Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



St. Mary Church
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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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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 September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 No Intention

Tue September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 9:00 *Joseph Sirico*

Wed September 16 St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian 9:00 Carl & Joan Rocco & Tommy McAvay

Thu September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine 9:00 *Jim Dowd* by a friend

Fri September 18 Weekday 9:00 Harold (Ralph) Haley

Sat September 19

Vigil

5:00 Nancy Garneau by her son Peter

Sun Sept. 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 10:30 Leonard & Maria Pirulli by Rosa Pirulli



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of September 13, 2020 Is in Memory of *Helen Irving*

Readings for the week of September 13, 2020

Sun: Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8]/ Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

Mon: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38 [cf. 7b]/ Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Tue: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 31:2 and 3b, 3cd-4, 5-6, 15-16, 20 [17]/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

Wed: 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and 22 [12]/ Lk 7:31-35

Thu: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28 [1]/Lk 7:36 Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 17:1bcd, 6-7, 8b and 15 [15b]/Lk 8:1-3

Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14 [14]/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a



Today the cross is the universal symbol of Christian belief. Artists have turned it into a thing of beauty to be carried in processions or worn as jewelry. But the first Christians saw it as a symbol of death imposed by the Romans.

Although believers spoke of the cross as the instrument of salvation, it seldom appeared in Christian art, usually disguised as an anchor or the Chi Rho, until Emperor Constantine issued his Edict of Toleration.

St. Mary Church

Mon September 14 Exaltation of the Holy Cross 9:00 Frank Boniello by Diane & Bud McEntee

Tue September 15 Our Lady of Sorrows 7:00*Dick & Elaine Greene*/Ralph & Pat Benzenberg

Wed September 16 St. Cornelius and St. Cyprian 7:00 *James T. Bachman* by Kathy & Steve Visnicky

Thu September 17 St. Robert Bellarmine 7:00 *Joseph Kaluzynski* by his family

Fri September 18 Weekday 7:00 *Bob and Michael Abric* by Aunt Pat

Sat September 19 St. Januarius 7:30 *Jack Langley* by Karen & Dennis Robitaille

Vigil

4:30 Betty Hmelovsky by Margaret Farina

Sun Sept 20 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:30 Patrizia Moccia by Jean 10:00 Dec. Members of Ernest Conetta Family 11:30 Joan Pyne by her sister Elizabeth 4:30 Thomas Kelly by his family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of September 13, 2020 Is in Memory of *Nancy Moody*



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."

"At the cross her station keeping, stood the mournful mother weeping, close to Jesus to the last. Through her heart, his sorrow sharing, all his bitter anguish bearing, now at length the sword has passed." Sabat Mater



TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



PRAYER FOR RETURNING TO SCHOOL

Gracious God, may You watch over our students who are returning to school. May You keep them and all who care for them and teach them safe. May we all be reminded that in the midst of any worry and concern, You are there with us, and will continue to be our guide and our strength. May we all know that You have not forgotten us, and that Your care for us is limitless. We ask for peace in the midst of distress, we ask for calm in the midst of upset, we ask for patience in the midst of worry. May each student and teacher and all in every school receive Your special blessing. We thank You for the gift of Your abiding presence. AMEN

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Many churches are having Confirmation ceremonies this fall and sponsor certificates are required and should be obtained from the church in which the sponsor is registered. The same is true for baptism. If you wish to obtain such a certificate, please be aware that there are certain requirements:

- ♦ You must be over 16 years of age
- ♦ You must be a Catholic in good standing
- ♦ You have made your Confirmation
- ♦ If you are married, the marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church

Come to the rectory office and sign the certificate, we will put our parish seal on it, and you will have the necessary paperwork in a few minutes.

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

Courage & EnCourage International is an apostolate which offers support those who experience same-sex attractions and their loved ones.

Courage spiritual support group in New Haven 203 785-8009 (confidentiality assured)

EnCourage is for parents, spouses, siblings, and friends of people who identify as LGBTQ looking for help to keep the faith and their family bonds intact.

