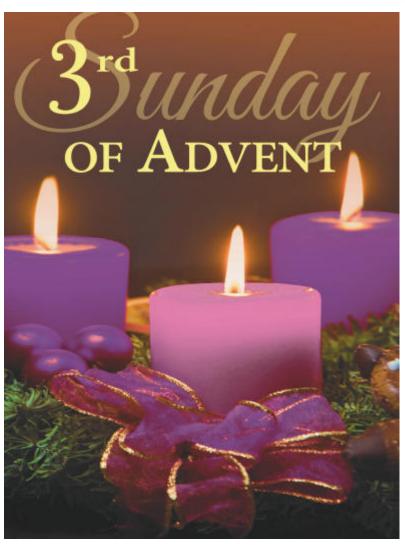
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**St. Agnes Church** 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



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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 December 16 Advent Weekday 9:00 Bill English by The Wong Family

**Tue December 17 Advent Weekday** 

9:00 Carl, Joan, and Michael Rocco by their family

Wed December 18 Advent Weekday

9:00 No Intention

Thu December 19 Advent Weekday

9:00 No Intention

Fri December 20 Advent Weekday

9:00 Albert Reinehr by Rose Elliott

Sat December 21 VIGIL

5:30 Brian Nesdale by his wife Joanne

**Sun December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent** 

7:30 Kevin Lovett by his sister 10:00 Thos. J. Beirne/Tom, Colleen, Tommy, Collin



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of December 15, 2019 Is in Memory of Carl Rocco

Readings for the week of December 15, 2019

Sun: Is 35:1-6a, 10/ Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 [Is 35:4]/ 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11 Jas

Mon: N 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9

Mt 21:23-27

Tue: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/

Mt 1:1-17

Wed: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7]/Mt

Thu: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 [cf.

Lk 1:5-25

Fri: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/ Lk 1:26-38

Sat: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-

[1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c,

10b]/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

#### **COLLECTION REPORT**

November 24 - \$15.290 Campaign for Human Development - \$2,875 December 1 - \$15,761

#### St. Mary Church

**Mon December 16 Advent Weekday** 7:00 Maria Vu Thi Xieu by Kim Nguyen

Tue December 17 Advent Weekday

7:00 Livia Jansson by her husband

Wed December 18 Advent Weekday

7:00 Michael Jacobsen by his family

Thu December 19 Advent Weekday

7:00 All Souls by Kim Nguyen

Fri December 20 Advent Weekday 7:00 Derek Meyers by Gwendolyn and Bill

Sat December 21 Advent Weekday

7:30 Russell Nemeth by his wife

VIGIL

4:30 Philip and Frances Rich by their daughters

Sun December 22 Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:00 Stanley, Eugene, Chris by The Goralski Fam.

11:30 Deceased Members of the Goralski Family

4:30 The Hale Family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of December 15, 2019 Is in Memory of Sr. Edward Joseph

#### ADVENT TRADITIONS

Wreath: The circle of evergreens is a symbol of God/eternity; green represents hope with Christ's birth.

Window Lights: An Irish tradition remembering the journey of Joseph & Mary; a candle in the window welcomed strangers.

Poinsettia: The arrangement of petals+ recalls the star of Bethlehem; red for the love of the Redeemer.

Candy Canes: An Indiana candymaker made the in a J for Jesus; white represents Christ's sinless nature, red for the blood shed for promise of eternal

Crêche: The French word for crib, the crêche has become the traditional tableau of Christ's birth.

St. Francis of Assisi re-enacted the first Christmas scene using live persons and

animals over 750 years ago. Today it has become the most important part of most homes at Christmas.

















Dear Friends:

Advent is advancing quickly toward its culmination at our celebration of Christmas, just ten days or so from now. Thus, today, Gaudete Sunday, the Church bids us to rejoice. The text from the prophet Isaiah speaks of the steppe rejoicing and blooming, the eyes of the blind being opened, the ears of the deaf being cleared, the lame leaping like a stag, the tongues of the mute singing. Isaiah in his time looked forward with longing to that day when there will be everlasting joy and gladness, when sorrow and mourning shall flee. At Christmas, we will celebrate the birth in time of the One who is the source of our true and lasting joy, the One who turns our sorrows and pain into joy. As Christmas approaches, at a time of year that can leave many of us stressed out and even depressed, may we ask God to pour light into our hearts so that we may grasp the true meaning of this season and find joy in Him who is closer to us that we are even to ourselves.

