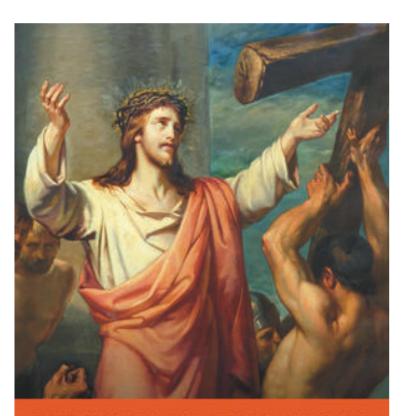
Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



St. Mary Church (Parish Office) 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

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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Precious Blood Parish, Milford



Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon August 31 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Tue September 1 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Wed September 2 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Thu September 3 St. Gregory the Great 9:00 No Intention

Fri September 4 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Sat September 5 Vigil 5:00 Younan Yazbeck by his sister

Sun September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 James A. Gagliardi by his sister Carolyn 10:30 William Brotherton III by The Nolan family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of August 30, 2020 Is in Memory of *Warren Nash*

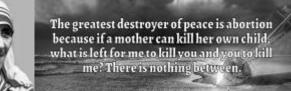
Readings for the week of August 30, 2020

Sun: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1- 2/ Mt 16:21-27

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30

Tue: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37

- Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thu: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
- Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
- Sat: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
- Next Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20



Mother Terese

St. Mary Church

Mon August 31 Weekday 7:00 *Rino Servadio* by The Nieman Family

Tue September 1 Weekday 7:00 *Claudette Merly* by her family

Wed September 2 Weekday 7:00 *Marie Halstead* by The Keefe Family

Thu September 3 St. Gregory the Great 7:00 *Diane Harris* by Bob and Donna Hall

Fri September 4 Weekday 7:00 *Florence Nash* by her family

Sat September 5 St. Teresa of Calcutta

7:30 *J. Paul Beliveau* by his family **Vigil** 4:30 *Angelo Natoli* by his family

Sun September 6 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:00 Irene Rieve by Marie Busk 11:30 Leo & Gertrude Molloy by Carol M. Smith 4:30 Bob Farina by his wife and children



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."

Pope Gregory was called "the Great" and has been given a place with Augustine, Ambrose and Jerome as one of the four key Doctors of the Western Church. His book, *Pastoral Care*, on the duties and qualities of a bishop, was read for centuries. He described bishops



as physicians whose duties were preaching and the enforcement of discipline. "Perhaps it is not after all so difficult for a man to part with his possessions, but it is certainly most difficult for him the part with himself. To renounce what one has is a minor thing, but to renounce what one is, that is a lot to ask."

Dear Friends:

This first weekend of September brings us just about to the close of the summer season and the beginning of the fall season. Normally, this would be a busy time as the regular parish schedule of meetings and religious education classes resume. This year, however, continues to be unusual. While we will be holding meetings, such as those involving the parish council and the parish finance council, in the weeks ahead, we will be doing them carefully using social distancing, asking attendees to wear masks, and not serving food or refreshments of any kind. The parish religious education program will remain suspended until early in the new year, and even then, the only classes that will possibly meet will be those preparing the young people of the parish for the celebration of sacraments, namely First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. It is my sincere hope that we celebrate First Confession and First Communion for those in second and third grade sometime late in the spring. Confirmation, I hope, will be celebrated in the fall.

A note of encouragement and hope is seen in the fact that, as I write these words, the students of St. Mary School, from pre-school through eighth grade, are nearly ready to return to school. Our school, under the leadership of its new principal, Deacon Dominic Corraro, has been preparing to welcome our students back to in-school instruction. The school is following the CDC guidelines carefully, again emphasizing social distancing, the use of masks, and regular hand-washing. The school has been cleaned and disinfected very carefully, and will continue to be. I ask that we all pray that this school year will get off to a safe and healthy start, and not just for our own St. Mary School, but for all of the young people of the parish, wherever they might be going to school, as well as all teachers, staff members, and administrators.

The priests of the Archdiocese received a letter from Archbishop Blair last week in which, among other things, he announced that he is extending the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses through November 28, which is the last day of the liturgical year and the vigil of the First Sunday of Advent. Even though there is no obligation to come to Mass, I still would encourage anyone who is not at risk because of age or some health conditions, to consider coming at least once or twice a month. Thus far, we have been well within the limits of the one hundred persons per gathering as mandated by Governor Lamont. The church is cleaned and sanitized regularly. Even in this time of health concerns and fear, we need to stay connected personally to our community of faith.

Several people have called over the past few weeks and months wondering why one could not receive the sacraments over the telephone, such as confession and the Anointing of the Sick. This is not permitted in any way. The Church has always understood the sacraments to be profound occasions of a *personal* encounter with the Lord. They must be celebrated *in person* and *never virtually*. Furthermore, the sacraments are celebrated normally in the confines of the church building. Of course, if someone is homebound, one of the priests could go to visit them at their home and offer them the sacraments of confession, Holy Communion, and if needed, the Anointing of the Sick.

