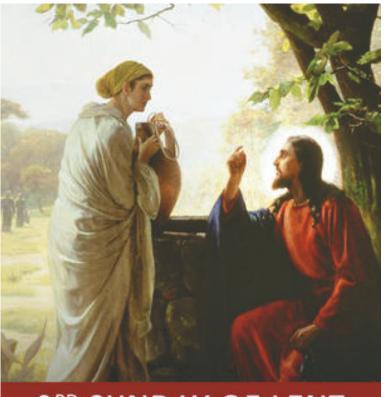
Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



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



3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

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 12:05 pm (Mon-Fri) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes

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Precious Blood Parish, Milford



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon March 16 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Warren Nash by his wife

Tue March 17 St. Patrick 9:00 *Rev. Francis X. Callahan* by Helping Hands

Wed March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem 9:00 *Sadie & Tony Cimino* by their family

Thu March 19 St. Joseph 9:00 *Carl & Joan & Mike Rocco* by their family

Fri March 20 Lenten Weekday

9:00 Petro and Anatolia Bartolome by their family

Sat March 21 VIGIL

5:00 Kathleen Farulo by her husband & family

Sun March22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish* 10:30 *John & Eleanor Denis* by Petrucelli Family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 15, 2020 Is in Memory of *Sadie and Tony Cimino*

Readings for the week of March 15, 2020

Sun: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

- Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
- Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
- Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17

Thu: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/ Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a

- Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
- Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34



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

COLLECTION REPORT

March 8, 2020 - \$14,514 Monthly - \$5,944

St. Mary Church

Mon March 16 Lenten Weekday 7:00 Anna Zender by her family

12:05 Patrick Lepri

Tue March 17 St. Patrick

7:00 *Raymond Desrochers* by his wife and family 12:05 *Catherine Sepe* by Patrick Healy

Wed March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:00 *Robert Halstead* by The Keefe Family 12:05 *Zack Swan* by Patrick Healy

Thu March 19 St. Joseph

7:00 *Harvey Pond* by his family 12:05 *Bob Stanislawski* by Jeanne Campagna

Fri March 20 Lenten Weekday

7:00 John, Marion, Edythe Sheehy by their estate 12:05 Thomas Keller by Judy

Sat March 21 Lenten Weekday 7:30 No Intention

VIGIL

4:30 Natalie and Albert Galway

Sun March 22 Fourth Sunday of Lent

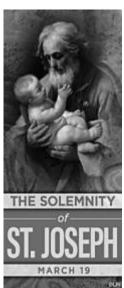
8:30 *Marie Mosher* by Mary Jane Robbins 10:00 *William & Margaret Myers* by Sennett Family 11:30 *Mary Payne by* Marian and Sandra & Neil 4:30 *Bob Farina* by his wife and family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 15, 2020 Is in Memory of Dr. John & Frances Ruggiero

The Bible pays Joseph the highest compliment: he was a "just" man. By saying Joseph was "just," the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God.

"He was chosen by the eternal Father as the trustworthy guardian and protector of his greatest treasures, namely, his divine Son and Mary, Joseph's wife. He carried out this vocation with complete fidelity until at last God called him saying: 'Good and faithful servant, enter into the joy of your Lord.""



St. Bernadine of Siena

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends:

In the face of the near hysteria that seems to prevail on most news networks, I am reminded of the poignant statement of President Franklin Roosevelt, made at the time of the massive economic depression that plagued our country in the 1930's: "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." In light of this, I would urge reasoned calm as we as a people deal with the coronavirus outbreak. By all accounts at this writing, it is not universally fatal and it will not likely reach the stage of the Black Death or the Bubonic Plague that resulted in the deaths of millions in the Middle Ages. We live in modern times with advanced medicine and, contrary to what you may be hearing, the government, especially through the Centers for Disease Control, seems to be on top of the situation.

That being said, we should not take the coronavirus lightly. It demands caution and preparedness on the part of us all. For our part, we are adhering to what Archbishop Blair has asked us to do. Holy water will not be available in the fonts at church entrances for the foreseeable future, although you can still obtain some to take home with you. All are strongly encouraged to receive Holy Communion in the hand rather than on the tongue, since it seems that the virus tends to be more easily transmitted through saliva and droplets of moisture in the air. The indignation on the part of a few who object to the strong encouragement to receive Holy Communion in the hand seems to forget the important distinction between WHOSE BODY AND BLOOD WE RECEIVE IN HOLY COMMUNION, which is paramount, and how the Eucharist is received, be it on the tongue or in the hand. One can receive Holy Communion just as reverently in the hand as on the tongue. Once the virus ebbs and the danger subsides, that encouragement will be relaxed. Of course, there are some who, for reasons of disability or the inability to use their hands effectively, may need to continue to receive Holy Communion on the tongue and they are certainly encouraged to do so.

