# Precious Blood Parish

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



St. Mary Church (Parish Office)

70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460

### **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—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary (Except Holidays)

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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 20 St. Fabian 9:00 *Regina Lynch* by Carolyn Gagliardi

**Tue January 21 St. Agnes** 9:00 *Thomas & Diana Ginter* by Bob Rosa

# Wed January 22 Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children

9:00 No Intention

**Thu January 23 St. Marianne Cope** 9:00 *Alan Robbins* by Mary Jane

Fri January 24 St. Francis de Sales 9:00 *Grace M. Pimenta* by family

Sat January 25 VIGIL

5:00 Bob Gulas by Lou and Joanne

Sun January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Helen Jackson & Channing Mirmina by family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of January 19, 2020 Is in Memory of Matthew Marcello

### Readings for the week of January 19, 2020

Sun: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

MoN: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mk 2:18-22

Tue: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28 [21a]/ Mk 2:23-28

Wed: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1]/Mk 3:1-6

Thu: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13 [5b]/Mk 3:7-12

Fri: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 [2a]/Mk 3:13-19

Sat: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Is 8:23—9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

#### **COLLECTION REPORT**

January 12, 2020 -\$14,220 Monthly - \$5,824

All rectory offices will be closed on Monday, January 20th, Martin Luther King Day

### St. Mary Church

Mon January 20 St. Fabian

7:00 Gloria Strazza by Connie Rondinelli

Tue January 21 St. Agnes

7:00 Angela McCann by Richard & Eleanor Garvey

Wed January 22 Day of Prayer for the Protection of Unborn Children

7:00 Erik Nieman by his family

**Thu January 23 St. Marianne Cope** 7:00 *Frank Boniello* by Diane & Bud McEntee

Fri January 24 St. Francis de Sales 7:00 Angela Christina Faustini by her daughter

Sat January 25 Conversion of St. Paul

7:30 *Therese Lanctot* by Rita Starbard

**VIGIL** 

4:30 Edythe Bryan by her family

**Sun January 26 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** 

8:30 Stella Kalinowski her daughter

10:00 *Alan Robbins* by his family 11:30 *Misinonile Family* by Bob & Rita Serena

4:30 Dr. John Cherniavsky by his wife Ann



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of January 19, 2020
Is in Memory of
Uncle Joseph

"This is a virgin's birthday; let us follow the example of her It is a martyr's chastity. birthday; 1et 118 offer sacrifices; it is the birthday of holy Agnes: let men be filled with wonder, little ones with hope, married women with awe, and the unmarried with emulation. It seems to me that this child, holy beyond her years and courageous beyond human nature, received the name of Agnes (Greek: pure) not as an earthly designation but as a revelation from God of what she was to be."



- St. Ambrose

### SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

■ Dear Friends:

From the Pastor's Desk venerable practices in the Roman Catholic tradition is the offering of prayers for the dead. The basis for this practice is grounded in a text found, in all places, in the Old Testament Second Book of Maccabees (2 Mc 12:43-46) where it speaks of Judas Maccabeus taking up a collection among his soldiers so that it might be sent to Jerusalem where, in the Temple, an offering might be made for the sins of their deceased comrades, an offering that might atone for their sins and free them from the punishment due them.

In the Catholic tradition, it has been a custom from ancient times to remember the dead in our prayers each day. All the dead are remembered in prayer each day at every Mass and at evening prayer in the Liturgy of the Hours, prayed by the clergy and many laity as well. It is also a venerable custom to have Masses celebrated for our deceased loved ones, often on the anniversary of death, a birthday remembrance, or even a remembrance of a wedding day. It is also a worthy practice to arrange for Mass to be celebrated in thanksgiving for good health restored, a favor received, on a significant birthday of a loved one, or even a wedding anniversary. The Mass can be celebrated for intentions for the dead and also for the living.

Here at Precious Blood, Masses can be arranged by contacting the rectory on Gulf Street, where the Mass Books are kept by mandate of the Archbishop. The office is open from Monday to Thursday from 9:00 AM to 7:00 PM and Friday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The schedule of offerings for Masses is the same one that was in place when I came to Milford in 2012. I have not changed anything in that regard, with one exception, that being a slight increase in the offering for a funeral so that we could align better with other parishes in the city and surrounding area.

