Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



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(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

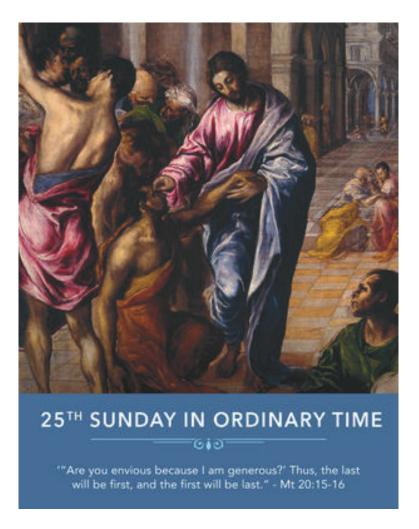
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Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon September 21 St. Matthew the Apostle 9:00 *Elizabeth Lynch* by her family

Tue September 22 Weekday

9:00 Mary Jeanne Varese by Judy & Ted Carveth

Wed September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina 9:00 No Intention

Thu September 24 Weekday

9:00 No Intention

Fri September 25 Weekday 9:00 John (Jack) McCarthy

Sat September 26 Vigil

5:00 Peter Sheehan by his wife

Sun Sept. 27 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 7:30 Fred Malesky by a friend 10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of September 20, 2020 Is in Memory of *Warren Nash*

Readings for the week of September 20, 2020

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

Mon: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13 Tue: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34. 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21

Wed: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6

Thu: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc 1/Lk 9:7-9

Fri: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18 Sat: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/ Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32



Jesus chose Matthew to be one of his inner circle. A man other judged to be not holy enough for the position. But he was honest enough to admit he was a sinner and open enough to recognize truth when he saw him. "And he got up and followed him." (Matt. 9:9)

And Jesus said; "Go forth and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matthew proclaimed the Good News by his life and his word. Our faith rests up his witness and that of his fellow apostles.

St. Mary Church

Mon September 21 St. Matthew the Apostle 7:00 *The Kaluzynski and Creange Families*

Tue September 22 Weekday 7:00 *Joseph T. Griffin* by his wife Mary Ann

Wed September 23 St. Pius of Pietrelcina 7:00 *Patrizia Moccia* by Jean

Thu September 24 Weekday 7:00 *Patricia Coyne Hiebert* by her sister

Fri September 25 Weekday 7:00 *Benedito Nguyen Van Quan* by Kim

Sat September 26 St. Cosmas & St. Damian 7:30 Joseph Campagna, Sr. by Kim Vigil

4:30 Jean Healey by The Gettinger Family

8:30 The Irving and Florence Nash Families
10:00 Theresa Abbott by The Pclar Family
11:30 Daniel Pivarnik, Sr. by his wife and son
4:30 Melina De Yro by Kristina and Don Gettinger



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of September 20, 2020 Is in Memory of *The Havick Grandchildren*



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."



Justice will bring about peace; right will produce calm and security. My people will live in peaceful country, in secure dwellings and quiet resting places.

Isaiah 32:17-18

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends:

In these unusual times, we know that we can never be too careful. What is called for is *prudence*, which is one of the cardinal virtues, a strength in one's approach to living. According to the *Merriam-Webster Dictionary*, prudence is defined as "caution or circumspection as to danger or risk." Given what we know about COVID-19 and how it is transmitted, it appears that prudence is called for on the part of anyone in leadership. The virus, which can be deadly, is transmitted primarily through droplets passed from one person to another due to close contact, usually for more than fifteen minutes. It does not seem that one can be infected primarily through touching surfaces or through passing, casual contact.

Since we welcomed you back to Mass, first on weekdays beginning on June 8 and then for weekends beginning July 4, we have been quite careful about limiting the amount of time that people can be together in groups within the churches. Everyone must wear masks or facial coverings. Our Masses have been somewhat curtailed. We omit all singing at Mass, using instead instrumental music. We have opted to use spoken prayers only as they are strictly required, and shorter ones to the extent that we can. Thus, we use the shorter Apostles' Creed rather than the longer Nicene Creed. The norms for liturgy allow for this, and it is prudent to do so at this time, as it limits unnecessary speaking by people assembled together. The Apostles' Creed is the more ancient of the two creeds we can use at Mass, dating from the second century, two hundred years older than the more typically-used Nicene Creed. The Apostles' Creed, moreover, was the ancient *symbol*, or credal statement of the Church at Rome, and as such is quite venerable. We will use the Apostles' Creed for the near future, returning to the Nicene Creed when the pandemic is past and it is safe to resume our normal practices. You may well recall that it has been our practice at Precious Blood Parish to use the Apostles' Creed during the Lenten and Easter seasons, when its use is recommended. There is no mandate never to use the Apostles' Creed at other times in the liturgical year. It can be used when pastoral reasons seem prudent. I, for one, think a pandemic is a good reason.

