

Precious Blood Parish

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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

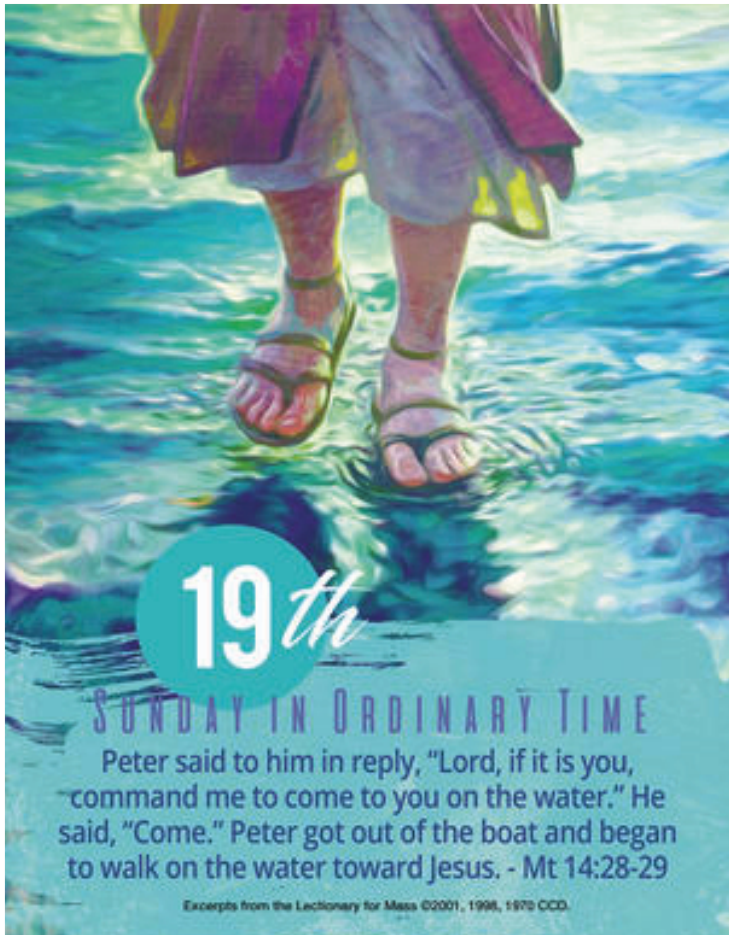
7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

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

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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 10 St. Lawrence

9:00 *Matthew Hofmiller* by Nancy & Michael

Tue August 11 St. Clare

9:00 No Intention

Wed August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

9:00 *Florence Riccio* by her children

Thu August 13 St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus

9:00 *Mr. Tong Sang & Mrs. Shook Fun Wong*

Fri August 14 St. Maximillian Kolbe

9:00 *Carl and Mike and Joan Rocco*

Sat August 15

Vigil

5:00 *Joseph Carollo* by his wife

Sun August 16 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

7:30 *Denis Moore* by a friend

10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

St. Mary Church

Mon August 10 St. Lawrence

7:00 *James Cassano* by his family

Tue August 11 St. Clare

7:00 *Maureen Richetelli* by M/M Rich. Krusewski

Wed August 12 St. Jane Frances de Chantal

7:00 *Anthony Beleskie* by MaryBeth and Michael

Thu August 13 St. Pontian and St. Hippolytus

7:00 *Marie Czubytyj* by her family

Fri August 14 St. Maximillian Kolbe

7:00 *Marie & Robert Halstead* by The Keefe Fam.

Sat August 15 Assumption of the Virgin Mary

7:30 *Joseph & Maria Monteleone* by Joe & Tatiana

Vigil

4:30 *Polly Drury* by her daughter Diane

Sun August 16 20th Sunday of Ordinary Time

8:30 *Cara Nagle* by the Gettinger Family

10:00 *Nicholas Wm. Price* by The Smith Family

11:30 *Connie & Joseph Nolan* by Bob & Donna

4:30 *John & Jean Bivelacque* by family & friends



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of August 9, 2020
Is in Memory of *Joseph Carollo*

Readings for the week of August 9, 2020

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

Mon: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Tue: Ez 2:8—3:4/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Mt 18:1-5, 10, 12-14

Wed: Ez 9:1-7; 10:18-22/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [4b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thu: Ez 12:1-12/Ps 78:56-57, 58-59, 61-62 [cf. 7b]/Mt 18:21—19:1

Fri: Ez 16:1-15, 60, 63 or 16:59-63/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5 - 6 [1c]/Mt 19:3-12

Sat: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28. Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10, 11, 12, 16 [10bc]/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

Next Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/Mt 15:21-28



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.”

In 1941, at the Auschwitz prison camp, as select prisoners were being marched to starvation bunkers, Fr. Kolbe (#16670) requested he take one man's place. Before he and the others were tortured and eventually burned, he remarked:



“*Courage my sons. Don't you see that we are leaving on a mission? They pay our fare in the bargain. What a piece of good luck! The thing to do now is to pray well in order to win as many souls as possible. Let us, then, tell the Blessed Virgin that we are content, and that she can do with us anything she wishes.*”

Because it is celebrated on a Saturday this year, the Feast of the Assumption is not considered a Holy Day of Obligation.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First, I would like to share a report from the Haiti Mission Board:

We now have a member of our board who is Haitian and speaks both French and Creole. She has been able to get in touch with Father Chery, the pastor of Saint Therese parish, by phone. There has been a terrible drought in Haiti and the people of Marbial have lost most of their crops. Many families are going hungry.

