# Precious Blood Parish

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



St. Mary Church (Parish Office) 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460

# We Welcome All Visitors

## SUNDAY MASSES

SaturdayVigil4:30 pmSt. Mary5:00 pmSt. Agnes

## Sunday

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## 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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7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father." —Mr 5:43-45a

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

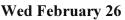
# **Mass Intentions for the Week**

## St. Agnes Church

Mon February 24 Weekday 9:00 Peter P. Valeri by Jerry and Liz

#### **Tue February 25 Weekday**

9:00 Fr. Francis X. Callahan by St. Agnes Rosary Group



Ash Wednesday

9:00 Safe Deployment of our son Anthony 7:00 No Intention

#### Thu February 27 Weekday

9:00 Martha Starbard by Rita

#### Fri February 28 Weekday

9:00 Month's Mind Mass for Fr. Callahan

#### Sat

VIGIL 5:00 Charles Bruno by his family

#### Sun March 1 First Sunday of Lent

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Anna & John Cofrancisco by their family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of February 23, 2020

Is in Memory of *The Bouchard Family* 

#### Readings for the week of February 23, 2020

Sun: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

- Mon: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]//Mk 9:14
- Tue: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/ Mk 9:30-37
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20-6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thu: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
- Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14

Satu: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27 Next Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 [cf. 3a]/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

#### **COLLECTION REPORT** February 16, 2020 - \$16,575



#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:30PM **Every Friday during Lent ST. AGNES CHURCH**

**CONFESSION** 

ST. MARY CHURCH 6:00PM Every Monday ST. AGNES CHURCH 3:30PM Every Saturday

## St. Mary Church

Mon February 24 Weekday 7:00 Edward Marcinkus by Joanne & Peter Spann

**Tue February 25 Weekday** 

7:00 Kaycie Begley by her father



Wed February 26 7:00 No Intention 9:00 *Patricia Daley* by The Daley Family 12:05 Healing Mass for John & Mary Scalici 4:00 Liturgy of the Word/Ashes

#### **Thu February 27 Weekday**

7:00 *Patrick H, Kelley* by his family 12:05 Evelyn Tonry by her family

#### Fri February 28 Weekday

7:00 No Intention 12:05 Stella Biedron by The Baran Family

#### Sat February 29 Weekday

7:30 Mary Corridon by The Daley Family

#### VIGIL

4:30 George & Margaret Beecher by George

#### Sun March 1 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 Joseph Frank Monteleone by Joe & Tatiana

- 10:00 Daniel Pivarnik, Sr. by his wife
- 11:30 Carolina Socci & Rosaria by her family
- 4:30 Eleanor Mullaney by The DeProfio Family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of February 23, 2020

Is in Memory of Susan Elaine Jacobsen

ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent, is a solemn call to penance It was established by Pope Gregory Remember so that one may enjoy eternal life. replace the Old Testament practice of wearing "sackcloth and ashes" as a sign of repentance.



Pope Paul VI declared this observance to be a day of universal fasting and abstinence.

Ashes will be distributed after each Mass (7:00. 9:00, 12:05) and at 4:00PM at St. Mary Church.

Ashes will be distributed at St. Agnes Church after the 9:00AM and 7:00PM Masses.

### SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends:

From the

It hardly seems possible, but Pastor's Desk Wednesday of this week is Ash

Wednesday and we launch into yet another Lenten season. For some, Lent may seem to be a time of drudgery and hardship, but in the mind of the Church, Lent, during which the spring season begins, is the springtime of the soul. Lent, lived seriously, is a time for graced self-reflection, selfexamination, repentance, change, and growth in the things of the spirit.

For Ash Wednesday, there will be five Masses, during which ashes will be distributed after the homily, and another service, that being the Liturgy of the Word with the distribution of ashes after the homily. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of universal fast and abstinence in the Church. Fasting means having one full meal with two smaller meals and nothing in between meals. Fasting is expected of everyone between the ages of 18 and 59. Of course, if there are serious health concerns, one is dispensed. Abstinence, expected of everyone from age 14 onward, means that no meat is consumed that day. Abstinence is also the discipline expected of all from age 14 onward for all the Fridays of Lent.

Here at Precious Blood, we will have three daily Masses on Mondays through Fridays, the usual daily schedule in place with the addition of a 12:05 PM Mass at St. Mary's. Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM at St. Agnes. Of course, a good observance of Lent is crowned with the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be ample times set aside for hearing confessions during these next six weeks. All registered households should have received a flyer in the mail with the complete Lenten, Holy Week, and Easter schedule. Additional copies are available at the doors of both churches.

It has come to my attention that some may have received an email, purportedly coming from me, asking for a favor or, still worse, for money or gift cards. Please be advised that I would never contact anyone directly by email asking for anything. In the first place, I do not know the emails of most parishioners. Secondly, I prefer to contact people in the parish by telephone or by letter. Thirdly, I only respond by email to those who contact me by email first.

Finally, we congratulate Father Lijo who celebrated this Saturday, February 22, his sixth anniversary of priestly ordination. May God bless him in his service to the Church. We are very glad to have him with us at Precious Blood.

Have a good week!