That being said, the Mass Book for 2021 will be opening soon and there are a good number of open dates for the current year as well. If you are making an offering for Masses, please make the check payable to Precious Blood Parish and on the memo line indicate the date and time of the Mass so we can keep good records. Of late, a few problems have arisen with Masses being arranged for a given date after the bulletin for that week has been sent to the publisher. Unfortunately, the intention did not get communicated to the priest and the Mass was not celebrated and had to be rescheduled. To that end, to avoid this problem going forward, no Mass can be arranged for an open date if the bulletin for that week has already gone to the publisher.

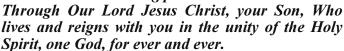
I was remiss last weekend in the bulletin in that I did not thank Hilma Nolan for all the work that she did to see that the sanctuary at St. Agnes was decorated so beautifully for Christmas. Hilma does good work at St. Agnes not just at Christmas but all throughout the year and I want to acknowledge her work and thank her for it.

Have a good week!

Rev alexand Xualing

### PRAYER FOR PEACE

O God, who have revealed that peacemakers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace.



from the Roman Missal

### PRECIOUS BLOOD LADIES GUILD

Nominating Committee: If you would like to serve on the nominating committee, please respond by January 27, 2020.

Officers for the Guild: If you would like to serve as an officer for the 2020-2021 year, please respond by January 31, 2020.

Contact Anne Theodore-Howard, 203 877-7129, or email anne.theodorehoward@gmail.com

### **LEGION OF MARY JUNIORS**

Are you looking for a way to grow and learn more about your faith? Calling all 10-18yr. olds to join the Legion's group of Junior members.

We meet every Sunday during the school year in the resource room of St. Mary School from 10-11:30 to pray the rosary and learn more about our Catholic faith. We also make rosaries and help the Angels of Mary program during the school year and the Summer Rosary program. Everyone is welcome to join us. Contact Sharon DiNapoli, 203 799-8670.



### **SOCK HOP**

Feb. 14th in Fr. Callahan Hall Sponsored by the St. Joseph Society Tickets will be on sale after all Masses on the weekends of Feb. 1-2

and Feb. 8-9 and also in the rectory office.

Visit preciousbloodparishmilford.org for updates or more information.

### JANUARY 19, 2020

#### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Can you say "I have testified Jesus is the Son of God?" If you aren't talking about Jesus in your family, you aren't testifying. If you are not walking your talk, your children will see your words as meaningless.



### BAPTISMAL PREPARATION TODAY 2:00PM

**Rectory Basement Meeting Room** 

#### A TASTE OF ITALY

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Feb. 8 @ 9:00AM—February 9 @ 12 noon Presenter: Fr. Warren Savage Offering \$125 Your friends & family are welcome to join you for Sunday brunch at 11AM. Register: 860 677-8519

Divorced, separated & widowed men & women of all ages are encouraged to attend the Beginning Experience Coping with Life Alone in the Beginning program at St. John Church in Middletown on Sat., Feb. 15th, 8:45AM to 3:30PM. The \$40 fee includes morning coffee 'and' & lunch. For more information and an application please call Victoria A. at 860 993-5469 or Maria D. at 860 347-5188 Email info@beginningexperience-ct.org More information: www.beginning experience.org



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### This Week

Sun	Blood Pressure Sunday after Masses		SM/SA
	St. Joseph Soc. Breakfast	8:30AM	SA
	Baptism Preparation	2:00PM	SM
Mon	Novena	7:00PM	SM
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:15AM	SM
	Jobs Support	7:00PM	convent
	Legion Officers	7:00PM	SM
Thu	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	SM
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00PM	SM

On the weekend of January 25/26 the High School Collection will be conducted to support all the Catholic secondary schools in the Archdiocese of Hartford. We prayfully ask your participation.

### PRAYER SERVICE TO END HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Sun., Feb. 9, 3PM St. John XXIII, St. Louis Church Prayer, Speaker, Activity, Refreshments

During the holiday season our attention is divided in so many ways that some matters are easily overlooked. If you are sending a check for Masses that you have booked, please be sure that it is made out to "Precious Blood Parish."

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