

Church of the Precious Blood

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Parochial Vicars: Rev. Ben Amora & Rev. Andrés Serna,

Rel. Ed. Director: Eileen Lang • **Music Director:** Joe Moffitt

Administrative Assistants: Ed Ehret & Mary Eagan

Sexton: John O'Connell • **Deacon:** John Notaro

Office Hours: Mon-Fri 9am to 1pm, & Sunday 8:30am-12noon

MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday: 5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 AM

Daily Masses, Mondays through Fridays: 7:30 AM

CONFESSIONS: Following Masses of Tue., Thur.

Baptisms take place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays at 12:30PM, or at select Masses. Parents must register for and attend a Baptismal Preparation Session (recommended that you attend while expecting).

Weddings: Diocesan regulations require one year notice. Please contact the Parish Office before making reception arrangements.

Ministry to the Sick For Communion to those who are homebound or in an institution or hospital, please contact the Parish Office. Call any time in case of emergencies.

Religious Ed. for Children: Please call the Rel. Ed. Office.

Spiritual Direction: Marge Gryta 908-489-1168,

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Sister Parish: Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Laserre, Haiti

OUR LITURGY

Saturday, February 29

5:30p Joe Petrone
by Eileen McHugh
Kathleen Tocci
by the Tocci Family

Sunday, March 01

8:00a the deceased members of the parish
9:30a Joseph Petrone
by his friends
11:00a Alphonse Mazzei
by Terri and Judy
Victorine Mattox
by Tom DiClemente and Family

Monday, March 02

7:30a Dorothy Saczawa
by Nancy

Tuesday, March 03

7:30a Armando Santos
by Roseann Pokoluk
and Chris Burgas

Wednesday, March 04

7:30a Edith Conroy
By the Maxwell Family

Thursday, March 05

7:30a the deceased members of the parish
by Ellen Marie Conrad

Friday, March 06

7:30a Grace Cancalosi
by husband Andrew

Saturday, March 07

5:30p Sarah Lacy
by the Tocci Family
Kathleen Tocci
by the Tocci Family

FOR MASS READINGS & FEAST DAYS:

- usccb.org/bible/readings/
- usccb.org/about/divine-worship/liturgical-calendar/

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday of Lent, 7 PM
Precious Blood Church

THE NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINNING IN 2020

From Fr. Mike.... A few months ago, I spoke at all the Masses about the status our parish with regard to finances, projects, and a new Mass schedule. A new Mass schedule is needed to respond to decreasing number of people attending Mass and the decreasing number of priests.

Precious Blood starting in January

Monday: 7:30a Mass

Tuesday: 7:30a Mass
8:00a Confessions

Wednesday: 7:30a Mass

Thursday: 7:30a Mass
8:00a Confessions

Friday: 7:30a Mass

Saturday: 9:00a & 10:30a available
for Funerals
12:30p & 2:30p available
for Weddings

5:30p Vigil Mass
6:30p Confessions

Sunday: 8:00a Sunday Mass
9:30a Sunday Mass
11:00a Sunday Mass

The new Sunday office hours will be 9-11 AM.

Over at St. Dorothea's, one Sunday Mass and four daily Masses are being cut from their schedule. Beginning in January, their sacramental schedule will be:

St. Dorothea starting in January

Monday: 8:30a Mass

Tuesday: 11:00a Adoration
6:45p Benediction
7:00p Mass
7:30p Confessions

Wednesday: 8:30a Mass
9:00a Confessions

Thursday: 12:15p Mass
12:45p Confessions

Friday: 8:30a Mass

Saturday: 9:00a & 10:30a available
for Funerals
12:30p & 2:30p available
for Weddings
4:00p Vigil Mass

Sunday: 8:30a Sunday Mass
10:00a Sunday Mass
11:00a Rel. Ed.

Baptisms will continue to be at Precious Blood on the 2nd and 4th Sundays; and at St. Dorothea the 1st and 3rd. Baptism times will be moved to 12:30 PM.

DISPOSING OF BLESSED PALMS

We will not be collecting old palms. For proper disposal you can either: burn the palm yourself, or break up the palm and place them in your garden.

The Mass Intention Book For 2020 Is Open

Now that we've scheduled the requests that were made in November, all are welcome to come to the Parish Office to request Masses for your loved ones. Please note that Mass Intentions are for the deceased and we use their full name (and not just their last name).

Later this year, there will be four Novenas (nine Masses) for collective intentions: Mother's Day; Father's Day; All Souls Day; and one to celebrate our parish's feast day, which is The Exaltation of the Cross in mid-September (when we have our parish picnic). For the parish novena, intentions for the living or in thanksgiving are also appropriate.

Keep in mind we have also a Book of Intentions in the back of the Church which we pray for at each Mass.

LENTEN FAQ (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 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

PARISH JOURNAL

NEW OFFICE E-MAIL

Please take note of and use our new office email:

office@churchofthepreciousblood.org

It replaces the Comcast address. Thanks!

