

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
400 Merwin Avenue
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St. Mary Church
(Parish Office)
70 Gulf Street
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16th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

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
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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PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon July 20 St. Apollinaris

9:00 *Craig DeLeo* by his family

Tue July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

9:00 *Elizabeth Lynch* by her family

Wed July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

9:00 *Jean Mosher* by her family & friends

Thu July 23 St. Bridgit

9:00 *Glen & Anna, 20th anniversary* by Hale Family

Fri July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf

9:00 *Anatolia & Pedro Bartolome* by their family

Sat July 25

VIGIL

5:00 *Kathleen Fraulo* by her husband & family

Sun July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *Jerry O'Donnell* by Michael Marinello

10:30 *Lilly Derwin* by Margaret Stroffolino

Readings for the week of July 19, 2020

Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 [5a]/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Monday: Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Ps 50:5-6, 8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 12:38-42

Tuesday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8a]/Mt 12:46-50

Wednesday: Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2]/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

Thursday: Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Ps 36:6-7ab, 8-9, 10-11 [10a]/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: Jer 3:14-17/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt 13:18-23

Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [5]/Mt 20:20-28

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52

St. Mary Church

Mon July 20 St. Apollinaris

7:00 *Rita Quagan* by Donald Gerarde

Tue July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi

7:00 *Helen Lutheran /Cathy Gorman & Chad Rose*

Wed July 22 St. Mary Magdalene

7:00 *Maureen Richetelli* by the Stewart Family

Thu July 23 St. Bridgit

7:00 *Sean Earel* by his parents

Fri July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf

7:00 *Andrew Kang* by his family

Sat July 25 St. James

7:30 *Margaret Mary Philbin* by Jeanne Campagna

VIGIL

4:30 *William & Margaret Myers* by Sennett Family

Sun July 26 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *George Hartlett* by his wife

10:00 *Felix & Christina McDonald* by their family

11:30 *Georgetta Hopnick* by Ron & Elaine Finch

4:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of July 19, 2020
Is in Memory of *Rose Cassano*



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.”



Mary Magdalene was one of those who stood by the cross of Jesus with his mother, and she was the one chosen to be the first witness of the Resurrection. No doubt she has been smiling at her “mistaken identity” for 2,000 years. Yet she would insist it makes no difference. We are all

sinners in need of the saving power of God. More importantly, we are all, with her, “unofficial witnesses of the Resurrection.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends:

In an article by Luther Turmelle published in the *New Haven Register* on July 13, our parish was mentioned by name as one of numerous entities to receive funding under the Payroll Protection Program authorized by Congress in response to the devastation wrought by the COVID-19 crisis. The PPP, as it is referred to, is administered by the Small Business Administration, and under rules authorized by the federal government, religious entities were eligible for such loans, provided the funds were used to keep paying employees for an additional eight weeks, serving as a bridge to help such businesses get through the lockdowns that COVID-19 necessitated across many states, Connecticut included.

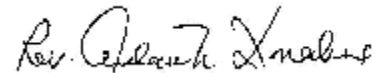
The article in the *New Haven Register* rightly cited Precious Blood Parish in Milford, our parish, as one religious organization that received a loan. The amount cited, namely a sum between \$350,000 and \$1,000,000 was quite broad. For the record, the PPP loan we received amounted to \$557,000. As the current regulations stand, if we abide by the rules (and we have done so carefully), we will either have the loan forgiven in part or in its entirety. I, for one, am grateful for this assistance offered to our parish. We are a church corporation, a parish, a religious organization, yes, but we also qualify as a “small business” eligible for such a loan. A small business under the PPP program is any business with five hundred or fewer employees. Our parish, which includes *two* churches, a sizeable school and a cemetery, employs over seventy people in all. We are grateful for the good work that they do and we are happy that we were able to continue to pay them even in those lean months when churches were closed and Masses and other sacraments curtailed or suspended. With the loss of regular Sunday collections, our income dropped significantly. That being said, I will again thank so many of you for your ongoing support of the parish through those months. Many of you dropped your donations off at the rectory or in the mail, and many made their contributions on-line. As of this writing, while we are not where we usually are in terms of our ordinary revenue, we are nonetheless doing fairly well. That is a tribute to all of you and your ongoing generosity and support of the parish.