Beyond these developments, we will do our best to insure that the churches are both kept as clean and sanitary as possible. If anyone feels ill, be it with a cough or a fever or shortness of breath, he or she should see their medical provider and until feeling better, stay home. The Archdiocese provides for a daily televised Mass at 10:00 AM, found on Channel 20 in this area. If you cannot make it to church, you are encouraged to tune in for that Mass.

Apart from this, I would urge all parishioners to pay close attention to what is happening at the capitol in Hartford. A number of proposed bills are up for consideration in this short session. There is a bill that will legalize assisted suicide, which must be opposed adamantly, as must a bill that would allow the attorney general to restrict the functioning of pregnancy counseling centers that offer women who are considering abortion a choice to choose life for their child and not death. The Governor has proposed funding Planned Parenthood, an absolutely evil organization, to the tune of well over a million dollars. Not only is this proposal foolhardy in a time of massive state budget deficits, it allows more public funding for an organization which, contrary to what it claims, is really only about one thing, abortion. Please check the website of the **Connecticut Catholic Conference** and contact our state legislators asking them to oppose this legislation.

Have a good week in spite of it all!

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The Tuesday morning group of the Legion is requesting your presence at one of our meetings which are held from 10:15 to 11:45AM in the rectory

basement. The Thursday evening group meets at 7PM, also in the rectory. The rosary is prayed, spiritual readings and topics are discussed. Men and women are encouraged to join us as Lent begins.

For more information contact Mrs. DiNapoli at 203 799-8670 or Mrs. Sudusky at 203 874-8210.



ANNUAL CONSECRATION

All Active and Auxiliary members, their friends and families, are invited to attend the annual consecration to our Blessed Mother (Acies) to be held on Sunday, March 22 at 3:00PM at St. Mary Church, 669 West Avenue, Norwalk.

Legionaries renew their fealty to Mary, Queen of the Legion and from her receive strength and blessings for another year. Mass will be celebrated at 3:00PM A social gathering will follow with refreshments being served. Please meet at Milford St. Mary Church parking lot where we will car pool promptly at 1:45PM to Norwalk. Contact Augustina at 874-6365 or Fran at 874-8210 for additional information.



The annual **FISH DINNER** sponsored by the St. Joseph Society will be held in Father Callahan Hall on Friday, April 3rd at 6:00PM. Tickets will be sold after Masses on March 21-22 and in the rectory office until April 1st.

No tickets will be sold at the door.

Prices are \$8.00 for adults, \$6.00 for seniors, \$5 for young people (6-16) and as always, 5 and under are admitted free.

MARCH 15, 2020

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Our children are like the Samaritan woman in today's gospel. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect themselves and others and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."

ADULT CONFIRMATION classes begin March 24 at 7PM at the rectory. Three classes will follow: March 31, April 14 and 21. Classes are for individuals already baptized and have received First Communion. Confirmation will be conferred May 5 at St. Joseph Cathedral in Hartford. Contact Deacon John for information or with questions.

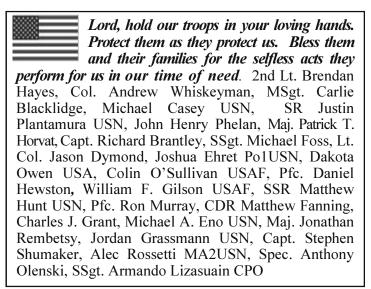


St. Mary School has 2 new trophies to add to their case.

The Boys Varsity 8 basketball team once again won the Greater New Haven Vicariate Athletic League Championship with a win against St. Rita of Hamden.

The Girls Junior Varsity 6 team took

home their GNHVAL Championship with a win against Our Lady of Mt. Carmel, Meriden. Both teams now move on to the state tournament.





The 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal is now underway in our parish. Your support of this year's Appeal ensures that essential charitable, educational, and pastoral ministries of the Archdiocese of Hartford are

carried forward.

PARISH CLERGY

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PARISH TRUSTEES Suzanne Beliveau and Earl Whiskeyman

Mit Week

Sun	Blood Pressure after m	norning Masses	
	Jr. legion of Mary	10:15AM	school
	Baptism Preparation	2:00PM	rectory
Mon	Novena	7:30PM	SM
	Nami family	6:00PM	SA
Tue	Legion of Mary	10:30AM	SM
	Virtus Training	6:30PM	SM
	Jobs Support	7:00PM	convent
	Legion Officers	7:00PM	SM
Wed	Parkinsons Support	1:00PM	SM
	Book Club	3:30PM	rectory
	Altar Server Training	6:30PM	SM
	K of C	7:00PM	SM
Thu	Legion of Mary	7:00PM	SM
	Choir Practice	7:00PM	SM
Fri	Stations of the Cross	7:30PM	SA
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GOD LOVE YOU

Ven. Fulton J. Sheen "We do not know why God does not answer all our petitions, though He has told us that before we speak, He has already heard us.



"...not all prayers are answered. God is omnipotent. He can do all things except one thing: He cannot please everybody."



