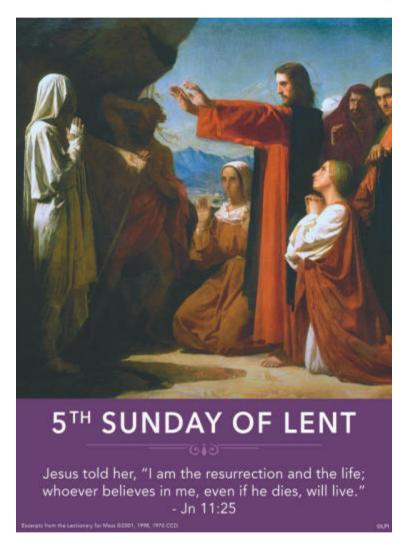
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## We Welcome All Visitors

## **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 12:05 pm (Mon-Fri) St. Mary

## **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, MILFORD

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Agnes Church

#### Mon March 30 Lenten Weekday

9:00 Thomas and Dorothy McGuire by their family

#### Tue March 31 Lenten Weekday

9:00 Christopher J. Brennan by The Wong Family

#### Wed April 1 Lenten Weekday

9:00 Ralph and Mary Irving by their family

#### Thu April 2 St. Francis of Paola

9:00 *Amanda Pellegrino* by her family

#### Fri April 3 Lenten Weekday

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

#### Sat

#### **VIGIL**

5:00 Ronald Winfield by his family

#### Sun April 5 Palm Sunday

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Ralph and Sadie Laezzo by their daughter

#### Readings for the week of March 29, 2020

Sun: Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21/Jn 8:21-30 Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/

Jn 8:31-42

Thu: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Jn 8:51-59 Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf.10d]/ Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14—

27:66 or 27:11-54

#### **GOD LOVE YOU**

Ven Fulton J. Sheen

"Never forget that there are only two philosophies to rule your life: the one of the cross, which starts with the fast and ends with the feast; the other of Satan, which starts with the feast and ends with the headache."



#### Mon March 30 Lenten Weekday

7:00 Florence Smalberg by The Mastroni Family 12:05 Maryellen Nemchek by her family

#### Tue March 31 Lenten Weekday

7:00 No Intention

12:05 No Intention

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12:05 No Intention

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#### Fri April 3 Lenten Weekday

7:00 No Intention

12:05 No Intention

#### Sat April 4 St. Isidore

7:30 Rolando Trovini by his wife

#### VIGIL

4:30 *Regis Abbott* by the Pclar Family

#### Sun April 5 Palm Sunday

8:30 Helen and Ray Zaleski by their family

10:00 Scott Wendel by his family

11:30 Eleanor Mullaney by The Shanley Family

4:30 Richard Guidetti by his family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 29, 2020 Is in Memory of Rose DeLillo

Although he sought to live the life of a hermit by retiring to a remote cave near Paola, Italy, he was soon joined by followers who wished to imitate his way of life. Thus he formed an austere community, Hermits of Francis of Assisi, which he renamed "Minims" because he wanted them to be known as the least (minimi) in the household of God. However, he soon believed that God was calling him to an apostolic life and he began to use his gifts of miracles and prophecy to minister to the people of God. While ministering to King Louis XI of France he was able to

influence the course of national politics by helping to restore peace between France and Spain.



#### FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends:

As I write these words, it is a Friday evening at the end of the first week of a national emergency surrounding coronavirus. It can be said quite rightly that nothing like this has ever been experienced before in our lifetimes, and I hope, will never be again. The closing of schools and many businesses in order to prevent the spread of an easily transmitted, and for some, a lethal virus, has disrupted the lives of us all. Many are filled with a sense of uncertainty that can lead to a sense of almost crippling fear. We do not know what lies ahead and for just how long our lives will be anything but normal, or ever normal again.

I in many ways share these feelings with you. These days have been eerie and surreal. The sense of panic and fear that has been sweeping across our country in the face of this virus has been unnerving. The closing of our churches has been particularly disturbing. Many feel isolated and alone, perhaps cut off from God, the Church, and the sacraments. Yet, even in the face of these realities, which are undeniable, I still believe that fear and panic are useless and unhelpful. I believe that we are not abandoned and alone, that God is with us, and that God will see us through this time of uncertainty and crisis. I also believe firmly that the Church does not consist of buildings, but of people. We are the Church, all of us God's people, connected in a common faith in the living Lord, Jesus Christ, who remains with us always, as he promised. until the end of the ages. We can still remain connected to the Lord and to each other, even if we cannot come to church, in our common faith and our common prayer.

