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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entecost Sunday

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 June 1 The Blessed Virgin Mary 9:00 No Intention

Tue June 2 St. Marcellinus and St. Peter 9:00 No Intention

Wed June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions 9:00 No Intention

Thu June 4 Weekday 9:00 Mr. Nang Shek Fan by his family

Fri June 5 St. Boniface 9:00 Deceased Members of The Geer Family

Sat June 6

Vigil

5:00 No Intention

Sun June 7 The Most Holy Trinity

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Georgetta Hoponick by The Falcone Family

Readings for the week of May 31, 2020

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or JI 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Extended Vigil: Gn 11:1-9/Ps 33:10-11, 12-13, 14-15/Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b/ Dn 3:52, 53, 55, 56 [52b] or Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Ez 37:1 -14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39. Day: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23 Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34 Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16 [1]/Mk 12:13-17 Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef [1b]/Mk 12:18-27 Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [4]/ Mk 12:28-34 Friday: 2 Tm 3:10-17/Ps 119:157, 160, 161, 165, 166, 168 [165a]/Mk 12:35-37 Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/Ps 71:8-9, 14-15ab, 16-17, 22 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 12:38-44 Next Sunday: Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/2 Cor 13:11-13/Jn 3:16-18

"The Church is like a great ship being pounded by the waves of life's different stresses. Our duty is not to abandon ship, but to keep her on her course."

- St. Boniface

St. Mary Church

Mon June 1 The Blessed Virgin Mary 7:00 Marlene Givens by Frank Mandel

Tue June 2 St. Marcellinus and St. Peter 7:00 *Michael Kaluzynski* by his family

Wed June 3 St. Charles Lwanga & Companions 7:00 Margaret Palmer by Marian Payne

Thu June 4 Weekday 7:00 June Dolinski by Betty & John Franze

Fri June 5 St. Boniface 7:00 Frances Nguyen Van Trung by Kim

Sat June 6 St. Norbert

7:30 Marianne Healy by her family Vigil 4:30 Edward Winkler by Barbara & Mark Winkler

Sun June 7 The Most Holy Trinity

8:30 Thomas & Mildred Lynch by their family 10:00 Mary & William Wallace by their family 11:30 Edmund McGuinness by his wife Dolores 4:30 Julie Ann Rizza by her Mom & family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of May 31, 2020 Is in memory of Lenora Lupoli Erickson



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."

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Dear Friends:

This last Sunday in May is the Solemnity of Pentecost, and with it, we come to the conclusion of our fiftydays long celebration of Easter. Even though we have not been in church for the Easter Season this year, we have still prayed over, celebrated, and I hope, taken to heart once again, each of us in our own way, the meaning of Easter. Easter means the victory of life over death, courage over fear, joy over sadness, and so much more.

As we read in the Acts of the Apostles, Jesus before being taken up into heaven tells the disciples that they would be the recipients of a marvelous gift, the Holy Spirit, who will empower them to be his witnesses, not only in Jerusalem, but far beyond, even to the ends of the earth. As the story is told, the disciples returned to Jerusalem, to the Upper Room where they had shared that final meal with Jesus, and there, in prayer, awaited the fulfillment of what Jesus promised. We can also imagine that they went to that space to hide for their lives, thinking that the religious and perhaps the civil authorities were out searching for them. What happened to Jesus could very easily happen to them. So there, in fear, but also in hope, in longing expectation, they prayed and waited.

That Sunday came and with it an unforgettable experience. Something happened that changed, transformed, those disciples locked away in fear. As Luke tells it in the Acts of the Apostles, a sound like a strong driving wind was heard in that room. Tongues as of flame appeared, resting on each of them, and they were able to speak the message of the Gospel, the message of salvation in Christ, in many languages. Then, inexplicably, they rush out of that room and begin to speak the message. Peter delivers a passionate sermon and thousands who hear him, from all parts of the known world, become believers. The Holy Spirit came to them as Jesus promised, the Gift of the Father, and with the Spirit, a powerful transformation.

All of us received the Holy Spirit in Baptism, which conformed us to Christ, and again, if we were confirmed, in Confirmation, empowering us to live a life of effective witness, to bring Jesus to others. As we mark Pentecost today, we might do some soul-searching. How effective have we been as witnesses to Jesus and what he taught, what he lived for, and what he died for? Have we been all too willing to go along with the crowd, to get along without standing out or making waves, either out of fear or the attraction of our own convenience? What can we do, going forward, to be better witnesses to Christ?