I must also state that none of the money loaned to us by the federal government was in any way diverted to the accounts of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Indeed, the Archdiocese has been helpful to us in its own way by subsidizing one-half of the employee benefit costs for the months of April, May and June. That in itself made for substantial savings.

I am pleased to see that a number of people are returning to Mass, either on weekdays or on weekends. The numbers remain small. No Mass has even come close to the limit of 100 persons in all. I perfectly understand that there are a number of regular parishioners who still feel a bit uneasy about returning to church, and I hope that the trends we see taking place in Connecticut continue to do so, with dropping hospitalizations and very low infection rates. We continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and we urge everyone to exercise caution especially when in proximity to other people. The wearing of masks or facial coverings, social distancing, and careful hand hygiene will go a long way toward keeping all of us safe, and if we work together, we will get through this together.

If you have any questions about our parish and its participation in the Payroll Protection Program (PPP) of the Small Business Administration, please contact me.

Have a good week!



July 10, 2020

STATEMENT FROM THE OFFICE OF THE ARCHBISHOP ABOUT BLACK LIVES MATTER

In the midst of all that has transpired in our nation, the affirmation “BLACK LIVES MATTER” is a necessary and important affirmation of the value, dignity and rights of every human person, and is especially important given the reality of racism, experienced by people of color.

However, the affirmation “BLACK LIVES MATTER” should not be confused with *Black Lives Matter Global Foundation* (BLMGF), an organization of the same name. Although BLMGF claims to exist for the advancement of Black people, its radical agenda goes far beyond the fundamental concept of “BLACK LIVES MATTER,” and advocates positions that are antithetical to Catholic moral teaching.

From the perspective of the Catholic Faith, “BLACK LIVES MATTER” is about upholding and respecting the dignity, rights and life of every person of color in keeping with our belief in the sanctity of human life from conception until natural death. It is not about advocating positions that are contrary to what our faith teaches in matters of marriage, sexuality, and family.

JULY 19, 2020



Our Online Giving is getting an upgrade to a newer, easier-to-use platform! If you currently give online, you will soon be receiving an email with instructions on how to log into the new system. Best of all, your existing payment and donation information will be migrated over so you will not have to set up your gifts again! Keep an eye on your email for more information coming very soon. Please let us know if you have any questions or need any assistance.



In an effort to make communication with you even better, we need your email address, which will enable us to reach you more quickly and far more inexpensively. We hope to publish a monthly e-newsletter as well. We ask

EVERYONE to go to our parish website preciousbloodparishmilford.org, click the 'Add Your Email' button under Our Locations and submit your email address. Here you'll enter your email (s), and other information which will help us match the email address with the correct person since we have many families with the same last name. Thank you.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Parents plant values in their children anticipating the tiny seeds of honesty, respect, commitment and fidelity will grow with their child and one day become a "safe haven" to many.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have a child entering 11th grade this fall, please visit our website Preciousbloodparish.org for Confirmation information.

"Married love differs from any other love in the world. By its nature, the love of husband and wife is so complete, so ordered to a lifetime of communion with God and each other, that it is open to creating a new human being they will love and care for together.... That power to create a new life with God is at the heart of what spouses share with each other."

USCCB "Married Love and the Gift of Life"

NATIONAL NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING AWARENESS WEEK (July 19-25) highlights the anniversary of the papal encyclical *Humanae vitae*, which articulates Catholic beliefs about human sexuality, married love, and responsible parenthood. Couples' stories, sample intercessions, and more can be found online, www.respectlife.org.

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