

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
400 Merwin Avenue
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St. Mary Church
(Parish Office)
70 Gulf Street
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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

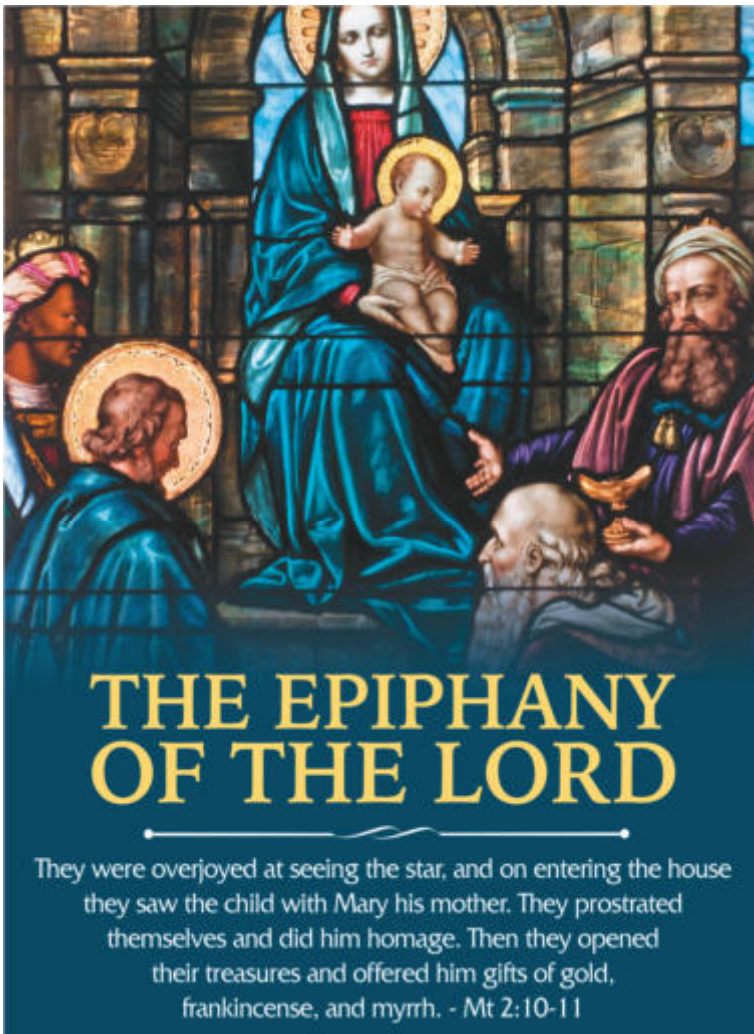
7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

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 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.





PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon January 6 St. André Bassette
9:00 No Intention

Tue January 7 St. Raymond Peñafort
9:00 No Intention

Wed January 8 Christmas Weekday
9:00 *Mrs. Chi Ying Kon* by The Wong Family

Thu January 9 Christmas Weekday
9:00 No Intention

Fri January 10 Christmas Weekday
9:00 *Piedade & Joaquim Martins* by their family

Sat
VIGIL
5:00 *Bob Gulas* by Precious Blood Ladies Guild

Sun January 12 Baptism of the Lord
7:30 *Margaret Lovett* by her family
10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

Readings for the week of January 5, 2020

Sun: 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
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a [8ab]/Mt
4:12-17, 23-25
Tue: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8 [cf. 11]/Mk 6:34-
44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 [cf. 11]/Mk
6:45-52
Thu: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17 [cf.
11]/Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Lk
5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b
[cf. 4a]/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10
[11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mt 3:13-17

COLLECTION REPORT

Weekly December 15, 2019 - \$16,377.50
Weekly December 22, 2019 - \$15,847
Christmas - \$25,246

St. Mary Church

Mon January 6 St. André Bessette
7:00 *Maria Le Thi Thu Trang* by Mai Le

Tue January 7 St. Raymond Peñafort
7:00 *Shirley Jackson* by Mary Alfano

Wed January 8 Christmas Weekday
7:00 *John, Marion, Edythe Sheehy* their estate

Thu January 9 Christmas Weekday
7:00 *Rebecca Timlin Scalera* by Jim, Jacob & Gail

Fri January 10 Christmas Weekday
7:00 *Reverend James J. Cronin*

Sat January 11 Christmas Weekday
7:30 *Warren R. Coyne* by his daughter

VIGIL
4:30 *Eleanor Mullaney* by Pat and Ken Vozzo

Sun January 12 Baptism of the Lord
8:30 *Matteo Stanig* by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone
10:00 *Theresa Abbott* by The Pclar Family
11:30 *Gino Rea* by his family
4:30 *Loveino, Farnham & Ralph Families*



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of January 5, 2020
Is in Memory of
Louis and Anna D'Amato



Sometimes called Twelfth Night (12 days after Christmas), Epiphany is derived from the Greek word meaning “manifestation.” We commemorate the occasion on which God, through Christ, was made manifest to the whole world, represented by the Magi. Epiphany was first used in the Christian sense by St. Paul referring to both the first and final coming of Christ in his letter to Timothy “He saved us...now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who brought life and immortality to light through the gospel....” and in his letter to Titus “For the grace of God has appeared saving us all...as we await the blessed hope, the appearance of the great God and our savior Jesus Christ.”

