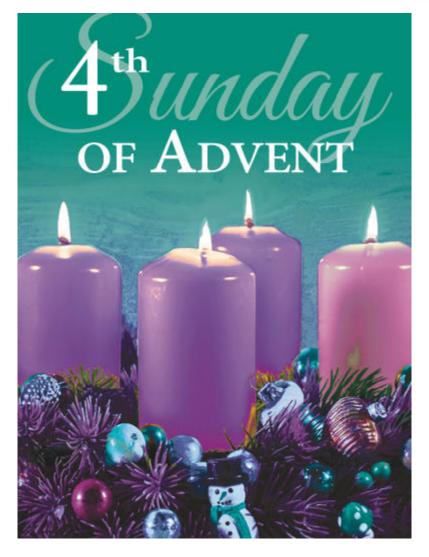
Precious Blood Parish

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

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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PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon December 23 St. John of Kanty 9:00 No Intention

Tue December 24 Late Advent Weekday 9:00 *Mr. Hang Fu & Mrs. Chui Kam Yiu* by family

VIGIL

4:00 *Patrick Lovett* by his family 10:00*Barbara Donnelly* by Eileen & Doug Buttendorf

Wed December 25 The Nativity of Christ 10:00 *Precious Blood Parishioners*

Thu December 26 St. Stephen 9:00 No Intention

Fri December 27 St. John the Apostle 9:00 No Intention

Sat December 28

VIGIL

5:30 Mary and Ralph Virgilio by their children

Sun December 29 Feast of the Holy Family

7:30 Margaret Walkowski by John & Mary Bissell 10:00 People of Precious Blood Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of December 22, 2019

Is in Memory of *The Lovett Family*

Readings for the week of December 22, 2019

Sun: Is 7:10-14/ Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

- Mon: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66
- Tue: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
- Wed: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25
- Midnight: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/ Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14
- Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15
- Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Thu: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
- Fri: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8 Sat: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/ Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf.
- 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

COLLECTION REPORT

December 8, 2019 - \$14,599 Monthly - \$6,698 Immaculate Conception - \$\$3,364 St. Mary Church

Mon December 23 St. John of Kanty 7:00 *Gertrude Frank* by her family

Tue December 24 Late Advent Weekday 7:00 *Rolando Trovini* by his wife Christina

VIGIL

4:00 John Richard Corrado by his wife Heather
4:15 Age's 60th Birthday Celebration by Hale Fam.
6:00 Roland Lamothe by Heather Corrado
10:00 Walter & Sue Zaneski by daughter Karen

Wed December 25 The Nativity of Christ

8:30 Dec. Members of Monteleone & Stantig Fam. 10:30 Nicholas Casey by the family

Thu December 26 St. Stephen 7:00 *Joseph T. Griffin* by his wife Mary Ann

Fri December 27 St. John the Apostle 7:00 *Sigmund Kriksciun* by his family

Sat December 28 The Holy Innocents

7:00 Martha & Joseph Piroh by their daughter Pat

VIGIL

4:30 Joseph E. Filanowski by his wife & children

Sun December 29 Feast of the Holy Family

8:30 Sheila Bohan Grove by her family 10:00 Gus Swanson by The DeProfio Family 11:30 Elizabeth Anderson by M.K.E.C.H Anderson 4:30 Robt. MacCormack by Rosemary & Jim Forte



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of December 22, 2019 Is in Memory of *Ken Erickson*

And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we saw his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth. - In 1:14



REMINDER: Every year the Ladies Guild includes among its auctioned items a reserved pew for the **Christmas Eve 4:00PM Mass**. Please respect the RESERVED signs on the **4th pew** during this Mass.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



A warm welcome to all who have come To worship with us this Christmas. As we celebrate with family and friends We give thanks to God Who has blessed us so abundantly.

As we celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Advent, we hear from the prophet Isaiah, writing 700 years before Christ, "Behold, the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and you shall name Him Emmanuel. Emmanuel, God with us, is the essence of the promise of a Messiah. In Matthew's gospel today, the author clearly connects this prophesy to the birth of the Christ child, who is named Jesus because He will save us all from sin.

May our rejoicing be complete, may our joy be full; that the hope of Advent is fulfilled and the promise of the savior among us is renewed. Whether you find Him in the smile of a child, the warmth of a family gathered for a meal, or the present given out of love; make sure you find Him here in the celebration of Eucharist, the ongoing sign and symbol that He is with us, and will continue to be with us always.

Be sure to check the bulletin or take a schedule of Christmas Masses from one of the tables near the door. Join us and so many of your neighbors to truly celebrate the greatest gift of the season, that Christ came to live among us, and lives among us still. Merry Christmas.

