

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
400 Merwin Avenue
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St. Mary Church
(Parish Office)
70 Gulf Street
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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

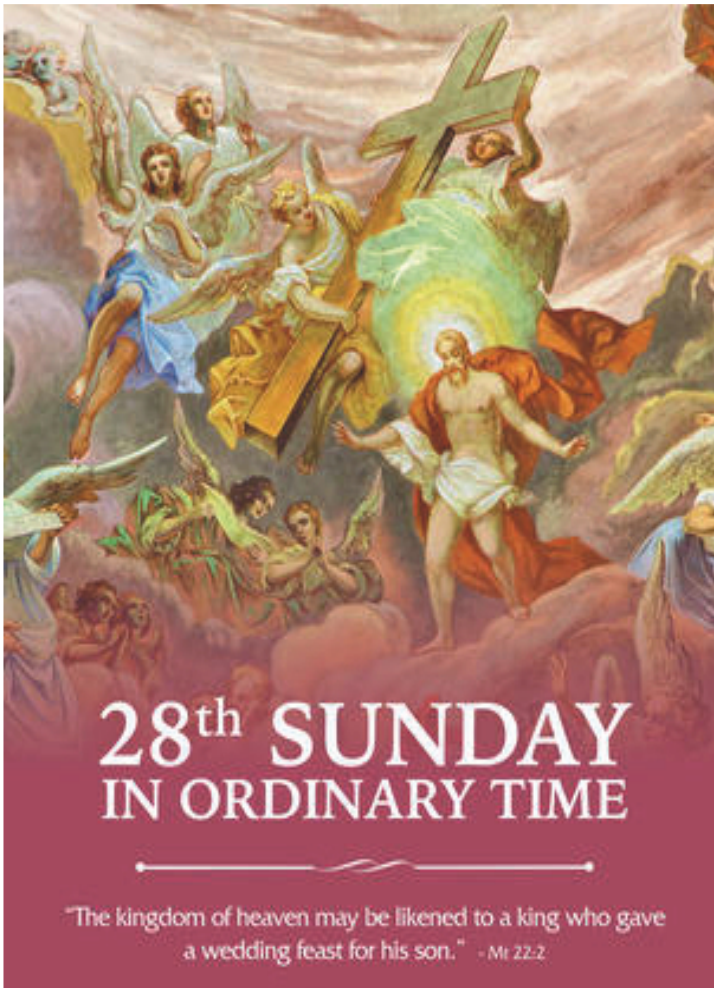
7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

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 October 12 Weekday

9:00 *Barbara Stanislawski* by Helping Hands

Tue October 13 Weekday

9:00 *Stella Menchetti* by Roberta & Bob DeFonce

Wed October 14 St. Callistus I

9:00 *Barbara Stanislawski* by a Friend

Thu October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

9:00 *Agnes Borg* by Evelyn and Sam Walter

Fri October 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

9:00 *Health & Blessings for Eric Molyneux*

Sat October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch Vigil

5:00 *Pasquale (Pat) Cariglio* by Jim & Lisa Richetelli

Sun October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 No Intention

10:30 No Intention

Readings for the week of October 11, 2020

Sun: 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

Mon: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tue: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wed: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thu: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47

Fri: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Sat: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

Next Sunday: Is 45:1, 4-6/Ps 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10 [7b]/1 Thes 1:1-5b/Mt 22:15-21

Toward the end of the 17th century St. Margaret Mary received visions of the Lord exposing his heart and urging public devotion. Her apparitions gave impetus to the devotion (pressed by St. John Eudes earlier) and shape to its purpose: to offer reparation for human ingratitude, especially indifference to the Blessed Sacrament.



Margaret Mary was chosen by Christ to arouse the Church to a realization of the love of God symbolized by the heart of Jesus. "Behold this Heart which has so loved men that it has spared nothing, even to exhausting and consuming itself, in order to testify its love. In return, I receive from the greater part only ingratitude, by their irreverence and sacrileges, and by the coldness and contempt they have for me in this Sacrament of love....I come into the heart I have given you in order that through your fervor you may atone for the offenses which I have received from lukewarm and slothful hearts that dishonor me in the Blessed Sacrament." (3rd apparition)



St. Mary Church

Mon October 12 Weekday

7:00 *Margaret Laraia* by The Erickson Family

Tue October 13 Weekday

7:00 *Richard Martino* by his family

Wed October 14 St. Callistus I

7:00 *Joan Kriksciun* by Mary Beth and Michael

Thu October 15 St. Teresa of Jesus

7:00 *Glenna Kaluzynski* by her family

Fri October 16 St. Margaret Mary Alacoque

7:00 *Susan Elaine Jacobsen* by her family

Sat October 17 St. Ignatius of Antioch

7:30 *Joan Dwyer Bourgeois Meuser* by John

Vigil

4:30 *Mass of Thanksgiving* by the Natoli Family

Sun October 18 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:00 *George and Elizabeth Sennett*

11:30 *Fred Richetelli, Sr.* by his family

4:30 *68th Wedding Ann./Bob & Margaret Sartor*



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of October 11, 2020
Is in Memory *Richard & Susan*

**SPIRITUAL COMMUNION**

"My Jesus, I believe that Thou art present in the most Holy Sacrament. I love thee above 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 Altar Flowers October 11, 2020
Are In Memory of *Margaret Laraia and
Rose and Jim Cassano*

Mid October finds many of us struggling to find the normal in our lives. If we look to our parish, we can find some examples of normal beginning again. Groups of young parishioners are making their First Holy Communion, over the course of several weeks. Yes, all have masks on, attendance is limited, but access to Jesus in the Sacrament of Eucharist is what is most important. This is the normal all of us as Catholics long for.