NEW SUNDAY OFFICE HOURS

Please take note of our new Sunday hours:

Sundays: 9 – 11 AM

The weekday hours remain the same:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Week of March 8

- Family Promise

Saturday, Mar 21

- St. Patrick's Irish Dance

Sunday, Apr 5

- Seder Meal

RECURRING EVENTS

1st Sundays (Mar 1)

- Helping Hearts Casseroles
- Scouts of America, 5p, Parish Center

1st Tuesdays (Mar 3)

- All God's People (LGBTQ and allies), 7p Parish House

2nd Sundays (Mar 8)

- Social at Parish House after Masses

3rd Saturdays

- Men's Group, 8a, Parish House

4th Saturdays

- Women's Group, 8a, Francis Rm.

Daily

- AA, Parish Center, 7-8a

Mondays

- Choir Practice, Church, 7:30p

ST. PATRICK'S DINNER DANCE

Saturday, March 21 at 6:00p

Parish Center Gym

Featuring *Blackwater with Sean Hennessy*, live music, dinner, dessert, beer and wine. \$25 per person. Tickets on sale starting this Sunday, February 23rd at the parish office (9 – 11 AM) and at the doors of the church next week.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIALS

NOW ONLY ON SUNDAYS

From Fr. Mike: Since the time I first arrived at Precious Blood, the Saturday evening social on Second Sunday Socials at the parish house have been sparsely attended. And more recently, not attended at all, even before the change of time of the Vigil Mass. And so, our after-Mass socials on the second Sundays, will only be after the Sunday morning Masses from now on. **Next Second Sunday social will be Mar 8.**

STEWARDSHIP

UPCOMING EXTRA COLLECTIONS

- Mar 1: For Black and American Indian Missions
(Please make checks out to: *Church of the Precious Blood*)

2019 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

Parish Goal: \$27,000

Gift Count: 166 / **Raised:** \$22,541 (83.0% of goal)

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

Intentional Offering, Feb 23

- Envelopes and Online... 158 \$3,917
- + cash offering at Masses... \$2,015

Total Collection \$5,932

Previous Totals:

	Feb 16	\$6,428
	Feb 9	\$6,538
	Feb 2	\$6,852
	Jan 26	\$5,284
2 nd Collection Latin America	Jan 26	\$1,466
	Jan 19	\$6,614

STATEMENT OF CHARITABLE CONTRIBUTIONS

For those who've used The Envelope System or made your Sunday contributions by check (and are enrolled as members of the parish), we can send you a statement of your charitable contributions to the church if you need such a thing for filing your taxes. Please send a note to the office by mail or drop it in the collection. Or, email contact information (name, address, phone) to:

office@churchofthepreciousblood.org

HUMAN CONCERNS

FAMILY PROMISE:

SHELTERING THE HOMELESS

Weeks in 2020 beginning:

March 8, May 17, Oct 18

Family Promise provides shelter for our guests transitioning to permanent housing at Precious Blood's Parish Center. To help with future Family Promise weeks, simply email Sue Howard at **suehoward@comcast.net** indicating you'd like to be on the volunteer email list. Then Sue will email everyone with a list of tasks for which you can volunteer. This process allows us to better coordinate volunteers from both Precious Blood and St. Dorothea parishes. Please note that with new faith communities participating in Family Promise, we will be hosting only three times this year – we no longer have a November date.

CHRISTIAN OUTREACH

DIVORCED AND SEPARATED PROGRAM

12 Wednesdays, starting Mar 18, 7-8:30p

**Our Lady Of Perpetual Help – St. Agnes Parish
Atlantic Highlands Rectory, 103 Center Ave**

This parish is pleased to announce a new ministry entitled, "*Surviving Divorce: Hope and Healing for the Catholic Family*", a healing program being offered for divorced and/or separated Catholics. Anyone that needs help in finding peace, power and healing from divorce, whether you are separated, considering divorce, or are already

divorced, you will discover how to work through emotions and pain, and experience personal healing and hope. If interested, please email with your name and contact information and one of the facilitators, Michele Coppola Wilson, Peri Marando, or Elaine Anzalone Goumas, will get back in touch with you regarding all the details and will answer any questions you may have.

Email: healfromdivorcetoday@gmail.com

Info: www.catholicsdivorce.com

LOCAL EVENTS

HELP WANTED

Part-time Facilities Coordinator

Precious Blood Church in Monmouth Beach rents its Parish Center which has a gym and kitchen for groups such as wedding or Quinceañera receptions. This position:

- schedules events and instructs renters as to our policies (e.g., renters must do their own set-up and clean-up);
- collects payments (fees, deposits, insurance)
- responsible for light custodial clean-up when groups don't clean up themselves (and lose their cleaning deposit)
- requires being available on weekends to monitor use of facilities as needed

Résumés and inquiries can be sent to:

office@churchofthepreciousblood.org

parish office: 732-222-4756

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN SOUP DINNER

Saturday, Mar 28, 5 PM

St. Dorothea School Meeting Room

St. Dorothea's St. Vincent de Paul Society will host our annual *Empty Bowls Soup Dinner* in the Family Center after the 4:00 PM mass. Enjoy delicious homemade hearty soups, bread, dessert, and beverages. Admission is a "free will" donation. All are welcome! Proceeds will help our neighbors in need. If you would like to make soup for the event, please call our help line, 732-939-6225. Leave your name and a number where we can reach you.

