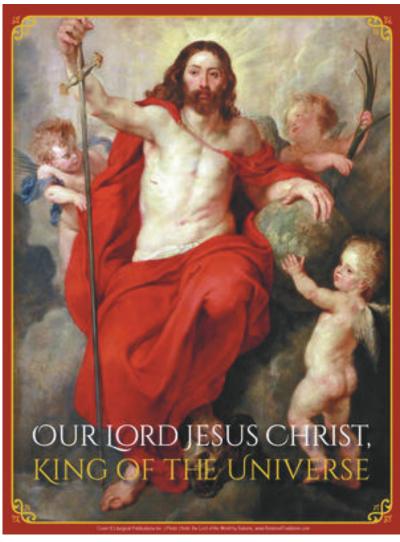
# Precious Blood Parish

**St. Agnes Church** 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



# St. Mary Church (Parish Office)

(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**

Saturday Vigil 4:30 pm St. Mary 5:00 pm St. Agnes

#### Sunday

7:30 am St. Agnes 8:30 am St. Mary 10: 00 am St. Mary 10:30 am St. Agnes 11:30 am St. Mary 4:30 pm St. Mary

#### **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 25 Weekday

9:00 Anne M. Anderson by The Wong Family

Tue November 26 Weekday

9:00 Evio & Carrie Giovanelly by their niece

Wed November 27 Weekday

9:00 Gianni Florio by The Rosary Group

Thu November 28 Weekday

9:00 Phyllis & Charles Wrenn by Lauren



Fri November 29 Weekday

9:00 Mr. Hang Fu & Mrs. Chui Kam Yiu by family

Sat November 30 VIGIL

5:00 *In Thanksgiving for our Blessings* 

Bob & Sandy Robinson

Sun December 1 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 Sean Beirne by Tom, Colleen, Tommy & Collin 10:30 Michael & James Miller by Betty Ann & Brad



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of November 24, 2019 Is in Memory of George & Margaret Beecher

Readings for the week of November 24, 2019

Sun: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Mon: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/ Lk 21:1-4

Tue: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61 [59b]/Lk 21:5-11

Wed: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67 [59b]/Lk 21:12-19

Thu: Dn 6:12-28/Dn 3:68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74 [59b]/Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10 or Jn 6:63]/ Mt 4:18-22

Next Sunday: Is 2:1-5/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44

"Most powerful is he who has himself in his own power."

Lucius Annaeus Seneca

#### St. Mary Church

Mon November 25 Weekday

7:00 Theofila Paige by her family

Tue November 26 Weekday

7:00 Claire Singley by The Tobin Family

Wed November 27 Weekday

7:00 Catherine Hanley by her family

Thu November 28 Weekday

9:00 Rev. Robert B. Vargo by a friend



Fri November 29 Weekday

7:00 Agustin T. Bicar by The Vocal family

Sat November 30 St. Andrew

7:30 Deceased Members of The Legion of Mary

**VIGIL** 

4:30 Bobby McCormick by Larry & Joan Nassef

**Sun December 1 First Sunday of Advent** 

8:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:00 Margaret & William Myers by their family

11:30 Arlene and Harvey Pond by their family

4:30 Sam Rosa by his family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of November 24, 2019 Is in Memory of Dorothea Martino



In biblical history the King was considered the "shepherd" of his people (2 Sam. 5:2), and he is called the "breath of life."

When consider we Christ as the perfect King in these traditional contexts, we recognize Him as the ideal shepherd and the restorer to life everlasting. (Lk. 15:1-7, Jn. 10:11, Is. 40:1-11, Ps. 2: 23, Rv. 7:13-17).

Dear Friends:

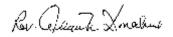
With national observance our Thanksgiving Day this coming Thursday, we launch into the holiday season, a time of hectic activity, celebrations and gatherings of one kind or another, and preparations small and large. As the song sings, "It's the most wonderful time of the year." May this Thanksgiving be a day when all of us stop to consider and count our many blessings, offer heartfelt prayers of gratitude to God for those blessings, and consider how we can share from our abundance with those who lack the basic necessities of life. Thanksgiving Day must not be reduced to a day of feasting and football. It must continue to focus on God and the abundant blessings we receive from him, blessings in the form of food, yes, but also family and friends, health, a career or livelihood, and so much more. A true awareness of what we have received, an honest assessment of our blessings also helps us to avoid the pitfalls of jealousy and envy, which can do real harm to our lives, spiritual and corporal.