In lieu of the possibility of participating in weekly or daily Mass in person, we can still exercise our faith. Even if we are spending more time at home, away from work or school, we can take some of that time for prayer, in whatever form we may choose, be it the Rosary, the reading of the Scriptures, meditation, or other devotions. We may be cut off for the time being from going to church, be we are never cut off from God, and God is never far from us. I would suggest as well that we can make good use of television in these days to augment our life of faith. The celebration of the Mass is available to us daily on several channels in our area, including the Mass sponsored by the Archdiocese of Hartford each day at 10:00 AM on Channel 20, the Mass offered several times daily on EWTN, and the Mass offered from St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre on Long Island on the Catholic Faith Network (CFN). Both EWTN and CFN offer Catholic programming that can enhance and deepen our faith and prayer life in these trying times. We would do well to make good use of these resources.

Please know that all of you are in our prayers each day. We miss your presence here at Mass on Gulf Street and Merwin Avenue. We look forward to the day, which we hope is not too far off, when we will gather again to celebrate the Eucharist together in person. In the meantime, we pray for all those afflicted by this pernicious virus, for those trapped in fear of it, for those in the medical profession (physicians, nurses, lab researchers, and others), and for those in the political leadership of our nation and other nations of the world. May God grant us a swift end to the difficulties wrought by this virus, protect those afflicted and affected by it, and return us to a normal way of life very soon.

For the near future, though, the Mass will be celebrated privately by the priests each day.

You may not be present physically at those Masses, but all of you are remembered, included, and present spiritually at each Mass we celebrate. We must remember that the Mass is never primarily about the priest or the people. The Mass, each Mass, remembers and celebrates what Christ has done to save us and how Christ is present here and now to us, bringing us through the darkness and uncertainty of this world to himself. All scheduled Mass intentions will be honored in these weeks ahead of us.

May God bless you all!

Row Celson R. Xmaline

THE LADIES GUILD HAS CANCELLED THE BOARD MEETING FOR 4/1 AND THE GENERAL MEETING FOR APRIL.

THE MEN'S CLUB WILL NOT HOLD THEIR FISH DINNER ON APRIL 6TH.

THE BEREAVEMENT GROUP HAS BEEN POSTPONED INDEFITELY.



ANGELS OF MARY CHILDREN'S PROGRAM HAS BEEN CANCEOLLED.

SUNDAY JUNIORS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

ALL LEGION OF MARY
MEETINGS
TUESDAY AND THURSDAY
HAVE BEEN CANCELLED
UNTIL FURTHEER NOTICE.



#### MARCH 29, 2020

During this unprecedented time, we at Precious Blood Parish are mindful of economic hardships that may affect our community. Our expenses continue, and we need to be as responsive as we can. We ask for your continued support during this difficult time, even financially. We ask our parishioners to continue to support us by mailing your donations to Precious Blood Parish, 70 Gulf Street, Milford, CT 06460. Or, sign up to give at www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org/giving. you need help with this process, you can contact Meg Hayes by email at mhayes@pbpmilford.org. We are grateful for all your generosity in the past and know we can count on you going forward.



#### **GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS** FOR CHILDREN HAS BEEN CANECLLED



#### CONNECTICUT MARCH FOR LIFE

Hartford April 15th Connecticut is hosting its first March for Life. Much like the national march that happens in Washington each January, Connecticut will now host its own. The event is sponsored by the March for Life, the Family Institute of Connecticut, and the Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs.

10:00AM: Pro-March short program at the Bushnell 11:15AM: March begins at the Bushnell and ends at the State Capitol

12noon: Rally begins at the State Capitol

#### THERE HAS BEEN NO WORD WHETHER THIS MARCH WILL BE POSTPONED.



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.

2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Col. Andrew Whiskeyman, MSgt. Carlie Blacklidge, Michael Casey USN, SR Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat, Capt. Richard Brantley, SSgt. Michael Foss, Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, Joshua Ehret PolUSN, Dakota Owen USA, Colin O'Sullivan USAF, Pfc. Daniel Hewston, William F. Gilson USAF, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, Pfc. Ron Murray, CDR Matthew Fanning, Charles J. Grant, Michael A. Eno USN, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, Jordan Grassmann USN, Capt. Stephen Shumaker, Alec Rossetti MA2USN, Spec. Anthony Olenski, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO

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#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Our families can become wrapped up chasing things we perceive will make us happy. Jesus' words to Lazarus, He says to us: "Come out" from what entombs you. In this fifth week of Lent "untie" yourself and be free from unnecessary possessions.

#### BABIES IN BLOOM

5th Annual Benefit Dinner for ST. GIANNA'S

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Sunday, April 26th 1:00-5:00PM Amarante's Sea Cliff 62 Cove St., New Haven For information email Paul at

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