Dercen John

"God's love is generous, sacrificial, life-giving, and forever. As humans made in God's image, we are called to imitate the eternal giving and receiving of love that is the Holy Trinity."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Another Look at Contraception"

Father Deny misses everyone & wishes all a blessedChristmas. He would love to hear from his PreciousBlood Parish Family:Rev. Deny VargheseCollegio DamascenoVia Di Boccea, 48000166 Roma Italy



CONFESSION SCHEDULE CHRISTMAS EVE St. Mary Church - 10AM to noon

FAMILY CHRISMAS TABLE BLESSING



Glory to God in the highest. And peace to His people on earth.

Oh God of gentleness, in love you gather us at this table for our Christmas feast. We rejoice in being together to celebrate our joy in your great gift to us—Jesus Christ your Son.

Lord Jesus, hold us close to each other, unite us in spirit with those who are distant and with those who have died.

In the peace of this season may the hungry be filled and the homeless sheltered, and the unremembered be united especially through your love and peace at work in us.

We remember especially those who have loved us in a special way this past year—who have been bearers of Jesus' love to us. (Names in silence)

Lord bless our food, our family, our friends. Help us to share our love. *Glory to God in the highest. And peace to His people on earth.*

The Church primarily celebrates Christmas from Christmas Day until the Solemnity of the Epiphany, which commemorates the manifestation of Christ as the Savior of the whole world (cf. Mt.2:1-12). The Church traditionally celebrated Christmas for 40 days, culminating on the Feast of the Presentation Feb. 2.

THE 12 DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

JESUS CHRIST In a Pear Tre Old & New Testament Two Turtle Doves Three French Hens Faith, Hope, Love Four Calling Birds Gospels **Five Gold Rings** First 5 Books of Bible Six Geese A Laying Days of Creation Seven Swans A Swimming Gifts of Holy Spirit Eight Maids H Milking Beatitudes Nine Ladies Dancing Fruits of Holy Spirit Ten Lords A Leaping Commandments **Eleven Pipers Piping** Faithful Apostles TWELVE Points of Belief in DRUMMERS Apostles' Creed DRUMMING

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The child born to Joseph and Mary was named Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Every child is ENMMANUAL, reminding us "God is with us." Children are signs of God's continuing presence in our lives.

The Haiti Board would like to thank all those who attended our "Hearts for Haiti" Dance for your enthusiasm and generosity. Because of you we raised over \$2,000 for our work in Marbial. A special word of thanks must go to Ellen Richetelli, who singlehandedly organized our very successful auction. We on the Haiti Board wish all our fellow parishioners a healthy, happy and holy Christmas.



St. Mary School is now accepting applications for their r PREpreschool for the 2020- school They 2021 school year.



offer a variety of enrollment options for 3 and 4 year olds. The application can be found at saintmaryschoolmilford.org or in the school office. Classes fill up fast so don't delay. Call 878-6539 with questions or for a personal tour.

GOD LOVE YOU - Fulton J. Sheen

"Our lives for the most part are made up of little things, and by these our character is to be tested....Little duties carefully discharged, little temptations earnestly resisted with the strength which God supplies, little sins crucified, these all together help to form that character which is to be described not as popular or glamorous, but as moral and noble."



Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them EACE and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in our time of need. Jordan EARCH Grassmann USN, Capt. Stephen Shumaker, Michael A. Eno USN, SR

Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Alec Rossetti MA2USN, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat, Capt. Richard Brantley, Michael Foss AA1C,

Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO, Joshua Ehret PolUSN, Dakota Owen USA, Colin O'Sullivan USAF, Pfc. Daniel Hewston, Spec. Anthony Olenski, William F. Gilson USAF, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, Pfc. Ron Murray, CDR Matthew Fanning, Charles J. Grant, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Col Andrew Whiskeyman, MSgt Carlie Blacklidge, Michael Casey USN



The Mass Intention book for 2021 will be open January 15th. Please do not request Masses for 2021 before that date.

PARISH CLERGY

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This Week

Sun	Luminary sales after Masses		SM
Mon	Confession	6:00PM	SM
	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	NAMI Family	6:00PM	SA
	Veterans Support	8:00PM	SA
Tue	See Christmas Mass Schedule		
Wed	See Christmas Mass Schedule		
Thu	Choir rehearsal	7:00PM	SM
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Each year the Milford Elks holds a buffet dinner on Christmas Day from 11AM through 2PM. This dinner is free to anyone who would like to attend. If you have questions please contact Sue Bernor, Milford Elks Lodge, 124 New Haven Ave. 203 913-8616 MilfordElks1589@gmail.com



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