As I announced several weeks ago, I again state that, for the time being, I would ask that all common prayer (group prayer) after Masses be suspended. This includes the recitation of the Prayer to St. Michael as well as the recitation of the Rosary. It makes little sense if we curtail the spoken words of the Mass and yet continue to go forward with prayers and devotions that are not a part of the Mass. Some of the more traditional folks in the parish may not be entirely happy with this, but I, as pastor, must insist on this policy *for the time being*, operating on the principle of prudence and common sense.

I certainly encourage the private recitation of both the Prayer to St. Michael as well as the Rosary. The guidelines for the reopening of churches in the Archdiocese ask that the people do not remain or congregate in the churches after Masses. Furthermore, regards the Sacrament of Reconciliation (confessions), penitents are asked to perform their penances in their cars or at home but not in church. This principle is the guidance I used in making the decision to limit spoken group prayers in both parish churches at this time. Again, I fully expect to return to our normal practices once it is safe to do so. Until then, I ask for and expect the cooperation of everyone and I thank you for it. Rev. aldant Veralley

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

From September 23 through November 1, you are invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life—40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You are also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside the Hartford GYN Center at 1 Main St. in Hartford, and also to help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you would like more information—and especially if you would like to volunteer to help, please contact Anne Boers at 203 745-7300 or visit www.prolifeministry.org.

In New Haven the Vigil will be held outside Planned Parenthood, 345 Whitney Ave. from 7 AM-7PM. Contact Tim and Lanae Virkler, 203 727-8414, NewHaven40DaysforLife@gmail.com Website 40daysforlife.com/NewHaven

From the National Pro-Life Alliance:

"Planned Parenthood was exposed by an ex-manager, who reported that the abortion giant enforces a monthly abortion quota that each of its mills must meet.

"Each so-called 'counselor' at Planned Parenthood is required to schedule at least forty abortions a day.

"If Planned Parenthood's abortion mills don't reach their quota each month, they are forced to make a 'corrective action plan' to ensure that their 'mistake' doesn't happen again." If PP's mills do reach their quota, they're rewarded...with a pizza party."

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SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today Jesus is saying to us: "Why are you so idle? Go into my vineyard." Family, where "the last will be first," is the "vineyard" entrusted to us in today's gospel. Successful families are constructed by "laborers," who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.



FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP (cont.)

What to do when no political party's platform and none of the candidates on the slate, seem to conform with the full

integrity of our concerns?

The document states: "As Catholics we are not singleissue voters. A candidate's position on a single issue is not sufficient to guarantee a voter's support." (#42)

The first temptation, the bishops note, is to miss the ethical distinctions between different issues: "The direct and intentional destruction of innocent human life from the moment of conception to natural death is always wrong and is not just one issue among many. It must always be opposed" (#28).

They also warn against a second temptation: to misuse this distinction as an excuse for ignoring other serious threats to human life and dignity. Several crucially important issues "are not optional concerns which can be dismissed" (#29).

For this reason the bishops explicitly encourage Catholics to develop the virtue of prudence "to discern our true good in every circumstance, to choose the right means of achieving it" (#19), and to discern how clear principles might apply in the particular circumstances, as well as how to evaluate "a candidate's commitments, character, in integrity and ability to influence a given issue" (#37). (continued next week)



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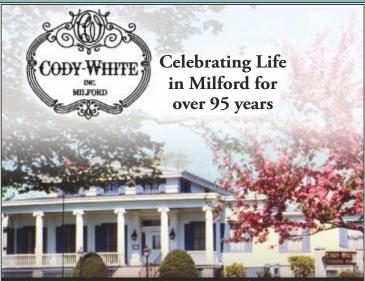
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