One thing we can do is to try to live each day without an overarching, even paralyzing sense of fear. In these times of pandemic and upheaval, many of us are easily tempted to give in to needless fear. We spend too much time sitting in front of television and far too much time listening to the news, no matter what network we may prefer. The news media today, by and large, accentuates the worst possible scenarios and does not give enough attention to those things that speak of hope, of optimism, of a better tomorrow. There are some who say that they will not go back to living as before until it is safe, and this usually means until there is a vaccine. While I do hope and pray that an effective vaccine for COVID-19 can be found, there is no absolute guarantee that there will ever be one. We can not stay at home in our "Upper Room" as it were, cowering in paralyzing fear. We can not wait until life is perfectly safe for us, for living a life where there is no risk, for that would not be living at all.

Does this mean that we should immediately and recklessly go back to the way things were before March? Of course not. We should take precautions. We should be careful if we are over a certain age, dealing with health issues, or have family members of a certain age or with health issues. We should wear masks whenever we are close by others, six feet or nearer. We should wash our hands regularly and be careful whenever we are near others, not only to protect ourselves but also to protect them. We should do whatever we can to live healthy lives, noting that health is not only measured physically, but also mentally, and spiritually. We should do what we can to maintain and improve our physical health by eating properly, eliminating unhealthy addictions or habits, and getting enough exercise and sleep. We should do what we can to improve our mental outlook by watching the news once a day, and then looking for what is positive in our lives, what we have to be thankful for. We can do some reading or take up again some hobby we had in the past or something new. We should do what we can to strengthen our spiritual lives by taking some of the long stretches of time at our disposal for more prayer, the reading of Scripture or other spiritual reading, meditation, spending time in church each day in private prayer.

I will end my Pentecost sermon on an upbeat note. Things are indeed looking up. The curve is flattening, hospitalizations are down, and we can hope that the worst is behind us. We must not, however, rest on our laurels. We must move forward, together, caring for our own health and well-being and that of others, knowing that we are not alone in this. The Spirit poured out on Pentecost still moves within us and all around us. The plans and designs of God's own heart will come to pass. We are in very good hands. Take courage! Have no fear! Remember what Jesus said, "I am with you always, even until the end of the ages."

Have a good week!

Rev. allow To Vonalus

MAY 31, 2020

PRAY FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Human beings need help. We need community, and we need to rely on one another. At Pentecost, we reflect on Jesus sending to the Church a helper, the Holy Spirit. God interacting with us in this manner means we are never truly alone. We focus most of the time on the Spirit of God as the assistance we need, and we do need Him for sure. However, since it is that very same Spirit that turned us into "Church" from a band of people looking to carry on after Jesus' ascension, at Pentecost we gained more than divine help: we gained each other.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Like the disciples in today's gospel, we shut the doors of our hearts to people or events. It's how we create emotional distance. Permanent distancing is lethal and prevents the PEACE Jesus offers you today.

Please remember in your prayers the following individuals who have had graveside services recently: *Mary Ellen Lynch, Pauline Segall, Margaret Mary Philbin, Carol Ruggiero, Joan Ann*



Wiltrie, Angela M. Jalbert, Helen G. Inzitari, Joseph S. Campagna, Jr., Paula Erbter, Paula Musachio, Ferris F. Haddad, Agnes Rodko, Michael John Suech, Joan Abramovitz, Vincent J. Zelinsky, Joan Ann Pyne.

Young adult women are invited to join The GIVEN Institute for an online event entitled **Discover the Gift** from June 10-14, 2020! It will be live, online featuring keynote speakers, prayer opportunities, and questions for discussion. We will examine the three themes of GIVEN: to receive the gift that you are, to realize the gifts you have been given, and to respond with the gift only you can give. Register & see more details <u>https://giveninstitute.com/discover-the-gift/</u>

Mercy by the Sea is planning to reopen June 28, 2020, but there is still so much unknown about how best to do that and they remain committed to following recommended state health protocols.

Passionist Retreat Center Throughout this pandemic, Holy Family has been providing daily Messages of Hope, including some musical selections from our renowned music ministry. In June, we are offering programs for targeted audiences—Young Adults, Men, Women, Mother, Seniors & Grandparents—with our *Together We Rise* Series. Website for more information and to register at holyfamilyretreat.org/together-we-rise.

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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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