

St. Dorothea Church

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1ST 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

- Helping Hearts casserole donations
- 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

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, Nov 29

4:00p Shirley Jenkins & Thomas Moran

Sunday

8:30a Maria Santos & Eileen Rigby

10:00a Robert J. Burns & Edward John Gross, Jr.

Monday

12:15p the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Tuesday

7:00p deceased member of our parish family

Wednesday

12:15p the prayers in our Book of Intentions

Thursday

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Friday

12:15p Loretta & Bob Drane

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.

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 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.

SCHEDULE OF 2ND/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

To aid those affected by natural disasters or war outside of the U.S., please give to Catholic Relief Services: 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

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.

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 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

MONMOUTH COUNTY SIMBANG GABI

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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.

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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

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)

HOLY DAY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY	
PRECIOUS BLOOD	ST. DOROTHEA
No Vigil	No Vigil
Monday, Dec 8: 8:30a 5:30p	Monday, Dec 8: 12:15p 4:00p

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

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

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

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