Thank you for your generous support!

BENEFIT CONCERT

FOR THOSE DISPLACED BY

THE TAAL VOLCANO ERUPTION

Saturday, Mar 7, 7:00 PM

St. Dorothea School Gym

Featuring American pop music and original Filipino music performed by local talents within and around our parish community. Traditional Filipino street food and light refreshments will be served.

Advanced tickets sales at the door of the church or parish office discounted: \$20 adults / \$10 children 5-12 years old. An extra \$5 for tickets sold at the door of the event.

MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

7 Hastings Place, Monmouth Beach

Thursday, Mar 5, 9:30 - 11:00 AM

Monmouth Beach School is registering students for our full day 2020-2021 Kindergarten program. We are welcoming Monmouth Beach residents whose children will be five on or before October 1, 2020. All registration forms are available on the district's website. Contact the main office with any questions, 732-222-6139.

FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC WOMEN OF ZION

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Saturday, Mar 14, 9 am - 1 pm

Mass: 9 am, Fr. Thomas Maher presiding

St. William the Abbot

2740 Lakewood-Allenwood Rd, Howell

Catholic Women of Zion is a ministry of healing of mind, soul, and body inspired by the Holy Spirit to meet the needs of today's Catholic women. Join these "Morning Retreats" which meet every other month on a Saturday to hear talks by guest speakers. The day includes Mass, prayer, music, and an opportunity to share our faith. Fee of \$20 includes lunch. Camille Herr will be the presenter on the topic of "Be Not Afraid."

Come and bring a friend! Admission: \$20, payable at the door, includes lunch. Reservations are

necessary. Please call 732-202-8352 no later than Tuesday, Feb 4 to register. Leave your phone number and spell your last name. You can also register on line: www.cwoz.org

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER
aweekendforyourmarriage.org

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend gives you the time and tools to revitalize romance, deepen communication, and nourish the spirituality in your marriage.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held April 24 -26. Please register by April 10, as space is limited. Phone **1-732-904-9636** for registration and information.

LOCAL PARISHES

ST. DOROTHEA, EATONTOWN
stdorothea.org • 732-542-0148

- **Adoration:** Tuesdays 11a - 6:45p benediction. Mass at 7p following.
- **NarAnon Meetings:** Wednesday, Youth Room in the School, 7:30p

MONTHLY BILINGUAL (ENGLISH/FILIPINO) MASS
Every 4th Sunday at 3:00 PM
St. Dorothea Church

The Mass is celebrated in Filipino and English. Rosary prayer will begin at 2:30 PM. A fellowship luncheon will be served after the Mass. All are welcome!

ST. JEROME SCHOOL

A few weeks ago, Sr. Elizabeth spoke at all the Masses regarding St. Jerome Catholic School. She mentioned the opportunity for people to sponsor a child in the school who may not be able to attend next year without financial help. If anyone wanted to adopt a student to continue their education at Saint Jerome School, please contact Sr. Elizabeth either through email: edalessio@filippiniusa.org or call the school and ask for her: (732) 222-8686.

CATHOLIC CLIMATE CREATION WORKSHOP
WORLD CLIMATE SIMULATION
Saturday, Mar 14, 2 - 4 PM

As part of a continuing series on the theology of creation as put forth by Pope Francis in his encyclical, Laudato Si, this will be a world climate interactive simulation developed by Climate Interactive and MIT, a model-based game which parallels the UN climate change negotiation process. Participants, will play world leaders who will try to produce a global agreement to reduce CO₂ emissions enough to limit global warming well below 2°C.

Tens of thousands of people around the world have participated in World Climate Simulation since its debut. Audiences have included Nobel Prize winning scientists, a former U.S. Secretary of State, (actual) UN climate negotiators, University presidents, European Union policy makers, oil executives, and countless students of all ages.

During the event participants face climate science, engage in the drama and tensions of global politics, test their ambitions against a climate-modeling tool used by actual climate negotiators, and then reflect on how the experience challenges their assumptions about climate change. Moderated by Monmouth University Professor, Dr. Catherine Duckett Bringing a personal laptop is recommended, but not necessary. **Free to attend, but please RSVP: monimaz14@gmail.com**

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

IMPORTANT REL. ED. DATES & NEWS

- Mar 9-11, no CCD (Family Promise week)

Grade 8 Confirmation candidates have completed their interviews with Fr. Mike and continue to involve themselves at Mass through gospel reflections and in community service. Cards of encouragement and cakes were delivered to the Center in Asbury Park for the Sunday celebration dinner for Dr. Martin Luther King.