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

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

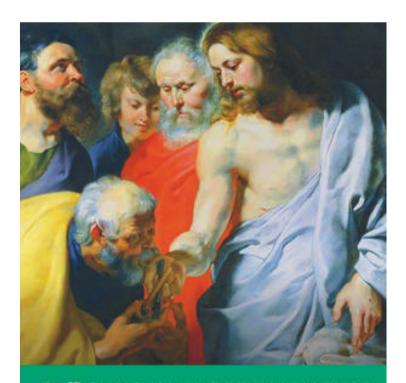
7:00 am St. Mary 7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

RECONCILIATION

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

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME "I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

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 24 St. Bartholomew 9:00 *MaryAnne Ellicott* by Wendy Valleau

Tue August 25 St. Louis 9:00 *Mary Benek* by her children

Wed August 26 Weekday 9:00 *Tracy Hoff* by Wendy Valleau

Thu August 27 St. Monica 9:00 *Mass of Thanksgiving* by Jeanne Campagna

Fri August 28 St. Augustine

9:00 Peter Zizic by his family

Sat August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist VIGIL

5:00 Jean Tupper by her family

Sun August 30 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *Arabella Curran* by a friend 10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

Readings for the week of August 23, 2020

Sun: Is 22:19-23/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8 [8bc]/Rom 1 1:33-36/Mt 16:13-20

- Mon: Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Tue: 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/ Mt 23:23-26
- Wed: 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32

Thu: 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1]/Mt 24:42-51

- Fri: 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1 Sat: 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and
- 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29
- Next Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

St. Augustine is a prophet for today, trumpeting the need to scrap escapisms and stand face-to-face with personal responsibility and dignity.



"Too late have I loved you, O Beauty of ancient days, yet ever new! Too late I loved you! And behold, you were within, and I

abroad, and there I searched for you; I was deformed, plunging amid those fair forms, which you had made. You were with me, but I was not with you. Things held me far from you—things which, if they were not in you, were not at all. You called, and shouted, and burst my deafness. You flashed and shone, and scattered my blindness. You breathed odors and I drew in breath—and I pant for you. I tasted, and I hunger and thirst. You touched me, and I burned for your peace." St. Mary Church

Mon August 24 St. Bartholomew 7:00 *Margaret Kelly* by the Cybulski Family

Tue August 25 St. Louis 7:00 *Michael Fitzpatrick* by Mary Beth & Michael

Wed August 26 Weekday 7:00 James L. Richetelli, Sr. by his family

Thu August 27 St. Monica

7:00 Dorothy Laezzo by Jim Jacob

Fri August 28 St. Augustine 7:00 *John, Marion & Edythe Sheehy* by their estate

Sat August 29 The Passion of John the Baptist 7:30 *Robert G. Falcone* by his family

VIGIL

4:30 Joseph Moran III by Dr. & Mrs. M. Mankus

Sun August 20th 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *Maureen Richetelli* by Mary Beth & Michael 10:00 *Joan Pyne* by her sister Elizabeth 11:30 *Joan Creamer* by The Farina Family 4:30 *Lydia Baldelli* by Kathy Pucci & family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of August 23, 2020 Is in Memory of *Arabella Curran*



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."

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

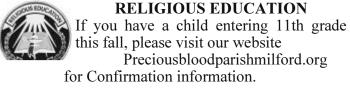
As we approach the end of August, we are preparing for the opening of Saint Mary School here in our parish. Founded in 1961, our parish school will be led by Deacon Dominic Corraro in his first year as principal of Saint Mary. Much has been done since March to get our school ready to open, and while it will look different with students and staff in masks, all rooms socially distanced, the core of our school, living the message of Jesus, is not diminished. Our students will continue to be formed to be the Catholic, Christian leaders of the future, and we hope we can count on all your continued prayers for a smooth opening and another successful school year.

Under the patronage of our Blessed Mother, for whom our school is named, we will continue to foster the strong Catholic education that has been the hallmark of our school for so many years. We thank everyone in our parish for your continued support, and especially your prayers.

As all schools are in the process of preparing to reopen, we are faced with the decision of what to do with our parish religious education. In this time of stress and focus on online learning, we did not want to add to parents and families stress levels. Students staying in cohorts that are small and regular is key to safely navigating the school environment, and so we are pausing our in-person religious education for now. Later in the fall, we will reevaluate, looking to see if after the first of the year, in-person classes for religious education make more sense. We have scheduled First Communions for October, replacing ones postponed from the spring. We have also scheduled Confirmations, but now having several instead of one. All these are one-time events and will be appropriate in size and socially distanced so they can be held safely. The sacramental life of our church goes on, and we will do all we can to ensure that all sacramental preparation will be safe and stress-free.