For those who might wish to use it, I supply a Table Prayer for Thanksgiving:

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick, and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask all of this through Jesus Christ, your Son, who is Lord forever and ever. Amen.

Mass will be celebrated on Thanksgiving morning at 9:00 AM at both St. Mary and St. Agnes Churches. The annual Milford Interfaith Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on this Tuesday evening, November 26, at 7:00 PM at the First Church of Christ, Congregational located at 34 West Main Street.

I wish all of you a wonderful Thanksgiving and hope that you will be safe if traveling to be with family and friends.



#### **SPONSOR CERTIFICATES**

We receive many requests for sponsor certificates for Baptism and Confirmation. To be a witness for these sacraments a sponsor should:

> Be an **active** Catholic, over 16 years old Be a registered member of this parish Have made their Confirmation (if married) Have been married in the Church



#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

Halloween at St. Mary School was celebrated with many events. There was the Annual Family Halloween Party & the Inaugural Weekend Trick or Trunk, and the traditional school time parade and parties.

The Milford Historical Society Field Trip is a tradition kept alive by the school's third grade. They walked over to the Historical Society grounds and spent the morning learning about our town's history. They played with old fashioned toys, learned about life in Milford during the colonial times, wrote with quill pens and enjoyed lunch on the lawn.

Sacred Heart University and St. Mary School teamed up on October 23rd for their third collaboration. Dr. Deirdre Yeater, her colleague Dr. Pierce, and a group of her students from Sacred Heart University did a presentation about the importance of bees. Students learned all about bees, made their own bee habitats to bring home, were given honey to take home "bee slime." Each time the two schools get together they explore an important and current science lesson.



All gifts are to be returned by Sunday, **December 8th at 5:30PM**. If you took a tag and did not get a gift, please return the tag so someone else can fulfill the wish. We would not like to disappoint those who are counting on this bit of Christmas cheer. If all the tags are gone and you would like to purchase a gift, monetary donations or gift certificates to Stop&Shop, ShopRite, and Walmart are welcome. Grocery certificates can be purchased

from St. Mary School volunteers after all Masses. Please place the donations in the wooden box located

under the Giving Tree sign.

Thank you! Bob Lessard, 874-9076 or email boblessard@optonline.net

#### **HEARTS FOR HAITI DANCE**



December 7 7:00 - 10:00PM St. Agnes Hall Music by Fastback Raffles Tickets are \$10pp and are available after all weekend Masses and in the rectory during office hours. Today's gospel reminds us the Kingdom of heaven is not like Disney's Magic Kingdom. Admission to Christ's Kingdom is paid with the currency of acceptance, forgiveness, attention to the poor and love of one's enemy.

Celebrate the joy of the holiday season Dec. 7-8 at Christmas in the Mansion!

Lauralton Hall's historic campus will be transformed into a "Showcase of the Season" featuring more than 60 specialty boutiques offering upscale handcrafted items, home décor, jewelry, accessories, and more. Stroll Lauralton's decorated hallways, tour its cornerstone 1864 Victorian Gothic mansion, visit Santa's Workshop, and enjoy lunch and holiday treats in the Food Court. Shop early at our ticketed Preview party Saturday, Dec. 7 or come to the community-wide event on Sunday, Dec. 8, 12-5PM (admission \$10 at the door, children aged 12 and under free). www.lauraltonhall.org/christmas



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Our Lady of Victory/St. John XXIII Parishes invite you to join them in a celebration of **LESSONS & CAROLS**, Sunday, December 8 at 4:00PM.

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# This Week

Mon Novena 7:30PM SM
NAMI Family 6:00PM SA
Veterans Support Group 8:00PM SA
Tue Legion of Mary 10:15AM rectory

**Notice:** Because of the upcoming holidays, bulletins must be submitted to the publisher at dates much earlier than normal. This bulletin was sent on Friday, November 15th; therefore, the event calendar may be incomplete.

The next bulletin, December 1st, will be sent to the publisher on November 21st. Any notices for that bulletin should be in the office by **Wednesday**, **November 20th**.

All rectory offices will be closed Thursday, November 28th, Thanksgiving Day, and Friday, November 29th.

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