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

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 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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BRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

truly been raised and has appeared to Simon!" - Lk 24:33-34

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 April 27 Easter Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Tue April 28 St. Peter Chantel

9:00 No Intention

Wed April 29 St. Catherine of Siena 9:00 *Rev. Francis X. Callahan* by The Rosary Group

Thu April 30 St. Pius V 9:00 No Intention

Fri May 1 St. Joseph the Worker 9:00 *Elaine Roberge Plain* by her son

Sat May 2

Vigil

5:00 Joseph Pacelli by his wife

Sun May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

7:30 *Patricia Lovett* by her family 10:30 *Janice Cebula* by The Ruby Slippers

Readings for the week of April 26, 2020

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [11a]/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35 Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30 [1ab]/Jn 6:22-29 Tuesday: Acts 7:51—8:1a/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab [6a]/Jn 6:30-35 Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Ps 66: 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a [1]/Jn 6:35-40 Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20 [1]/Jn 6:44-51 Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 6:52

-59 St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf.17b]/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [12]/Jn 6:60-69

Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/1 Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10



St. Mary Church

Mon April 27 Easter Weekday 7:00 *Joe Campagna* by Kim

Tue April 28 St. Peter Chantel 7:00 *Bridget Howarth* by her husband

Wed April 29 St. Catherine of Siena 7:00 *Helen Smolinski* by her daughter

Thu April 30 St. Pius V 7:00 No Intention

Fri May 1 St. Joseph the Worker 7:00 *Lydia Goodson* by M/M Chris Mulhall

Sat May 2 St. Athanasius 7:30 No Intention

Vigil

4:30 Nick & Fran DeLillo by their family

Sun May 3 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30 People of Precious Blood Parish
10:00 Theofila Paige by Benjamin
11:30 Brian Bowser by Marie & Steve Pecylak
4:30 Nikoll & Filemena Selca by The Hale Family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of April 26, 2020 Is in Memory of *Nick and Fran DeLillo*



SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love thee about all things, and I desire to receive Thee into my soul. Since I can not now receive thee sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace thee, as if thou wert already there, and unite myself wholly to Thee; never permit me to be separated from Thee."

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

So, how are we all doing in these extraordinary times? How do we cope when bombarded with stories of grief and disease and despair all around us? The gospel for this weekend may offer a clue and a direction.

After Jesus has been crucified, two of Jesus' disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, and they were conversing and debating. Jesus asks them what they are discussing, and they are downcast. They talked of how they hoped that Jesus the Nazarene was the Messiah and would have been the one to restore Israel to greatness. They talked of dashed expectations when Jesus was crucified instead. Jesus goes on to explain the scripture to them, and how all was necessary so that the prophecies about the Messiah might be fulfilled.

He stayed with them, and they eventually recognized Him in the breaking of the bread. When he vanished from their sight, they said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scripture to us? With all of us feeling cut off from our parish and its sacramental life, how do we recognize Him still?

We can recognize Him when we are reconnecting with family, maybe many family members we don't always talk with as often as we should. We can recognize Him when reaffirming friendships, some from long past. We can recognize Him with time with our families, a time we may come to cherish as it is so out of the ordinary, but perhaps should be more ordinary.

In our pro-life Church, we should also recognize Him in the nurse and doctor who return to work each day, bringing life-giving care at the risk of their own. We should recognize Him in those essential workers in our grocery stores, our mail and package delivery service workers, our first responders, who all selflessly work so we can manage our lives. We should recognize Him in our teachers, still connecting with our students and educating them in every way that they can.

Most of all, in these difficult times, we need to recognize Him in each other. Our care needs to be His care, our compassion needs to be His compassion. May we all pray as one that we can exclaim as did the early disciples, "The Lord has truly been raised!" His resurrection is made manifest when we all act as one, and love one another, as He has loved us. Remember what Jesus said when He appeared to his disciples, "Do not be afraid."

May we all live without fear; may we all live with patience. May we all live as members of His body, redeemed by His life, death, and resurrection.

Dearn John 1



ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDEERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE What does it take for our eyes to be opened? Every day, a man laboriously walks down Main Street of town. With great difficulty but graceful determination, he places one foot in front of the other, uses a crudely made staff for support, and walks. His pace is slow, but he walks. What does he hope to see? Where does he want to go? What does he find? We all walk through life. The type of "walking" life requires is not always physical but is most assuredly emotional and spiritual. We walk, we look, we encounter, and we seek. How we do these things and what we actually find is determined by what we carry and what we allow ourselves to discover along the way.

If walking is too challenging for us, we may choose to isolate and stay alone. If we are afraid to walk, we may become overly dependent on others providing for us and abandon the journey. We can walk and pay attention only to what is in front of our feet and never notice the immensity of what is happening around us. The road is never the same twice. The journey is always different. What kinds of things do you notice as you walk through life? It seems that the disciples of the Road to Emmaus missed a lot at first. We do as well.

We are called to walk with purpose, to listen, and to notice things that may not at first be apparent. We have to allow the One who has a special claim on our soul to enlighten, instruct, and inspire us. The incarnate mystery of God is pulsating in and through all of creation, where the presence of the Word who became flesh can be discovered. He has been with us all along. How could we have missed Him? Our journey brings us back to the breaking of the bread, and something begins to stir within us. We begin to understand, and things look differently. Bread, body, wine, and blood bring us to see that everyone and everything is a "Eucharistic" encounter. We become what we eat and we see what we eat. We continue to walk. Our eyes are now opened, and we recognize Him. Our hearts burn. Stay with us. Please stay with us.



Catherine ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church. In 1970 Pope Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila as doctors of the Church. Her spiritual testament is found in *The Dialogue*.

"No one should judge that he has greater perfection because he performs great penances and gives himself in excess to the staying of the body than he who does less, inasmuch as neither virtue nor merit consists therein; for otherwise he would be an evil case, who for some legitimate reason was unable to do actual penance. Merit consists in the virtue of love alone, flavored with the light of the discretion without which the soul is worth nothing."

Treatise from St. Catherine's The Dialogue

APRIL 26, 2020

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE In today's gospel the disciples were returning home so "downcast" they did not recognize Jesus walking with them. In our homes we can be so overwhelmed with responsibilities we don't see God with us. Today's gospel tells us to stop and open our eyes to the blessings we are to one another.

A Life at Conception Act (to be voted on soon) declares unborn children "persons" as defined by the 14th Amendment to the Constitution, entitled to legal protection. When the Supreme Court handed down its now infamous Roe v. Wade decision, it made a key admission: "If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant's case, of course, collapses, for the fetus' right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment."

The 14th Amendment says: "...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law."

When the bill comes up for a vote in Congress, it is critical to have the full weight of an informed public backing the pro-life position.

The Supreme Court itself admitted—if Congress declares unborn children "persons" under the law, the constitutional case for abortion-on-demand "collapses."

CT-LOGIN FOR LIFE

The webinar was held Wednesday, April 15th and had approx. 400 participants. The Connecticut Catholic Public Affairs Conference, along with other sponsors of the event were very pleased with the number of participants and the messages delivered by the webinar speakers. Hopefully, similar events will become an annual in our state.





ST. MARY PRESCHOOL ADDS NEW CLASS St. Mary Preschool has announced they are adding a new enrollment option to their 3 year old program for the 2020-2021 school year. In addition to their 3 day classes, they are adding a 5 full day option for children who are 3 years old by September 1, 2020.

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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.

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