Through the Parish Twinning Committee of the Americas we were able to get in touch with a charity that has an excellent record in Haiti: Food For The Poor. They deliver packages of food to various parishes in Haiti. One package of food will feed a family of five for one month. The package includes: 55 pounds of rice, 27.5 pounds of cornmeal, 20 pounds of beans, 122 cans of sardines and one gallon of vegetable oil. We sent \$1240.00 (which will be doubled) to Food For The Poor so they can deliver 40 food packages to Marbial.

Food For The Poor will have to drop their packages off in Jacmel, (the nearest "city" to Marbial) as it is very difficult to get into Marbial itself because of the lack of decent roads. Father Chery said he would pick up the food but the church van is broken. He sent us an invoice for the repair of the van (which he badly needs). We sent \$900.00 so Father can have the van fixed. We are also sending \$500.00 per month to Father so he can buy food locally for his people.

We have this money because of the great generosity of our parishioners. It doesn't look as if we will be able to get a medical mission down there anytime in the near future, so we are spending the money on food. We are also investigating how we can help Father with his school.

The addition of a native speaker to our board has been a huge help. It now looks as if we will be able to help the poor suffering people of Marbial in several ways. THANK YOU EVERYONE who has contributed to our Mission to Haiti fundraisers! We may investigate helping Father Chery with funding some of the costs of teachers for his school, the only school available in the area.

The Haiti Mission Board

Our parish is so generous, not only to Haiti, but to the Deacon John Rigley Food Pantry, and to our parish itself. Your continued generosity allows us to continue to do so much good work. In this past week's gospel, Jesus told His disciples, "Give them some food yourselves". Your generosity allows us to do just that. Thank you all.

Deacon John

FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION August 15



After her death, Mary's Divine Son, because of His filial love for her, raised her body from death and she was assumed body and soul into heaven. In heaven she reigns as Queen of angels and men. Consider the unique position given by God to Mary, and the great privileges He has granted her. If God has so honored Mary, can we do less? Since all her privileges and great dignity are due to the perfection and dignity of her Son, then the honor which we give to Mary does not detract from the honor we give Christ. Rather, it is a fitting tribute to the Son Who could fashion for Himself so great a Mother.

"Mary shines forth on earth, until the day of the Lord shall come, as a sign of certain hope and comfort for the pilgrim People of God." (*Dogmatic Constitution of the Church*)

Mary's Assumption reminds us that life on earth is a pilgrimage to our ultimate destination. We prepare in hope for our passage into eternal life by the choices we make today. When we choose to love and follow God in our daily lives, we strengthen our relationship with Him, and this relationship is the true meaning of heaven.

"To live in heaven is 'to be with Christ'"
St. Ambrose



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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



ADULT CONFIRMATION

Classes will be held on four consecutive Mondays for anyone over 18 who wishes to be confirmed: Sept. 14, 21, 28 and Oct. 5. Please call Deacon John Hoffman, 203 878-3571, for details and to register.

CATHOLIC BIBLICAL SCHOOL

Day & evening classes are held virtually until further notice, and are open to all adults, Catholic and non-Catholic. For more information and application contact BJ at catholic.biblical.school@aohct.org

*Keep your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.
Depart from evil and do good; seek peace, and follow after it.*

Psalm 34:13-14



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be “by himself and pray.” When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter’s prayer in today’s gospel: “Lord, save me.”

“Although we may feel unsure how best to comfort those who mourn, we must stand with them in their time of suffering. Miscarriage touches the lives of many people, yet all too often this tragedy remains unaddressed. This lack of response not only often leads to unresolved grief, but also fails to clearly manifest our belief that each person, from conception onward, is precious and unique.”

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

“Solace and Strength in the Sorrow of Miscarriage”

National Catholic Ministry to the Bereaved, Inc.
other suggestions when reaching out: (con’t.)

Please do not say: It will take 2 or 3 months to get over your grief. Your grief will lessen in time. **Or** You need to get on with your life.

Instead say: I hope others are not trying to hurry you through your grief. This must be a very hard time for you. **Or** I have heard that each person grieves in their own way and in their own time.

Please do not say: I know someone who had 2 family members die at the same time. At least you have others in your family. **Or** There are other people worse off than you.

Instead say: I wonder if you feel like you will never get better. Expressing your tears and your pain will help you feel better eventually. **Or** Talking to the person who has died can help you sort out your feelings.

True effective support is not dependent upon how much we say but rather on our presence and how effectively we listen.

THE CAROLINE HOUSE will be holding its annual gala—online for the first time—on Thursday, August 27th from 7-8PM. The Virtual Gala Theme “Instilling Hope Through Perseverance” will stream live via website, Facebook and YouTube. Register CarolineHouseVirtualGala2020.eventbrite.com or email Edward Martinez and he will send you the link to register. emartinez@TheCarolineHouse.org
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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. Charles J. Grant, Jordan Grassmann USN,

Capt. Stephen Shumaker, Pfc. Ron Murray, Michael A. Eno USN, SR Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Capt. Richard Brantley, Alec Rossetti MA2USN, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat, SSgt. Michael Foss, Michael Casey USN, Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO, Joshua Ehret Po1USN, Dakota Owen USA, Pfc. Daniel Hewston, Colin O’Sullivan USAF, Spec. Anthony Olenski, William F. Gilson USAF, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, CDR Matthew Fanning, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Col Andrew Whiskeyman, MSgt Carlie Blacklidge

St. Teresa of Calcutta taught that, if you want joy, spell out the word: “J” come first, and is for *Jesus*: put Him first; “o” follows, and indicates *others*, as the needs of those around us take precedence; finally, last of all, arrives “y,” for *yourself*. Put yourself last, and be surprised by joy.

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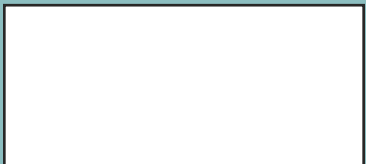

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