

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
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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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PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon December 30 Sixth Day of Octave

9:00 *Chet Barnick* by his family

Tue December 31 Seventh Day of Octave

9:00 *Edward Donohue* by his family

VIGIL

5:00 No Intention

Wed January 1 Solemnity of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

10:00 *The Hale Family*

Thu January 2 St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen

9:00 No Intention

Fri January 3 Holy Name of Jesus

9:00 No Intention

Sat January 4

VIGIL

5:30 *Sumanasena Edirisinghe* by Edirisinghe Family

Sun January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:00 *Edward Donohue* by his family

Readings for the week of December 29, 2019

Sun: 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

Mon: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40

Tue: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18

Wed: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/ Lk 2:16-21

Thu: 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 1:19

Fri: 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 [3cd]/Jn 1:29

Sat: 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 [3cd]/Jn 1:35-42

Next Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

COLLECTION REPORT

Weekly - December 15, 2019
Retired Religious - \$5,838



**All rectory offices will be closed
on Wednesday, January 1, 2020.**

St. Mary Church

Mon December 30 Sixth Day of Octave

7:00 *John, Marion, Edythe Sheehy* by their estate

Tue December 31 Seventh Day of Octave

7:00 *Barbara Meuser* by her husband John

VIGIL

4:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

Wed January 1 Solemnity of Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

8:30 *Christina McDonald / James & Mae McDonald*

10:30 *Francisco Toledo* by his family

Thu January 2 St. Basil & St. Gregory Nazianzen

7:00 *Tu Ngoc Thai* by Tina Cao

Fri January 3 Holy Name of Jesus

7:00 *Tran Thi Thanh Huong* by Tina Cao

Sat January 4 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:30 *Phero Le Minh Quan* by Mai Le

VIGIL

4:30 *Filemena Selca* by The Hale family

Sun January 5 Epiphany of the Lord

8:30 *Louis and Anna D'Amato* by their family

10:00 *Cora Mae Forte* by Rosemary & Jim Forte

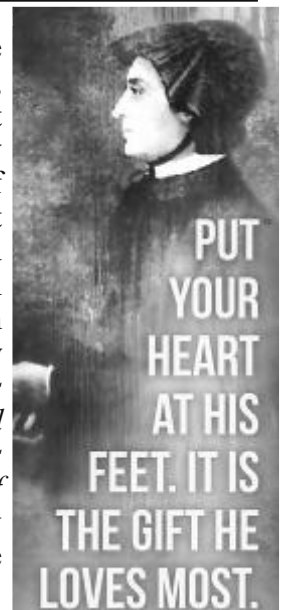
11:30 *Mary T. Bonsignore* by Barbara O'Brien

4:30 *Bridie & Briget Hughes* by The McDonalds



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of December 29, 2019
Is in Memory of *Rev. Robert Lord*

One of the keystones of the American Catholic Church, Mother Seton founded the first American religious community for women, the Sisters of Charity, opened the first American parish school, and established the first American orphanage. All this in the span of 46 years while a widow raising her 5 children. "God has given me a great deal to do, and I have always and hope always to prefer his will to every wish of my own." Her brand of sanctity is open to everyone if we love God and so his will.



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY



There are seemingly endless books written about what makes a happy family. Some themes emerge when you spend some time looking through them. Among the most popular are these:

1. Spend time as a family at a meal, and do so at a regular time, whether weekly, monthly, or daily. Spend the time without electronic communication.
2. Make family rituals important, even if they only happen once a year. Make sure everyone knows the importance of the ritual by telling the story often.
3. Accept each family member as they are, and don't expect them to live up to your lofty expectations. Make everyone feel welcome.
4. Look for ways for your family to help those most in need, especially ones you may know. Encourage each other to pray for those in need.
5. Recognize that your family is best when it is together and try to be together more often than apart. Family bonds are forever.

You can accomplish everything on the list above by regularly worshipping together with us here in Precious Blood Parish. Each time we celebrate Eucharist all five things listed above take place. Try and join us more, maybe even invite a friend. God bless you all, may your New Year be filled with peace.

Deacon John



The Church has always regarded the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph as a model for all Catholic families and, by extension, for all persons living in the community. The loving faith and obedience of Mary and Joseph, and the total submission of Jesus to a human mother and father, portray not only a virtuous family, but one that lived a human life like ours.



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



On Saturday, January 4th, the Angels of Mary for boys and girls in grade 2 and up will meet in the rectory basement from 10:30AM to 12:15PM.

The format includes 1 decade of the rosary, a video or story and a craft which correlates to the topic. January's program is entitled "In God We Trust." For more information contact Sharon DiNapoli at 203 799-8670.

The St. Joseph Society will sponsor a full breakfast on January 19th from 8:00AM to noon in Fr. Callahan Hall.



Menu will include scrambled eggs, pancakes, bacon and more. Ticket prices at \$5 per adult or \$15 per family (parents and children 17 & under) and free for children under 6. They will be on sale after Masses next week and in the parish center during the week until January 15th.

No tickets will be sold at the door.



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



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.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel says Joseph "made his home in Nazareth." A "home" is built on the foundation of love, commitment and a shared history and is decorated with forgiveness, acceptance, rituals, discipline and mutual support. The Holy Family challenges us today: Don't live 'anyplace,' live at HOME!

WEEKLY ROSARY FOR LIFE

Planned Parenthood—New Haven



The rosary and Chaplet for Life is said every Saturday at 9:10AM at the Planned Parenthood building 345 Whitney Avenue in New Haven (across from the fire station). Please come if you can.

If you cannot make it, please pray wherever you are or in a group at about the same time or some time that morning.



"Like Our Blessed Mother welcomed Jesus, we are called to cherish and protect the gift of human life, at every stage and in every circumstance."

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities
"Living Out Christmas in the New Year"

The ABCs of Annulment meeting will be held at St. Mary Church hall, 731 Main St., **Branford**. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. The annulment team will help participants write their application in the follow-up workshops on Fridays, January 17 & 24 from 7-9PM. No registration is required. For further information please contact Br. Larry, 475 221-8464 or email him at larlus300@sbcglobal.net

GOD LOVE YOU—Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"We do recognize that with Protestants and Jews we have God, morality and religion in common. In the name of God, let us, Jews, Protestants and Catholics, do two things:
1. Realize that an attack upon one is an attack upon all, since we are all one in God; it is not Tolerance, we need, but Charity; not forbearance but love. **2.** Begin doing something about religion, and the least we can do is to say our prayers; to implore God's blessings upon the world and our country; to thank Him for His blessings; and to become illumined in the fulness of His truth."



Tax statements for the 2019 calendar year will be available, **by request**, at the rectory during office hours at the **end of January**.

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Mon	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	NAMI Family	6:00PM	SA
Tue	Vigil Mass	4:30PM	SM
	Vigil Mass	5:00PM	SA
Wed	See New Year's Day Mass Schedule		
Thu	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	SM
	K of C 4th Degree	7:00PM	SM
Fri	Nocturnal Adoration	7:00PM	SM
Sat	Angels of Mary	10:30AM	SM



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