee, tea, soda, water). BYO Beer or Wine. In lieu of the price of admission, there will be a donation offering that will go to the Special Needs programs for The Arc of Monmouth and Special Olympics NJ.

## **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.

## **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)

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

- **Ash Wednesday, Feb 18 – For the poor through the St. Vincent de Paul Society**
- **Feb 22 – Catholic Home Missions & American Indian and Black Churches**

- **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**

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.

## **CONFESIONS**

### **St. Dorothea**

Tuesday, after the 7:00 PM Mass  
Fridays, after the 12:15 PM Mass

### **Precious Blood**

Fridays after the 7:30a Mass

## **EUCARISTIC 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

## **ALL GOD'S CHILDREN**

**7p, in Francis Room at Precious Blood  
Mondays: Mar 9**

*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.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER-DANCE

**Saturday, Mar 14, 6:30 - 10 PM**  
**Precious Blood Parish Center**

Featuring: music, a DJ, dancing, Irish Dancers performing, appetizers, corned beef & cabbage, buffet dinner, Shepherd's Pie, Irish soda bread, coffee, tea, & dessert. \$35 (make checks out to Precious Blood). BYOB. Tickets are on sale at the parish offices or online at [tinyurl.com/StPat2026](http://tinyurl.com/StPat2026). Advanced tickets only, no walk-ins. Info: Marion at...

**mjmalone58@gmail.com, 732-403-1825**

## **SUNDAY MASSES OF OUR 'LINKED' PARISHES**

<b>PRECIOUS BLOOD</b>	<b>ST. DOROTHEA</b>
<b>Saturday Vigil: 5:30p</b>	<b>Saturday Vigil: 400p</b>
<b>Sundays: 8:00a</b> 9:30a 11:00a	<b>Sundays: 8:30a</b> 10:00a

## **SENSORY-FRIENDLY MASS**

**Sunday, Feb 22, 2:00 PM**

Our Lady of Fatima, Keyport

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 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)

## **SUPPORT FOR SEPARATED, DIVORCED, OR IN BETWEEN**

Find peace and healing whether from divorce, separation, or even considering divorce. We don't ask if you are Catholic, we only ask if you need healing.

St. Mary, Mother of God Church in Middletown, is pleased to host the ministry for separated and divorced Catholics. To learn more about the upcoming Spring program beginning March 5<sup>th</sup>, and to meet us, please join us for an **Information Night** on Monday, Feb 23 at 7:00 pm at Our Lady of the Most Blessed Sacrament Shrine Basement (access from Shrine parking lot), 26 Leonardville Road, Middletown, NJ 07748. To register or to have a Facilitator call you to answer any questions, please email Elaine: [healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com](mailto:healingheartsfromdivorce@gmail.com) and include your phone number as well!

## **LENTEFAQ (FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS)**

### **What's the difference between fasting and abstinence?**

*Abstinence* is really *abstinence from meat*, i.e., to abstain or refrain from eating meat. *Fasting* means not eating any food at all.

### **I find it truly difficult to go all day without eating (i.e., fasting), what should I do?**

If fasting on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday doesn't allow you to function properly at work or school or parenting; or, it makes you dizzy or weak; or, you have a medical condition which requires you to eat regularly (e.g.,

diabetes), then you have several options:

- 1) Eat just one full meal for the day; or,
- 2) If you really need to, eat one full meal and two very light meals; or,
- 3) Substitute some other act of penance or charity.

### **On days of abstinence from meat (Ash Wednesday and Fridays in Lent), what is meant by 'meat'?**

The actual flesh and organs of warm blooded animals or of birds. So, meat would be steak, hamburger, pork, ham, lamb, salami, sausage, chicken, and turkey (the color of the meat

doesn't matter). However, fish and cold blooded animals (frog, clams, etc...) are not meat. Also dairy and meat by-products (milk, cheese, etc...) or condiments and sauces with meat fat (some pasta sauces, e.g.,) are not meat.

### **Who is required to follow these rules of fasting and abstinence?**

Fasting: 18 to 59 year-olds. Abstinence: 14 year-olds and older. But keep in mind, that those younger and older can try to keep these disciplines if they choose to, and adapt them to their circumstance.

### **I forgot that it was a day of abstinence and ate meat. I also forgot it was a day of fasting and ate several full meals. Do I have to go to confession?**

No. First of all, you can't sin accidentally. Sin comes about from **purposely choosing** evil.

Secondly, failure to perform one particular act of the Church's communal penance isn't an act of grave evil. Failure to do penance, to pray, and to be charitable, **over all in one's life...** *that* is a seriously grave problem.

Thirdly, these penitential acts of fasting and abstinence are the least significant of the three disciplines of Lent. The other two disciplines are prayer and charity. It is a failure to pray and to be charitable which is a worthier subject matter of confession than accidentally eating meat on Friday.

And finally, if you forget to do one of these Lenten disciplines, you are free to substitute. Choose a different day. Choose a different penance. And you may do this without getting dispensation from a priest or the bishop.

### **I'm going to a St. Patrick's Day party on a Friday in Lent. Can I eat the traditional corned beef? Do I need to get a dispensation?**

You may eat the corned beef without getting a dispensation. Simply substitute a different day for abstinence, or, a different penance or act of charity. You have the authority to make those decisions for yourself without seeking dispensation from any clergy.

### **I'm doing an additional, personal act of penance for all of Lent (e.g., giving up a treat like ice cream). Should I also do this on Sundays?**

You may, if you want, but you don't have to. Sundays aren't counted in the "forty days of Lent." The reason for this is that Sundays are festive days of celebration, and therefore, not penitential days.

## **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB 18**

In order to accommodate the schedules of our parishioners on Ash Wednesday, we will distribute ashes within the following Masses and Liturgies of the Word:

<b>Precious Blood</b>	<b>St. Dorothea</b>
<b>6:00 AM</b>	
<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>	
<b>8:30 AM Mass</b>	
	<b>12:15 PM Mass</b>
	<b>4:00 PM</b>
	<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>
<b>5:30 PM</b>	
<b>Liturgy of the Word</b>	
<b>7:00 PM Mass</b>	



## **LENTE STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Fridays of Lent at 7:00 PM**