

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
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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

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes
Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said the blessing, broke the loaves, and gave them
to the disciples, who in turn gave them to the crowds.
They all ate and were satisfied. - Mt 14:19c-20

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 August 3 Weekday

9:00 *Amanda Ashlee Pellegrino* by her family

Tue August 4 St. John Vianney

9:00 No Intention

Wed August 5 St. Mary Major Basilica Dedication

9:00 No Intention

Thu August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

9:00 No Intention

Fri August 7 St. Sixtus II and Companions

9:00 No Intention

Sat August 8

Vigil

5:00 No Intention

Sun August 9 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:30 *James Deptula* by The Casey Family

Readings for the week of August 2, 2020

Sun: Is 55:1-3/Ps 145:8-9, 15-16, 17-18 [cf. 16]/
Rom 8:35, 37-39/Mt 14:13-21

Mon: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102
[68b]/Mt 14:22-36

Tue: Jer 30:1-2, 12-15, 18-22/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29
and 22-23 [17]/Mt 14:22-36 or Mt 15:1-2, 10-14

Wed: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Mt
15:21-28

Thu: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 [1a, 9a]/2 Pt
1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

Fri: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd,
41 [39c]/Mt 16:24-28

Sat: Hb 1:12—2:4/Ps 9:8-9, 10-11, 12-13 [11b]/Mt
17:14-20

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Ps 85:9, 10, 11-
12, 13-14 [8]/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33



One of the most significant of His miracles was Christ's transfiguration on Mt. Thabor. He had said, "*If any man will come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.*" By allowing

Peter, James and John to see Him transfigured, Christ was giving them a preview of the glory that would come to all men of good will through His passion and death. The transfiguration is both a testimonial to the truth of Christ's message and a glimpse of the world to come for all who love Christ.

St. Mary Church

Mon August 3 Weekday

7:00 *Marguerite Shea* by her estate

Tue August 4 St. John Vianney

7:00 *Sr. Janice May* by M/M Robert Kosiewicz

Wed Aug. 5 St. Mary Major Basilica Dedication

7:00 *Marie F. Palmer* by Griffin & Gilbert Families

Thu August 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

7:00 *Danny Daneault* by his wife Laura

Fri August 7 St. Sixtus II and Companions

7:00 *Celebration of Guy Ortoleva's 100th BD*

Sat August 8 St. Dominic

7:30 *David R. Ingraham* by his family

Vigil

4:30 *Teresa Richetelli* by her family

Sun August 9 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 *Gigi Sampietro* by her grandchildren

10:00 *Elaine Abbott* by The Pclar Family

11:30 *Ina Dorothy Buzzell/Maria & Margaret Farina*

4:30 *Arlene Cocco* by the Farina Family



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."

"A man who governs his passions is master of the world. We must either command them, or be enslaved by them. It is better to be a hammer than an anvil."

- St. Dominic



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Friends:

Even as the pandemic continues to affect the lives of us all, we can say that, as of this writing, we in Connecticut have done quite well in our efforts to contain the spread of the COVID-19 virus. The hospitalization rate has fallen dramatically from its height in late March to mid-April even if it has fluctuated slightly from day to day, something which, I suppose, is to be expected. The rate of positivity remains under 1% and that in itself speaks to the good things that can happen if we all work together. The wearing of a mask or face covering can, at times, seem to be a nuisance especially in these summer months, but we can all put up with the nuisance and the inconvenience for the common good, as well as for our own good. Of course, proper social distancing and good hand hygiene remain essential.

I write these words as a means of positive encouragement, primarily because we all need some encouragement and hope. If we fixate ourselves on the news of late, not only that pertaining to the pandemic but also that concerning the lawlessness and rioting occurring in so many cities in our nation, we can find ourselves overwhelmed even to the point of despair. The mayhem and lawlessness that we see in news reports can be unnerving to watch and fill us with worry about the future. While we cannot ignore these realities, it is important for us to situate them in a wider context, knowing that we still live in a nation, a society grounded in law and order. For one thing, we must support our police and resist the unwise calls for defunding police forces and crippling their ability to do their work safely and effectively. What is needed now for most of us is a solid dose of reason and common sense. We can and should contact our elected representatives, be they here in Milford, in Hartford or in Washington, and urge them to do what is right, what makes sense, and what will promote the common good and security of all of us. We can urge them to avoid pandering and to do what is necessary to restore and maintain good order in society, which is absolutely essential if society is to survive.