A number of different groups of parishioners are being confirmed this month. Archbishop Blair has granted permission to our pastor to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. And well over 100 will be confirmed. Yes, the look is very different, but the Holy Spirit is present, and touches the lives of all who are present. This is the normal all of us as Catholics long for.

Many families are having their children baptized at one of our two churches. We are on pace to have one hundred baptisms this year. One family at a time, and yes, this looks different as well, but families are being drawn to connect again as a family. They are connecting to the source of life as Christians, the living waters of Baptism, Jesus Christ himself.

Our school is open. Saint Mary School is open five days a week, from preschool through eighth grade. Our teachers and staff have adapted, our students are happy to be together. They begin and end each day with prayer. It all looks different, but provides a normal we all can appreciate.

Looking for normal in your own life? Here are some suggestions: First, set aside regular time for prayer. Spend time in conversation with God, especially taking time to listen to what God is saying to you. God will speak to you in the quiet of your heart if you take the time and have the quiet moments to listen. Second, find an opportunity to worship. Maybe just a daily Mass, or a Sunday Mass. Worshipping together is one of the most normal things we do. In Eucharist our hearts are joined to Jesus, offering himself again and again for each one of us. Third, connect with friends and family. If you are wondering how they are doing with all this, maybe they are wondering how you are as well. That connection can help to remind you of what is normal in your life.

Be grateful. Here at Precious Blood Parish we are grateful for all of you who pray for us, and for all of you who support us financially. God's work continues in small ways and large ways. Please know that all of you are held in our prayers as a parish family each day. God Bless.

Deacon John



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church during the month of September:

Matteo Peter Balestriere, Mitchell Anderson Beirne, Jameson McMahon, Chase Perez, Noah Perez.



ST. MARY BRICK SALE



It's time for the St. Mary School commemorative Brick Walk fall sale! Order a customized brick with your name or that of someone special and create a lasting tribute.

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RELIGIOUS LIBERTY

"Skeptics are often concerned about the effects that religious organizations have on people who do not share those religious beliefs. Skeptics tend to see a conflict between religious freedom and their vision of equality and choose a mistaken concept of equality over freedom.



"Some say that religious people impose their faith on others. However, when religious groups are accused of causing harm to others, the 'harm' is often that they do not facilitate an action.

"Catholic teaching is holistic, rooted in the dignity of the person, a dignity that is visible to reason yet made more clear by the light of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We are not simply asking for freedom from coercion so that we can be left alone. We believe that what we teach—about marriage, sex, family life, care for refugees, care for the poor, care for the sick, care for all vulnerable – is good for society. When we see a culture that is often un-loving and hostile to life, we work to bear witness to a healthier culture, a 'civilization of life,' in which all people can flourish."

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is present to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy" guest?

Voting is a crucial, meaningful way to express yourself and support the issues you care about. It gives you the ability to choose who is in office and have a say on what goes on in the political world.



"Nobody will ever deprive the American people of the right to vote except the American people themselves and the only way they could do this is by not voting."

Franklin Delano Roosevelt



OUR LADY OF CALVARY RETREAT CENTER

Liturgical Dance Workshop

This in-person workshop at Our Lady of Calvary on October 21, 7-9PM, will be conducted in adherence to all Covid-19 safety guidelines and is limited to 15 participants.

Spirituality and Art: Eaten by God \$30

The in-person program at OLC on Oct. 28, 9AM-12noon, with Brother Michael Moran, CP is limited to 25 participants because of Covid-19 social distancing guidelines.

Merton on the Invitation to Non-Violence \$25

Wed., Nov. 4 7-9PM Mike Smoolca

Thomas Merton's contemplative journey led him to deep spiritual insights which he applied to the pressing social issues of his time. For him the roots of violence lie in a denial of our common human condition, our basic unity. It is not a matter of converting the world but of healing and reconciliation with self, others, and the whole human family.

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"Peace demands the most heroic labor and the most difficult sacrifice. It demands greater heroism than war. It demands greater fidelity to the truth and a much more perfect purity of conscience." Thomas Merton

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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.

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Alec Rossetti MA2USN, Maj. Patrick T. Horvat

Frassati on Tap today, In Person, 6PM outdoor on the lawn at St. Joseph Church, New Haven. BYOB & BYO chair/blanket. Lawn markings are 6' apart; wear a mask. Virtual option –live-streaming onto Zoom. In case of inclement weather, Zoom only.

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