

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
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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.

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, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon October 5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
9:00 *Deceased Members of the Root Family*

Tue October 6 St. Bruno
9:00 *Carl & Mike Rocco and Alex Conte*

Wed October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
9:00 *Leonide Lanctot* by Rita

Thu October 8 Weekday
9:00 *Carrie Gabriel & The Gabriel & Grillo Families*

Fri October 9 St. Denis
9:00 *Joe Campagna, Jr.* by M/M Fred Carveth

Sat

Vigil

5:00 *Michael Cavello* by his wife Ann Marie

Sun October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
7:30 No Intention
10:30 *James Craig* by Patricia Roy

St. Mary Church

Mon October 5 Bl. Francis Xavier Seelos
7:00 *Curt Kriksciun* by his family

Tue October 6 St. Bruno
7:00 *Joseph Ferrucci* by Italo & Irene Petrazzuoli

Wed October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary
7:00 No Intention

Thu October 8 Weekday
7:00 No Intention

Fri October 9 St. Denis
7:00 No Intention

Sat October 10 Blessed Virgin Mary
7:30 *Stella Kalinowski* by her daughter

Vigil

4:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

Sun October 11 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:30 *John Walakomski* by James Nash
10:00 *Bridget and Edward Hayes* by their family
11:30 *Donald W. Hiebert* by Aunt Maureen
4:30 No intention



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of October 4, 2020
Is in Memory of *Warren Nash*

Readings for the week of October 4, 2020

Sun: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Mon: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
Tue: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
Wed: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thu: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13
Fri: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15
Sat: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27
Next Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10



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Week of October 4, 2020
Is in Memory of *Vincent DeLillo*



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.”



“The Gospel of Life is at the heart of Jesus’ saving message to the world. Through the Incarnation and birth of Christ, God reveals to us the dignity of all human life. Human life, as a gift of God, is sacred and inviolable...Not only must human life not be taken, but it must be protected with loving concern.”

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities



Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7

Dear Friends:

It has been over six months since the obligation to attend in person Sunday Mass was dispensed by the Archbishop as a means of avoiding the spread of COVID-19. The churches have always been opened for personal prayer, and weekday Masses resumed June 8 with Sunday Masses resuming on July 4. The attendance at Sunday Mass, while not what it normally is in a time with no pandemic, has been gradually increasing, all the while staying well within the limit of the number allowed by civic authorities.

That being said, I have heard that some people are quite happy to stay home and watch Mass on television, even though we have Sunday Mass available once again. For those who have serious health issues, the televised Sunday Mass is precisely for them. They should stay at home and remain connected, as far as that is possible, through modern means of communication. And while all are dispensed from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass at least through Saturday, November 26, that does not mean that one is dispensed from the serious obligation of observing Sunday as a day dedicated to the worship of God and a day set aside for rest and leisure. Time spent with family and friends on Sunday is important, not only for our own emotional well-being, but also important for the health of family life. The worship of God on Sundays when the obligation to attend Mass has been dispensed should entail, at a minimum, watching and praying the televised Sunday Mass and spending some quiet time in personal prayer, which, of course, one should do every day. The proper observance of Sunday also demands rest and relaxation. Unnecessary work and other activities proper to the other days of the week, such as shopping, should be avoided. Sunday needs to be observed as the special day that it is.

Once the dispensation is lifted by the Archbishop (and I do not know when that will be), I feel it is important to point out that all who can attend Mass in person, those who do not suffer from a serious issue of health, will be obligated to do so. To remain home and watch Mass on television will no longer suffice. While televised Mass has been a blessing for us all in the time when churches were closed, it is no substitute at all for attendance at Mass, and the “full, conscious and active participation” by God’s People in the sacred liturgy that the Second Vatican Council calls for. We as Catholics have a special place in our lives for the Eucharist, which is “the source and the summit” of our faith. We cannot do without the Eucharist, and even though we can and should make a spiritual communion, it should never replace the actual celebration of the Mass in person and the personal reception of the Body and the Blood of the Lord in the Eucharist. That should be a regular, normal part of our lives and it is my hope that it will return to that once life returns to some normalcy and the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is once again in place.



The purpose of the rosary is to help us meditate on the great mysteries of our salvation. The main focus is on Jesus. The Our Fathers remind us that Jesus’ Father is the initiator of salvation. The Hail Marys make us aware that Mary was and is intimately joined with her Son in all the mysteries of his earthly existence. The Glories remind us that the purpose of all life is the glory of the Trinity.

Pope Paul VI, in *Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary*, wrote, “By its nature the recitation of the Rosary calls for a quiet rhythm and a lingering pace, helping the individual to meditate on the mysteries of the Lord’s life as grasped by the heart of her who was closer to the Lord than all others.”

St. Mary School thanks their friends at Jimmy’s Apizza for supporting their school at the 4th Annual SMS Family Pizza Night—Curbside Edition. A portion of the night’s sales & raffle proceeds totaling over \$1,000 was donated to the school. A great way to support Milford businesses and St. Mary School. Thank you Jimmy & Sue Ormrod, the Hogan family, the hard workers at Jimmy’s and everyone who bought dinner to support the event. Congratulations to preschooler Cooper for winning the raffle basket!



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ROSARY RALLY—Saturday, Oct. 10 12noon
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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Every family is visited by difficult times which can unite or divide. These hardships, which we would quickly reject, hold the potential to be the unifying “cornerstone” where we drop our pettiness and defenses and pull together, linked by a common bond and love for one another.



Each year the first Sunday of October is designated “Respect Life Sunday,” when we are asked to re-commit ourselves to promoting the culture of LIFE. It is a good time to ask ourselves whether we are good witnesses to the respect we are called to have for all human life. This is challenging because we are members of a society in which there is tremendous pressure to limit our love and ignore the sacredness of human life. On this Sunday we should pray hard for our legislators, for those mothers who feel forced to choose abortion and for those who provide and promote abortion. But we must also look at ourselves. Do we speak up for the innocent abortion victims? Do we promote pro-life values? Do we vote for pro-life politicians? Do we do anything tangible to protect the unborn?

We can definitely help change our society to become a culture of LIFE, but we must be active, informed and faithful witnesses.



This past week the Vatican reiterated the Church’s opposition to assisted suicide and euthanasia calling it “*intrinsically evil*” acts, “*in every situation or circumstance.*” Legislation in favor of allowing the ending of lives to relieve suffering has been in discussion or been adopted by a growing number of governments around the world, including in traditionally Catholic countries.

“*Euthanasia is a crime*” stated the document, and accuses lawmakers who approve legislation allowing euthanasia or assisted suicide of being “*accomplices of a grave sin that others will execute.*”

In Europe, euthanasia is legal in the Netherlands, Belgium and Luxembourg, and is being debated in Spain and Portugal. Switzerland allows physician-assisted suicide in some cases; Italy and France allow terminally ill patients to stop treatment in some cases.

In the United States euthanasia and assisted-suicide are allowed in New Jersey, California and Washington.

“Integrity is doing the right thing, even when no one is watching.”

C. S. Lewis

If you live to please God, you will never be disappointed. He sees your heart and He knows the truth, and when no one else is watching. He is watching intently.

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