We are cognizant that so many parish organizations have had to adjust, many not being able to meet in person. We appreciate the efforts at virtual meetings that have taken place and look forward to when regular use of our facilities can return. May we all continue to make those small humble gestures; wearing our facemasks, being socially distant, washing our hands, so that together we can soon return to the vibrant community life we all miss so much. God bless you all.







ST. MARY SCHOOL OPEN ENROLLMENT

Looking for a changes? Did you know that St. Mary School is welcoming its students back to the classroom fulltime in the fall?

With the health and safety of students and staff a top priority, they're extremely happy to have everyone back—socially distanced, of course Adhering to the protocols and guidance from the CDC and State of CT, Principal Deacon Dominic Corraro and Asst. Principal Ms. Miz Plasky have put together a comprehensive plan to deliver instruction to their students. Not only are they cleaning and spacing desks, they are thoughtfully and purposefully planning to make St. Mary a safe, welcoming and productive environment for everyone. Their small school family and large campus afford them many opportunities for a comfortable return. There is also an option for distance learning for those students who cannot return to the classroom yet.

With a maximum class size of 16, they are already full in some grades, with many others approaching capacity. If you, or someone you know, are looking for a change next year, they invite you to call the office soon; they are experiencing a notable increase in inquiries and applications. The office is open daily, 9AM to 3PM. You can reach them at 203 878-6539 or www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org.

WALK FOR ST. JUDE'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

Our annual walk scheduled for Sept. 19 will be a virtual one this year. We will miss seeing you but your support makes such an impact on the lives of St. Jude children and families. To ensure that families get to focus on helping their child to live, please send your donation to stjude.org/gives support or if you prefer mail it to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, PO Box 50, Memphis, TN 38101-9929. Please open your heart if you are able and send a gift.

Thanks. Terry Swan

GOD LOVE YOU - Ven. Fulton J. Sheen "There has been no single influence which has done more to prevent man from finding God and rebuilding his character, has done more to lower the moral tone of society than the denial of personal guilt."



This repudiation of man's personal responsibility for his action is falsely justified in two ways: by assuming that man is only an animal and by giving a sense of guilt the tag 'morbid.'"

AUGUST 23, 2020

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

God's love—individual, real, unchanging— is the true source of our worth, identity, and dignity. It really is not a question of who we are, but rather whose we are. Because his love will never change, nothing can reduce our God-given identity, and nothing can diminish the immeasurable worth of our lives." - USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "How to Build a Culture of Life"

Scripture by the Sea Sept. 14-16 Join Deacon Steven DeMartino on a journey by and in the seas as we together reflect deeply on how scripture references to water and the ocean can inspire our spiritual journey and challenge us to more fully embrace our baptismal call to be missionary disciples of Christ. www.enders.is/seascripture

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

Please do not say: It is better to put this painful experience out of your mind. Just think happy thoughts. OR It is time to get on with your life.

Say instead: Remembering the person who died is part of the healing. I understand that for a while it is hard to think about anything, other than the person who died. OR I did not know your loved one, but it would be a privilege to listen.

Please do not say: The death of your baby should not be hard. You really didn't know her. You can have another baby. Your mother was elderly, so it must be easy for you. OR She was a good friend. Why are you upset?

Say instead: When a baby dies we lose part of our future. When a parent dies, no matter their age or circumstances of their death, we still lose part of our history. OR No one can judge the depth of the relationship one person has for another.

Many bereaved people need to talk about death over and over again. Other times the bereaved may need to be quiet. Allow for the silence. Your presence alone can be comforting.

PARISH REGISTRATION

Every parishioner should be registered in the parish data base. It is difficult to issue sponsorship letters, to give recommendations, to verify contributions for tax purposes, or to give a fairly accurate estimate of the size of the parish to the Archdiocesan administration without your input. It is not necessary to come to the rectory office in person. Call during office hours and we will register you by phone; you can also register online.

PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Aidan N. Donahue, Pastor Rev. Sam John, Parochial Vicar Rev. Lijo Thomas, Parochial Vicar Deacon Nicholas Genovese Deacon John Hoffman Deacon Paul Jennings

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ST. MARY SCHOOL www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org Principal Deacon Dominic Corraro (203) 878-6539

PARISH TRUSTEES Suzanne Beliveau and Earl Whiskeyman



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

"One of the greatest problems of our time is that many are schooled but few are educated." - St. Thomas More



