# Precious Blood Parish

**St. Agnes Church** 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460 St. Mary Church (Parish Office) 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460



Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ to others through prayer, faith formation and assisting the needy through ministries grounded in the works of mercy.

## We Welcome All Visitors

### SUNDAY MASSES

SaturdayVigil4:30 pmSt. Mary5:00 pmSt. Agnes

## Sunday

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## DAILY MASSES

7:00 am St. Mary 7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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## **Mass Intentions for the Week**

#### St. Agnes Church

**Mon November 11 St. Martin of Tours** 9:00 No Intention

#### Tue November 12 St. Josaphat

9:00 Carl, Joan, and Michael Rocco

**Wed November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini** 9:00 *Ante & Milica Frzop* by their daughter

#### Thu November 14 Weekday

9:00 Anthony Mennillo by the Sullivan Family

#### Fri November 15 St. Albert the Great

9:00 Dec. Members of the Geer Family

#### Sat November 16 VIGIL

5:00 Anna Krutz by Sandy and Jim Swanson

#### Sun November 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish* 10:30 *The Esposito Family* 

#### Readings for the week of November 10, 2019

Sun: 2 Mc 7:1-2, 9-14/Ps 17:1, 5-6, 8, 15 [15b]/2 Thes 2:16 3:5/Lk 20:27-38 or 20:27, 34-38

- Mon: Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8, 9-10 [24b]/Lk 17:1-6
- Tue: Wis 2:23—3:9/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Lk 17:7-10
- Wed: Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 17:11-19
- Thu: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Ps 119:89, 90, 91, 130, 135, 175 [89a]/Lk 17:20-25
- Fri: Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5ab [2a]/Lk 17:26-37
- Sat: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 [5a]/Lk 18:1-8
- Next Sunday: Mal 3:19-20a/Ps 98:5-6, 7-8, 9 [cf. 9]/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of November 10, 2019 Is in Memory of *Edward McCarthy* 



Dear Lord, Today we honor our veterans, worthy men and women who gave their best when they were called upon to serve and protect their country. We respect them, we thank them, we honor them, we are proud

of them. We pray that you will watch over these special people and bless them with peace and happiness.

#### St. Mary Church

**Mon November 11 St. Martin of Tours** 7:00 Living and Deceased American Veterans

**Tue November 12 St. Josaphat** 7:00 *Msgr. John Davis* by Joe & Tatiana Montelone

Wed November 13 St. Frances Xavier Cabrini 7:00 Susan Piroh Mino by sister Pat

#### Thu November 14 Weekday

7:00 Dorothy Beliveau by Susanne Beliveau

#### Fri November 15 St. Albert the Great

7:00 L. W. Seidensticker by his family

#### Sat November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland

7:30 Frank Duff by The Legion of Mary

VIGIL

4:30 Karen Bellerose by George Beecher

#### Sun November 17 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 Arlene Ronan by her husband John10:00 Kaycie Begley by her father11:30 Bob McCormick by The Hunter Family4:30 Thomas Mahoney, Jr. by his family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of November 10, 2019 Is in Memory of *All Our Veterans* 

#### COLLECTION REPORT

10/27/19 - \$14,464 11/3/19 - \$15,331



**Frances Xavier Cabrini** was the first U. S. citizen to be canonized. Her deep trust in the loving care of her God gave her the strength to be a valiant woman doing the work of Christ.

In 35 years she founded 67 institutions dedicated to caring for the poor, the abandoned, the uneducated and the sick. Seeing great need among Italian

immigrants who were losing their faith, she organized schools and adult education classes.

"I will go anywhere and do anything to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him." Dear Friends:

At long last, we welcome this weekend to our parish **Fr. Lijo Thomas**, who replaces Fr. Deny Varghese who left us in



June to take up advanced theological studies in Rome. Both Fr. Sam and myself warmly welcome Fr. Lijo to the parish and we look forward to his presence and ministry. Fr. Lijo (pronounced LEEjoe) is a young priest, just thirty-one years old. He is a native of India, coming from the same state, Kerala, as both Fr. Sam and Fr. Deny. He is welleducated in philosophy and theology. He also holds a licentiate degree (S.T.L.) from the John Paul II Pontifical Institute for Studies on Marriage and Family. He was ordained as a priest on February 22, 2014 and has served in a number of positions in his own diocese in India, ranging from parochial vicar (associate pastor) to pastor. He also has served as a vice principal and as director of the Family Apostolate in his home diocese. As you can see, Fr. Lijo, even as young as he may be comes to us with a wealth of experience. Fr. Lijo will celebrate the Masses at St. Agnes this weekend and will be at St. Mary's next weekend. I know that you will welcome him warmly.

The Annual Collection is now underway and I am gratified by the early returns. Already at this early stage, we have received over \$20,000 toward our modest goal of \$55,000. The proceeds from this collection are used to make improvements and needed repairs on the parish plant. Your generosity is much appreciated, and not only for this collection, but for all the many ways that you support the parish and its mission throughout the year. Know that I am grateful for whatever you can do.