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

WHO WERE THE MAGI?



We sing songs, give gifts, and move three mysterious men into our manger scenes. There's a rich heritage in the Catholic Church of celebrating the magi, but their origins are steeped in mystery. The original Greek calls these men magoi. The word

is translated elsewhere in Scripture to mean "magician," but a similar word was used in ancient history to describe an entirely different set of people altogether. In what is now modern-day Iran, the ruling empire had a wealthy priestly caste known as the Magi. At the time of Christ, the Magi formed one of the ruling councils of the Parthian Empire. These priests interpreted dreams and read the stars to anticipate major events that could affect the fortunes of the empire.

We're not exactly sure where the magi of the Gospels traveled from. Matthew simply says "the east." History tells us that the ancient regions of Persia, Assyria, and Babylon all had a magi priesthood at the time of Christ. Whichever region they hailed from, they likely traveled over one thousand miles over the course of several months to arrive at the Holy Family. There is no concrete evidence these men were themselves kings, though they did bear gifts at the prompting of their astronomical calculations.

THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

In cultures around the world, light and darkness are chief symbols of good and evil, order and chaos, clarity and confusion, hope and despair. God has given us the created world as a gift. His first work, as we see in Genesis 1, is to create light. It is in the light that the rest of creation comes to be. A gathering darkness emerges in Genesis 3. Adam and Eve hide, shrouding themselves from the sun's rays and the gaze of God. While God offers a promise of salvation and establishes a covenant with His people, the sense of fog and dim understanding still remain. The Hebrew people repeatedly betray the promises they made to God, and all around them the nations actively worship idols.

The promise of God is not in vain, however. In John 1, we see a depiction of Christ as primordial goodness, order, clarity, and hope. *"The true light, which enlightens everyone was coming into the world ... this life was the light of the human race"* (John 1: 9, 4). Think of the last sunrise you witnessed. As you watched the lavender brighten to rose edged with gold, did your heart swell? Did you recall the goodness of the world? Such is the role of Christ in the soul. Such is his coming Incarnate in our world.



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church during the month of December:

Ethan Luis Agosto Gabriella Constantini
Vijay Jakka Hanna Aleksa Krzywosz
Ella Lewis Trent Chase McCoy
Violet Genevieve Santora Izabella Emilia Slattery



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.

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.



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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Matthew Fanning, Charles J. Grant, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Col. Andrew Whiskeyman, MSgt. Carlie Blackledge, Michael Casey USN

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us "all Jerusalem" was upset because "King Herod was deeply troubled." A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person's negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home, it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!



If someone shared with you she was pregnant and hadn't ruled out having an abortion, would you know how to respond?... When a woman is facing a difficult pregnancy, the reaction of the first person she tells tends to set the tone for her decision-making. How do we respond to our friend in a loving way that is life-affirming for both her and her baby? Consider the four steps of the L.O.V.E. Approach: Listen and Learn, Open Options, Vision and Value, and Extend and Empower." www.respectlife.org/l-o-v-e.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

What to do when a Friend is Considering Abortion

GOD LOVE YOU—Ven. Fulton J. Sheen



"America's greatest enemy is not from without, but from within, and that enemy is hate: hatred of races, peoples, classes and religions. If America ever dies, it will be not through conquest but suicide."



OUR LADY OF CALVARY Retreat Center

Retreat Day-Wed. January 8, 9:00AM-2:00PM

This presentation will consider parallel passages from the Gospels. The day includes reconciliation, Mass, and lunch. The presenter will be Sr. Mary Ann Strain, CP, the program director. \$35

Movie Matinee-Wed. Jan. 15 noon to 3:00PM \$25

Chariots of Fire, Academy Award winner as Best Picture in 1981, is a fact-based story of two athletes in the 1924 Olympics. Eric Liddell is a devout Scottish Christian who runs for the glory of God, and Harold Abrahams is an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice.

Participants will receive a boxed lunch to enjoy during the film. A short discussion will follow.

Wire/Beaded Jewelry Workshop - Sat. Jan.18, 9AM-1:30PM or 12:30-4:PM. No experience necessary. Tools, beads, wire and other materials provided (or bring your own). Lunch at 12:30. \$35



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

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This Week

Mon	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	NAMI Family	6:00PM	SA
	Haiti Board	7:00PM	SM
	St. Joseph Society	7:00PM	SA
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:15AM	SM
Wed	Parish Council	7:00PM	SA
Thu	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	SM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	SM
	K of C	7:00PM	SM
Fri	Blood Drive	1:00PM	SA



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