By alexander Vensland

#### LENTEN DIETARY REGULATIONS

1. Catholics ages 14 yrs. and older are to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

2. Catholics bet. the ages of 18 and 59 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

To fast is to eat one full meal and no more than 2 smaller meals to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids such as coffee, tea, juice, milk are allowed.

These rules do not apply when one's health or ability to work is seriously impaired.

**CONFESSION** is a sacrament instituted by Jesus in His love and mercy to offer sinners forgiveness for offenses committed against God and reconciliation with the Church. The humility required in confessing and completing penance helps us to submit again to God's will and follow Him more closely. Confession is a blessing, offering peace, a clear mind, and a hopeful heart.

Precious Blood Parish will be offering Adult Confirmation Classes, taught by Father Aidan Donahue and Deacon John Hoffman, in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation to be conferred at Saint Joseph Cathedral in Hartford on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 7:00 PM. Participants will attend classes March 24, March 31, April 14, and April 21, all Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM. Location of the class will be determined by the number of participants. Classes are for those already Baptized and have received First Communion. Contact Deacon John for information or questions.



On January 27, 2020, 24 new members were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society - St. Mary School Milford Chapter in St. Mary Church of Precious Blood

Parish. These students exemplify excellence in the areas of scholarship, service, leadership, character and citizenship. Newly inducted members are: Lily Baird, Ava Bottino, Faith Doyle, Jackson Doyle, Bella Eyler, Gauge Forget, Suixian Gonzalez, Gabriella Grande, Charlotte LaVecchia, Jackson LaVecchia, Jack McInnis, Aubrie Nichols, Tyler Nickolenko, Mackenzie Pelosi, Caden Piselli, Kaleigh Richards, Mackenzie Richards, Tatum Santos, Megan Vella, Bridget Vitti, Audrey Voges, Maddie Wolfe, Bohdan Zazulak-Collins, AlyssaZinker. They join current members Andrew Benjamin, Chase Bryant, Molly Ciuci, Danielle D'Avignon, Aida Ehlers, Griffin Fisher, John Gerrity, Fayrose Hussain, Daniel Kron, Taylor LaFountain, Max Lula, Alexi Paranal, Maya Pinto, Derek Rainey, Michael Roney, Gabriela Santiago, Matthew Savo, Abigail Savoie, Peter Swanson, Timothy Swanson, William Swanson, Atiana Tandon, Andrew Tkacs, Margaret Wetmore, Leni Wisniewski, Amanda Zurulo, Christopher Harry and Christopher DeProfio.

#### FEBRUARY 23, 2020

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today's gospel reminds us all people, even those we don't like, are our brothers and sisters. Our family should prepare us to be the FAMILY to others.



#### <u>K OF C 4th DEGREE</u> MEATBALL/ZITI DINNER

Feb. 29th @ St. Agnes 6:00-8:00PM Food provided by Lasse's Soft drinks & water provided BYOB 50/50 Raffle Basket Raffle Door Prizes Adults \$12 Children over 5, \$5

Proceeds benefit local veteran's organizations Tickets on sale after Masses Feb.15/16 & Feb. 22/23 and at the rectory office, or call Rick Stiffler, 203 395-4950.

#### THE ABCs OF ANNULMENT

The Rev. Ronald May, pastor of St. Dominic Church at 1050 Flanders Rd, Southington, in collaboration with V. Rev. George Mukuka, the Judicial Vicar from the Metropolitan Tribunal in Bloomfield, will host "The ABCs of Annulment" on Sat., March 7th from 10AM to noon in the church hall. An updating of the process will be discussed by the Annulment Team, Br. Larry Lussier CSC, Deacon George Frederick and Jim Tottenham. They will help participants in writing their application in the follow-up Annulment Workshop on Saturdays March 14, 21, 28 from 10AM to noon in the St Dominic Learning Center.

The event is open to all; no registration required. Participants will receive a folder with the required printed materials. For information contact Br. Larry, larlus300@sbcglobal.net or 475 221-8464.

#### HOLY FAMILY PASSIONIST RETREAT CENTER

The Holy Family Chamber Choir and selected soloists will present a concert from a variety of musical periods &styles Sunday, March 8th, 3-4PM. A reception with light refreshments and spirts will follow. \$25 860 760-9705

#### 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,



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,

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## This Week

Sun	Jr. Legion of Mary	10:00AM	school
	1st Grade Class	2:00PM	$\mathbf{SM}$
Mon	Novena	7:30PM	$\mathbf{SM}$
	Veteran Support	8:00PM	SA
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:15AM	rectory
Wed	Ash Wednesday—see Mass schedule		
	Distribution of Ashes—see schedule		
Thu	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	rectory
	Choir Practice	7:00PM	SM
	<b>Reconciliation Parents</b>	7:00PM	SM
Sat	K of C Pasta Dinner	6:00PM	SA

Once again Lauralton Hall will be hosting **DISCOVER LAURALTON** on Sun., March 29th from 1-3:30PM. Families are invited to join the Lauralton community for a fun-filled, informative day. Girls in grades 5, 6, & 7 will see what it's like to be a high school student at Lauralton Hall by taking part in interactive classes with our faculty and students.



**IRISH NIGHT** Feb. 29th 7:30PM Tickets: LauraltonHall.org/Irish Night





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