A change in the way the weekday Mass is celebrated at St. Mary's took effect on Saturday, November 2. Whereas in the past, we always began and ended the Mass with a hymn sung without musical accompaniment, we no longer sing hymns at the weekday Masses. The reason is quite simple. The practice has been that the reader for the Mass also selected the hymn and led the singing of it. This practice has kept some from reading at the morning Mass because they either could not or did not want to lead the singing. In actuality, the ministry of leading song is distinct from that of proclaiming the Word of God. They should not be linked together. A perceived inability to sing or a fear of singing publicly should not keep one from exercising the Ministry of the Word if they feel called to do so. While singing at Mass, especially on weekdays, is optional, the worthy proclamation of the Word of God is not. So, for now, we have suspended the

practice of singing at the weekday morning Masses at St. Mary's. We will consider other options as we go forward, but it should be noted that very few parishes have morning Mass each day during the week as we do, and very, very few parishes sing hymns at weekday Masses. While I understand that a few may be unhappy with this, I ask that you understand my reasoning behind the decision. I also would appreciate your cooperation with it.

Have a good week!

Rev. alexante Vnalue

The concert at St. Ann Church featuring the Grammy -nominated composer and singer, Sarah Hart, is today at 3PM. It will be repeated on Monday at 7PM. Tickets are \$17 at the door or may be bought online https://sarahhart.eventbrite.com

> BAPTISMAL PREPARATION November 17th 2:00PM Rectory Basement Meeting Room



On Nov. 16 the **Giving Tree** will be erected in the sanctuary, decorated with approx. 1,000 wishes of needy families, children and individuals. This program has been run by a dedicated group of

volunteers for over 25 years. For many of our recipients the Giving Tree gifts will be the only Christmas gifts they will receive this holiday season, so it is important to be very serious about taking a wish from the Tree and returning the gift on time. In previous years we have been short-changed by as many as 25 gifts that have not been returned. Many of the organizations requesting gifts hold their Christmas parties a few days after the Giving Tree deadline, so a gift returned a week late cannot be gifted.

Please purchase the exact item requested. Most will be unwrapped. Tape the wish securely to the package and place the gift under the Tree by **Sunday**, **Dec. 8** at **5:30PM**. (**Not during Mass**) Monetary gifts, gift certificates to Stop&Shop & ShopRite, (purchased from St. Mary School volunteers after Masses) and Walmart are welcomed. Direct questions to Bob Lessard, 874-9076 or boblessard@optonline.net.

If you know of a needy person or family that we can assist through this program, fill out this form and drop it off at the rectory by **Thursday**, **Nov. 21**.

| Gift Item            | Size  |
|----------------------|-------|
| Man/Woman/Child/Baby | Color |
| Your Name            | Phone |

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The question of the Sadducees to Jesus is framed in a story about a family with seven brothers and their sister-in-law. Through story telling families remember their shared past and expose the companionship of God in your family from generation to generation.

"There can be no true democracy without a recognition of every person's dignity and without respect for his or her rights. Nor can there be true peace unless life is defended and promoted."

Pope St. John Paul II, Evangelium vitae, 90

**MARCH FOR LIFE** January 23-24, 2020 Join the Archdiocese of Hartford on its Pro-Life Pilgrimage to Washington D. C. for the 2020 March for Life. The cost for bus and breakfast at the hotel is \$115pp Included: Mass with Archbishop Leonard P. Blair, Breakfast speaker Dr. Monique Ruberu, Ob/ Gyn For more information on how to register and a detailed schedule of the pilgrimage, please visit www.prolifeministry.org or contact Sr. Suzanne Gross or Sr. Amaris Salatta 203 694-4189

Spirituality of Women for the Future of the Church Wed. Nov. 20 9AM-1PM Our Lady of Calvary, Farmington, CT Where is the Church in relation to women nearly sixty years after Vatican II? Where are women in relation to the Church? Sr. Eileen Fucito, CP \$30 (includes lunch) olcretreat@sbcglobal.net 860 677-8519 www.OurLadyofCalvary.net

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Col Andrew Whiskeyman, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, Joshua Ehret Po1USN, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, MSgt Carlie Blacklidge, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat, Colin O'Sullivan USAF, Capt. Richard Brantley, Spec. Anthony Olenski, Michael Foss AA1C, Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, Jordan Grassmann USN, Capt. Stephen Shumaker, Michael A. Eno USN, SR Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Alec Rossetti MA2USN, Dakota Owen USA, , Pfc. Daniel Hewston, William F. Gilson USAF, Michael Casey USN, Pfc. Ron Murray, CDR Matthew Fanning, Charles J. Grant, 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes

The Apostles of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, 295 Benham St. in Hamden, will host their annual **Holly Berry Festival** on Nov. 22-23, They are also hosting a **Frozen Party** for children at the Festival at 10AM Nov. 23. PARISH CLERGY

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PARISH TRUSTEES Suzanne Beliveau and Earl Whiskeyman

## This Week

| Sun | Boy Scout Can Drive     |           | SM      |
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|     | 10th Grade RE Class     | 4:30PM    | SM      |
| Mon | Novena                  | 7:30PM    | SM      |
|     | NAMI Family             | 6:00PM    | SA      |
| Tue | Legion of Mary          | 10:15AM   | rectory |
|     | 7th Grade RE Class      | 4:30PM    | SA      |
|     | K of C Officers         | 7:00PM    | rectory |
| Wed | NAMI Homefront          | 6:00PM    | SA      |
|     | Pastoral Council        | 7:00PM    | SM      |
| Thu | Bereavement Support     | 1:00PM    | SA      |
|     | Legion of Mary          | 7:00PM    | rectory |
|     | Choir Rehearsal         | 7:00PM    | SM      |
| Sat | Scrapbooking & tag sale | e 10:00AM | SA      |

**PLEASE NOTE:** All bulletin notices should be sent to bulletin@pbpmilford.org.

The old address, secretary@preciousbloodmilford.org will soon be canceled.

Reminder: early deadlines for November 24 (11/15) and December 3 (11/21)