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We have received several phone calls asking "When will Sunday Masses begin?" It seems that many people who received our parish letter in the spring indicating that those concerned with their

vulnerability were not required to attend Mass until September, were expecting another letter when Sunday Masses resumed.

Weekday Masses (with attendees) resumed in June. Our Sunday Mass schedules at both churches were reinstated July 5th. Notices were placed in the weekly bulletins for several weeks beforehand. We continued to have bulletins posted online and hard copies were available at both churches, which were open for visits throughout the spring.

If you know a friend or relative who might be unaware that Sunday Masses have been resumed, please tell them that our regular schedules are being followed, including those for confessions. Baptisms are still held on Sunday afternoon. However, each baptism is one hour after the previous one and the church is sanitized between ceremonies.

Be assured that the churches are completely sanitized daily, and several times each Sunday. There are no missals, holy water, collection baskets, etc. that might be handled. The pews have been taped according to required spacing and individual seating is limited to 3 persons per pew. Face masks are required of everyone throughout the Mass. Communion is to be received in the hand and consumed after stepping to the side.

Recently Archbishop Blair has announced that a dispensation until November 28th has been granted for persons who feel that because of their age or compromised immunity should not attend Mass.

The rectory offices are also open to conduct business, schedule Masses, register, etc. Baskets for envelope contributions are on the porch of the rectory, as well as at the doors of the churches before Sunday Masses. We are extremely grateful, and gratified by, our parishioners who have been able to continue their financial support these long months. Many of you have sent checks and envelopes or contributed through online giving. **Thank you**.

Unfortunately because of the indefinite nature of the Covid virus activity, our many organizations have been unable to plan their meetings. Precaution and safety still dominate our lives. There is no place for

complacency. Continue to safeguard your person, your family, your neighbors.

Please call if you have questions.



SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP (cont.)

Church teaching appreciates that a healthy society should allow for robust discussion about a variety of political

parties and proposals. In 2002 the Congregation for the Doctrine of Faith explained that a plurality of parties and strategies in concrete political action arises because of the contingent nature of certain choices regarding the ordering of society, the variety of strategies available for accomplishing or guaranteeing the same fundamental value, the possibility of different interpretations of the basic principles of political theory, and the technical complexity of many political problems.

Pope Francis states that the call to holiness requires a "firm and passionate defense of the unborn, underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to euthanasia, the victim of human trafficking, new forms of slavery and every form of rejection." Even if Catholics hold a shared moral vision of the evils that should be avoided and "the good that we must do" (#24), that shared vision does not equate with a single "right answer" in politics. (continued next week)



GOD LOVE YOU—Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"Only when we practice the moral truths which we already know will a deeper understanding of those truths and a fuller revelation come to us. Each new height the mind reveals must be captured by the will



before greater heights come into view. Religion, then, is not just a subject of discussion; it is a subject for decision."

Regina Caeli in Wilton, a classical homeschool resource center in the Catholic tradition, seeks tutors and childcare staff for the 2020-21 academic year (starting in October). Regina Caeli meets at 254 Danbury Rd. in Wilton on Mondays and Thursdays only from 8:45AM-3:00PM. Application at reahybrid.isolvedhire.com/jobs/159906-86117.htm. Applications for student enrollment for PK3-12 @www.reahybrid.org

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"The truth is like a lion; you don't have to defend it. Let it loose; it will defend itself."

St. Augustine

Be bold. Propagate the truth. Get the message out without apology. The truth will fight for itself.

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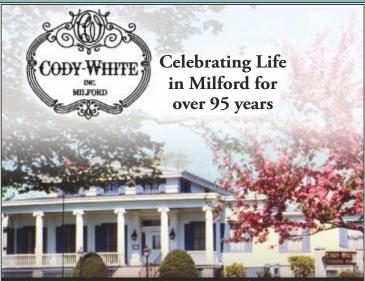
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