One additional matter connected to the sacraments merits comment. Baptisms, with rare exception, such as when a person is in immediate danger of death, are celebrated in the church. The church building is the home of the parish community, the privileged place where we gather together for prayer and worship, the place where we encounter God in a special way. Baptism is the sacrament that admits us to the Church, making us members of the Body of Christ. Thus, it is an important sign that one is to be baptized normally in the church itself. Even the COVID-19 pandemic does not alter that practice, and I would like to stress that we are arranging baptisms carefully, one family at a time, one per hour, limiting those who can come and affording us the chance to clean and disinfect the church between celebrations. There should be little fear or concern about coming to the church for the celebration of the baptism of a child. For relatives, such as grandparents, who are concerned because of age or issues of health, someone in the family present can live stream or videotape the ceremony so that those not present can at least be part of the ceremony virtually.

In the months since we have reopened the churches, we have been following carefully the recommendations of the CDC as well as the Archdiocese of Hartford in our celebrations. You will notice that we are not singing any hymns or the psalms. We have chosen to recite the Apostles' Creed rather than the significantly longer Nicene Creed. The purpose is to limit any unnecessary possibility of transmitting the COVID-19 virus, which can be spread by singing, and even speaking, among people gathered too closely together. The use of masks and social distancing and hand sanitizers helps mitigate this. Nevertheless, I would ask, in the interest of health and safety, that both the *Prayer to St. Michael* and the *Rosary* not be prayed in common at the end of Masses for the time being. I certainly encourage anyone who wishes to do so to pray them privately. I know that I can count on your cooperation. Once this pandemic passes, it is my intention to resume our normal pre-pandemic customs.

The annual Missionary Co-op Appeal which normally takes place during the summer months has also been affected by the pandemic. Happily, the priest assigned to our parish this year is our own Fr. Sam John, who is to speak on behalf of the needs of his home diocese in Kerala, India. Our support of the missionary efforts of the Church is essential and our parish has been generous to the various mission appeals over the years. By way of announcement, Fr. Sam will be making the appeal for the missions in place of the homily at *St. Mary Church* on the weekend of **September 5-6** and at **St. Agnes Church** on the weekend of *September 19-20*. There will be two collection bins at their usual places. If you are giving by check, make it payable to Precious Blood Parish, marking "MISSION APPEAL" on the memo line.

Finally, I would like to address the 2020 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The results so far have been very gratifying. Our parish goal is \$110,000 and as of last week, we had garnered some \$119,000 in pledges, almost ten thousand dollars over goal. Once again, your generous spirit is evident and for that, I thank you. The Archbishop can use our support, especially to help needy parishes and ministries on the Archbiocesan and local levels during this time of unusual financial stress. If you have not made a gift, however large or small, please consider doing so before the end of the year.

I hope you are all staying safe and well. Have a wonderful week.

Rev. alsont. Youstens

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."



ST. MARY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT There are many opportunities for a comfortable return, (max. class size 16) as

well as an option for distance learning. Call the school 203 878-6539 during office hours (9AM-3PM). www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org.

The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful <u>**Citizenship**</u> is a summary of the US bishops' teaching to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with the truth, so they can make sound moral choices in addressing the political challenges facing our nation in November. Excerpts will be printed weekly. They do not tell Catholics how to vote. The responsibility to make political choices rests with each person and his or her properly formed conscience.

RECENT SUPREME COURT DECISIONS

Espinoza v. Montana Dept. of Revenue: Montana sought to bar faith-based schools from participating in state tax credit programs that were open to all other private and public schools. The court's opinion is of a piece with its decision in Trinity Lutheran v. Comer striking down Missouri's decision to exclude religious schools from a playground resurfacing program. **A major win for school choice advocates.** Our Lady of Guadalupe School v. Morrissey-Berru and St. James School v. Biel: These cases involved the right of Catholic schools to choose teachers who will teach and model the Catholic faith. The Court ruled,7-2, in favor of the schools.

TRIP TO OBERAMMERGAU, GERMANY 2022 PASSION PLAY

A thankful village promised God (Black Plague had left their small village) they would show their gratitude by putting on a



would show their gratitude by putting on a passion play every 10 yrs. so future generations would always remember. Over 370 yrs. later you will watch a one-of-a-kind spectacular of a 6- hour musical drama of the Passion of Our Lord; something that every Christian should see. The trip (June 1-10) includes visits to Ettal, Prague, Innsbruck, Czech Republic, Dresden, Leipzig, and Berlin. Call Deacon Nicholas Genovese, 203 215-9910, or email nicholasgenovese@sbcglobal.net for a brochure and information. Register by Oct 31, 2020 save \$200; by Dec 31, 2020 save \$150; by March 31, 2021, save \$75; by Sept 30, 2021 save \$50. It's not too early to register for this once in a lifetime opportunity.

AUGUST 30, 2020

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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.

ADULTCONFIRMATION



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 to register.