Here at Precious Blood Parish, as Deacon John noted in his message in last week's bulletin, we are returning to normalcy in a gradual way. Plans are well along regarding the reopening of school at the end of August. We have scheduled Masses for First Communion during the month of October. I will ask for (and should receive) from Archbishop Blair, the faculty (or authorization) to confirm the young people in our parish. While Confirmation is normally conferred by a bishop, any priest may confer the sacrament in certain circumstances when delegated by the bishop. With all the concern about social distancing and the difficulty of having large Confirmation ceremonies, given the fact that we have over one hundred candidates, we will have to hold five ceremonies, with twenty candidates at each. Along with the candidates and their sponsors, and allowing for no more than two or three family members to attend, we will be able to adhere to the limit of no more than one hundred people in attendance at any ceremony, which is the limit as of this writing as established by Governor Lamont.

That being said, we are still planning to offer classes for adults who would like to be confirmed. They are scheduled for four Mondays: September 14, 21, 28 and October 5 beginning at 7:00 PM. Please let any adult you may know who would like to be confirmed know about this and have them contact Deacon John at (203) 878-3571 to indicate their interest and have any questions they may have answered.

Have a good week!

Rev. Robert J. Xmalone



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

If you have a child entering 11th grade this fall, please visit our website

Preciousbloodparish.org
for Confirmation information.



MASS INTENTIONS

The rectory office is open again during our normal business hours.

During this "social distancing" time, many more Masses have been booked by phone call or mail, and a check is delivered promptly. We do see, however, that there are several intentions, booked months ago, that have payments outstanding. Please check your records to see if you have forgotten to send a check for any Masses you may have requested so that we can keep our records up to date.



Holy Baptism

Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church and St. Agnes Church during the month of July:

*Avery Madison Cuminotto, Jake Rocco Fanelli,
Henry Graham Fino-Vernacci,
Hallie Joan Hourihan, Reagan Victoria Peragine.*



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.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to “dismiss the crowds to go buy food.” Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just 5 loaves and fishes. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

“We thank you, heroic mothers, for your invincible love! We thank you for your intrepid trust in God and in his love. We thank you for the sacrifice of your life.”
- Pope St. John Paul II
Evangelium vitae

The National Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc. has recommended several approaches when reaching out to the bereaved. It is sometimes hard to know what to say. Over the next few weeks we will offer some of their suggestions.

Please do not say: I know just how you feel. Time heals. Think about how happy he is in heaven.

Say instead: This has to be a hard time for you; does it help to talk about him. We cared about him too, can we talk about him. Grieving people have told me it helps to talk about the person who died.

Please do not say: Be thankful he was not aware at the end. He had a good life.

Say instead: It must have been difficult to watch her pain all those months. When I came to visit it always hurt to see her in pain, but I still miss her. I am wondering if you are feeling empty; is it difficult to fill the time? (to be continued)

GOD LOVE YOU - Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

“One day a woman went to the saintly Father John Vianney, the Curé of Ars, in France, and said; ‘My husband has not been to the sacraments or to Mass for years. He has been unfaithful, wicked, and unjust. He has just fallen from a bridge and was drowned—a double death of body and soul.’ The Curé answered: ‘Madam, there is a short distance between the bridge and the water, and it is that distance which forbids you to judge.’”



(Feast day of St. John Vianney is August 4)

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“Never believe anything bad about anybody unless you positively know it to be true; never tell even that unless you feel that it is absolutely necessary - and remember that God is listening while you tell it.”

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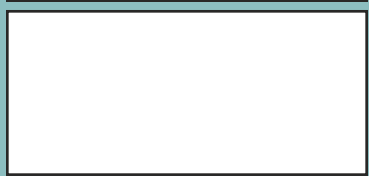
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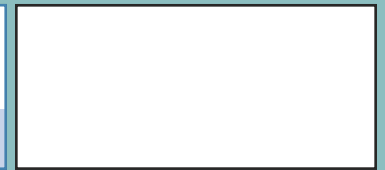



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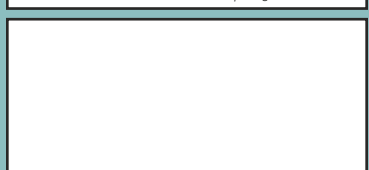

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