# 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

| 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 12:05 pm 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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# 2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT

While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." —Mt 17:5

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 March 9 St. Frances of Rome 9:00 *Beatrice Stanton* by her family

**Tue March 10 Lenten Weekday** 9:00 *Edward Guantic* by Leng-Chye & Bob Fiore

#### Wed March 11 Lenten Weekday

9:00 Rev. Francis X. Callahan by The Rosary Group

Thu March 12 Lenten Weekday

9:00 The Crotty Family by Breda Quirk

**Fri March 13 Lenten Weekday** 9:00 *Gianni Bozzi & Lily Pirulli* by Rosary Group

Sat March 14 VIGIL

5:00 *Roderick Copida* by his family

#### Sun March 15 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 *Kevin Morrissey* by The Beirne Family 10:30 *Frank Whittaker* by his wife Joyce



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 8, 2020

Is in Memory of

Deceased Members of The Nash Family

#### Readings for the week of March 8, 2020

Sun: Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/2 Tm 1:8b- 10/Mt 17:1-9

- Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [cf. Ps 103:10a]/ Lk 6:36-38
- Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/ Mt23:1
- Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17 Thu: Jer 17:5 10/Ps 1:1 2 3 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk
- Thu: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 16:19
- Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-21 [5a]/ Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/ Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Next Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1,5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

# COLLECTION REPORT

March 1, 2020 - \$17,843

Ash Wednesday - \$6,483



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 March 9 St. Frances of Rome

7:00 *Rev. Robert J. Lord* by his estate 12:05 *M/M William Boyle* by their family

Tue March 10 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Warren & Rev. Edwin Coyne* by their sister 12:05 *M/M Charles Raymond* by their family

### Wed March 11 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Walter Cheriavsky* by his family 12:05 *Dorothy & Joseph Sudusky* by Fran

# Thu March 12 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Martha & Joseph Piroh* by their daughter Pat 12:05 *Paul E. Sabo* by The Vogan Family

#### Fri March 13 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Ryan Lynch Phillips* by Maureen Richetelli 12:05 *Rafael Amaya* by his family

**Sat March 14 Lenten Weekday** 7:30 No Intention

#### VIGIL

4:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

### Sun March 15 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 *Alfonse Monteleone* by Joe & Tatiana 10:00 *Michael DeRosa* by Cathy Pallman 11:30 *Erik Nieman* by his family 4:30 *Victoria Kapral* by Diane Goessinger



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 8, 2020 Is in Memory of *The Emmi Family* 

# ST. FRANCES OF ROME led a

life that combined aspects of

secular and religious life. A devoted and loving wife and mother, she longed for a lifestyle of prayer and service so she organized a group of women to minister to the needs of Rome's poor. As she



became more and more convinced that this way of life was so necessary for the world that she requested and was given permission to found a society of women bound by no vows. They simply offered themselves to God and to the service of the poor. Frances said, "It is most laudable in a married woman to be devout, but she must never forget that she is a housewife. And sometimes she must leave God at the altar to find Him in her housekeeping." (*Butler's Lives of the Saints.*)

# SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends:

As we are now about to begin the second week of Lent, most of you likely have made some Lenten resolutions, which, I hope, will be adhered to far better than most New Year's resolutions. During Lent, in commemoration of the Lord's self-sacrifice on the cross, we willingly make sacrifices of ourselves, giving up what we like, giving more to help the poor, and giving more of our time to prayer.

Several years ago, the Archdiocese of Hartford suggested that we "fast" from excessive use of our cell-phones, a campaign that was called "I-Phone Fast, Will You?" The objective of the initiative was to curb cell phone usage so that more quality time could be spent in face to face communication with friends and family. If you stop and look around, be it at the basketball tournament in the school, on trains, at the mall, wherever, it seems that so many people have their heads down, staring at their phones, texting and reading email, looking at various websites. I have even been in a restaurant where I have witnessed four people at a table, all of them at the same time staring at their cell phones, and paying no attention one to the other. Social media is a good thing, as it can be a means to get important messages out, and keep people connected. It can also be a source of evil, pulling people away from others, isolating them, keeping them from truly human interaction, which first and foremost, demands our time and the investment of our attention, one on one, face to face.

I would suggest that we take a careful look at how much time we spend on our cell phones, the websites we frequent, the things that we say in text messages or emails, and how we interact with others. Do we spend far too much time on our cell phones? Most of us, if we are honest, would admit that we do. During these weeks of Lent, I would suggest that we practice the discipline of detachment from our cell phones, not allowing them to consume so much of our time and attention. Turn them off when you come to church. Don't take them to the dinner table, and never text or use the cell phone while with others. Give the people in front of you the time and attention they deserve. Whatever is on the cell phone can wait, and if someone really wants to reach us, they will leave a voice message. Use some of the time that you would fritter away on your cell phone for prayer, or some kind of work of mercy.