This Sunday afternoon, at 2:30 PM in St. Agnes Church, we will have our annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. This affords us all the opportunity to step back from the rush of this time of year, to sit in quiet, listening to selections from the Scriptures, and singing hymns and carols of the season. We need this kind of time. It lasts but an hour. I hope that many will take advantage of it.

As Christmas approaches, there are increased opportunities available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please check the bulletin or be sure to take one of the cards available at the church doors so that you may have a reminder of times for confession. A good confession is a worthy way to cap any proper observance of Advent. Please consider taking advantage of the opportunity, even if, *especially if* it has been some years since you last went to confession.

Finally, the Annual Collection is doing quite well. At this writing, some \$46,000 has been given and we are well on our way to our goal. If you have not made a gift, please do so before December 31 if you wish that gift to be credited for tax purposes. As always, thanks to all who are so generous to the parish and the work it does throughout the year.

Rev. Glant. Xmalus



BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

TODAY, DECEMBER 15 Rectory Basement 2:00PM

#### SERVICE OF LESSONS AND CAROLS



A musical service of scripture and song, retelling the story of the journey from Advent into Christmas

**TODAY** at St. Agnes Church @2:30PM

#### **HOLIDAY FILM FESTIVAL**



The Angels of Mary will meet on December 21st for Christmas fun and activities. Any child from K through middle school is invited to attend. There is no fee. A mini-breakfast of

grapes, bananas, juice, mini muffins and donuts will be enjoyed while we watch videos together.

The special event will take place on Saturday morning from 9:30 to 11:30AM in St. Mary rectory basement. For information phone Sharon DiNapoli at 799-8670.

All gifts for the St. Agnes Giving Tree must be here by **noon today**. Thank you for your generosity in helping us extend the spirit of Christmas to our neighbors



**OPLATEK** wafers are available in the rectory office. Each package is \$2.50.

#### ST. MARY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS TREE SALE

Pick your special tree while having fun complete with

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Goodies, & Jimmy's Apizza! After you eat there, get a 10% off coupon for your tree. When you buy your tree, get coupons for future visits back to those restaurants!



**EARLY TRANSMISSION** of bulletins is always required when holidays arrive. Liturgical Publications has holiday vacations, too. Normal deadline is noon on Monday, but with Christmas and New Year coming soon, please note that there are several weeks ahead that require an early submission date for any bulletin notices.

Bulletin notices for the December 29th bulletin must be in the rectory office by noon, December 18th; December 26th for the January 5th bulletin.

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The question put to Jesus in today's gospel is also put to us today: "Are you the one?" Are you the one who will give guidance to the children in your life or must they look to TV sitcoms, films, videos and music lyrics for direction? Are vou **the one?** Will you be the one?



The Peter F. Phelan, Jr. Giving Tree Committee would like to the parishioners thank Precious Blood Parish for their

The abundance of overwhelming generosity. beautifully wrapped and thoughtfully purchased gifts brought joy to so many needy men, women, and children during this Christmas season. May God bless you all and may you and your families experience the same joy and happiness you brought to others.



"Those who die in God's grace and friendship live forever with Christ. Heaven is not an abstract idea, but a true and lasting relationship with God that is beyond all earthly description and understanding. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead and everlasting life by preparing now, in hope, for our passage from this life into eternal life."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing"



#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS LITURGY**

Dress Rehearsal St. Mary School Gym Friday, December 20th 4:30PM

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. Jordan Grassmann USN,



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	Lesson & Carols	2:30PM	SA
Mon	Confessions	6:00PM	SM
	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	NAMI Family	6:00PM	SA
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:15AM	SM
	Legion Officers	7:00PM	rectory
	Jobs Support	7:00PM	convent
Wed	Helping Hands	1:00PM	SA
	Book Club	3:30PM	SM
	K of C	7:00PM	SM
Thu	Bereavement Support	1:00PM	SA
	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	rectory
Fri	K of C Party	6:00PM	SM
Sat	Angels Film Festival	9:00AM	rectory
	Confessions	2:30PM	SA

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