The numbers of people who came to our parish observances of Ash Wednesday was astounding. There is something about Ash Wednesday and its attraction to so many that continues to mystify me, even after thirty-three years of priestly ministry. Ash remains a significant Wednesday point of "connection" for many people to the Church. That is a good thing, even if we wish that many of those who

come for ashes would come more regularly. The collection taken on Ash Wednesday amounted to \$6,483, all of which will be donated to the Beth-El Shelter in the spirit of almsgiving to help in the work they do for the poor and the homeless. Thank you for your generosity.

Many of you are undoubtedly concerned about the outbreak and spread of the coronavirus. We are monitoring developments on that, and at this time no directives have come to us from the state or local departments of health or the Archdiocese of Hartford. It should suffice that we take precautions, doing so without overreacting or panicking. The best advice is to practice good hand hygiene (wash your hands, use hand sanitizers) and stay home if you are feeling ill. At the Sign of Peace, there is no requirement for actual physical contact. A simple nod of the head with the words, "Peace be with you" suffices.

Have a blessed week!





The Twinning committee HEALING **TREE** in each church is a giving tree to support the parish Twinning committee's mission to Ste. Thérèse parish in Marbial, Haiti. We invite all

to visit and take one or more of the cards to equal the donation you would like to make so that, we, as a parish, can bring our Healing Tree to life.

Write a special intention on the card for yourself, someone else, or our friends at Ste. Thérèse as a sign of our fast from indifference and feast of love. Watch weekly as your gifts make the Healing Tree come to life by Palm Sunday.



**5thANNUAL FR. DONAHUE** ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Fr. Callahan Hall March 14 6-9PM Sponsored by Santa Maria K of C and St. Joseph Society to fund airport shuttles for the Haiti Medical Mission

Corned Beef, Potatoes, Carrots, Cabbage, Cake Coffee BYOB Tickets: \$17 adults \$8 children under 10

Available after all Masses & at the rectory office NO TICKETS SOLD AT THE DOOR Ouestions? Call Dan, 878-3241 or Butch, 913-8597

Our Precious Blood Ladies Guild will resume their monthly meetings after our "winter sabbatical. Our meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 11th at 7:00PM in Father Cronin Hall and we will be welcoming our guest speaker, Isabel Jensen. Isabel is a member of our parish and will be sharing with us the good works of the Secular Order of the Carmelites. All ladies of the parish are welcome.

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.



#### WHAT IS LENT?

At the beginning of His public life, Jesus was baptized by his cousin John the Baptist and immediately went away by Himself into the desert. There He fasted and prayed for 40 days, and while there Satan appeared to Him 3 times and tempted Him.

The Church says that Lent is a 40-day period of unity with "the mystery of Jesus in the desert." Bv sacrificing small things, fasting, praying and giving to charity, Catholics are invited to experience a period of prayer like Jesus, to prepare to resist Satan's temptations, and fulfill the mission God has given the Church. During the Fridays of Lent Catholics are to abstain from meat, in union with the fasting of Jesus, and in memory of Christ's death on a Friday.

Lent emphasizes 3 things: prayer (find some practice of prayer you can add to your day), fasting (decide on what you can fast from, be it food, phone, car radio). almsgiving (some act of charity or work of mercy). These themes are related to the 3 temptations Christ faced in the desert.

The key is to choose something that you will sustain the whole of Lent; something that does not gravely disrupt your family life or the people around you.

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, SSgt. Michael Foss, Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO, Joshua Ehret Po1USN, 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

"We are facing an enormous and dramatic clash between good and evil, death and life, the 'culture of death' and the 'culture of life.' We find ourselves not only 'faced with' but necessarily 'in the midst of' this conflict: We are all involved and we all share in it. with the inescapable responsibility of choosing to be unconditionally pro-life." The Gospel of Life 28

#### PARISH CLERGY

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# Linhis Week

| Sun | n Bottle/Can drive after Masses |         | SM     |
|-----|---------------------------------|---------|--------|
|     | Jr. Legion of Mary              | 10:00AM | school |
|     | 10th Grade RE Class             | 4:30PM  | SM     |
| Mon | Novena                          | 7:30PM  | SM     |
|     | Haiti Board Meeting             | 7:30PM  | SM     |
| Tue | Legion of Mary                  | 10:15AM | SM     |
|     | 8th Grade RE Class              | 4:30PM  | SA     |
|     | Ladies Guild General Mtg.       | 7:00PM  | SM     |
|     | K of C Officers                 | 7:00PM  | SM     |
| Wed | Parish Council                  | 7:00PM  | SM     |
| Thu | Legion of Mary                  | 7:00PM  | SM     |
|     | Choir Rehearsal                 | 7:00PM  | SM     |
|     | Golf. Tournament Mtg.           | 7:00PM  | SA     |
| Fri | Blood Drive                     | 1:00PM  | SA     |
|     | Stations of the Cross           | 7:30PM  | SA     |
| Sat | <b>RE</b> First Reciliation     | 9:00AM  | SM     |
|     | Scrapping                       | 10:00AM | SA     |
|     | Annual St. Patrick's Dinner     | 6:00PM  | SA     |
|     |                                 |         |        |

"Wherever there is a human being, there is an opportunity for a kindness." - Lucius Annaeus Seneca





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