Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



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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

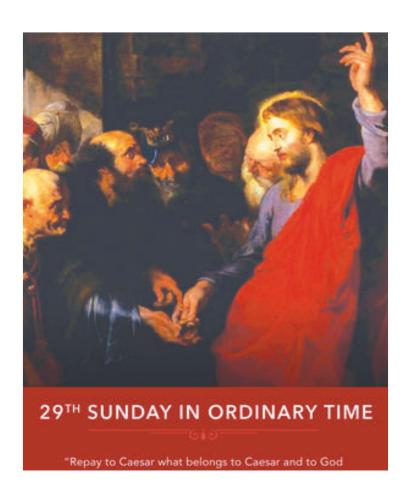
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Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary

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Precious Blood Parish 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 19 Sts. Isaac Jogues & John deBreuf 9:00 *Joan Lovett* by her family

Tue October 20 St. Paul of the Cross 9:00 *Teresa Amendola* by Irene Conte

Wed October 21 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Thu October 22 St. John Paul II

9:00 Robert J. Mostler by his family and friends

Fri October 23 St. John of Capistrano 9:00 Elaine Roberge Plain by her son

Sat October 3

Vigil

5:00 Charles Coe by his family

Sun October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

10:30 Damiano & Lorenzena Pirulli by Rosa Pirulli

Readings for the week of October 18, 2020

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

Mon: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5 [3b]/Lk12:13 Tue: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14 /Lk 12:35

Wed: Éph 3:2-12/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [cf. 3]/Lk 12:39-48

Thu: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19 [5b] Lk12:49

Fri: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 12:54 Sat: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [1]/Lk 13:1 Next Sunday: Ex 22:20-26/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51[2]/

1 Thes 1:5c-10/Mt 22:34-40



In 1978, John Paul made history by becoming the first non-Italian pope in more than 400 years. As a member of the Second Vatican Council, John Paul helped the Church to examine its position in the world. As the leader of the Catholic Church he traveled the world, visiting more than 100 countries to spread his

message of faith and peace. A vocal advocate for human rights, John Paul often spoke out about suffering in the world. He held strong positions on many topics. A charismatic figure, John Paul used his influence to bring about political change and is credited with the fall of communism in his native Poland.

On July 5, 2013, waving the usual 5-year waiting period, the Vatican announced that the Church would declare Pope John Paul II a saint.

St. Mary Church

Mon October 19 Sts. Isaac Jogues/John deBreuf 7:00 *Joseph J. Palmer* by Griffin & Gilbert Families

Tue October 20 St. Paul of the Cross 7:00 *Angela Maria Faustini* by her daughter

Wed October 21 Weekday

7:00 Florence Smalberg by The Mastroni Family

Thu October 22 St. John Paul II

7:00 George Mazur by MaryBeth and Michael

Fri October 23 St. John of Capistrano

7:00 James T. Bachman by Jean

Sat October 24 St. Anthony Marie Claret

7:30 *Health of Barbara & Jack Stillwaggon* by Pat & Ralph Bengenberg

Vigil

4:30 Joseph & Florence Tetroe by their family

Sun October 25 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *Peter Butanowicz* by his family 10:00 *Regis Abbott* by The Pclar Family 11:30 *Marie Anne Sego* by Fran Sudusky

4:30 Tony Morlando by Tony Rodono



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of October 18, 2020 Is in Memory of *Donald Civitello*



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 world is filled with trial and hardship. It's easy to become more worried and anxious every day as you face relationship struggles, financial problems, bad news, and grief. The

Bible tells us that Jesus came to give us peace! "Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayers and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in

Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7)

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Dear Friends:

As you read these words, we have finally completed the celebrations of First Communion and Confirmation in an unusual and strange year. I presided at five

celebrations of Confirmation for over one hundred young people and adults, having been given authorization to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation by Archbishop Blair. While Confirmation is normally conferred by a bishop (and rightly so) on special or unusual occasions, priests can be authorized to confer the sacrament. Given the COVID-19 pandemic which continues to afflict us, and given that four of the five active bishops are over the age of seventy and more at risk of serious complications from the virus, the Archbishop decided that for this year, pastors who requested the faculty (or authorization) to confirm would be granted it. For me, it was a great privilege to confirm so many young people and several adults as well. The celebration of the sacraments with young people, be it Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation always gives me pause and good grounds for hope in the future.

I, along with Fr. Sam and Fr. Lijo, celebrated four First Communion Masses for children in our school and religious education program. The First Communion Masses, while somewhat scaled down due to restrictions on singing and moving about, were, nonetheless, beautiful. The day one receives First Communion is always a memorable one, and the children who received First Communion this year will remember it both for its significance and the unusual times and circumstances in which it occurred.

I am in the process of preparing my letter asking parishioners for their support of the Annual Collection. Even in these times of COVID-19, we must do what we can to maintain and improve our parish facilities both at St. Agnes as well as St. Mary. You, the people, have been most generous in your support of the parish, as you always are. I know that I can count on your support of this vital collection, and given the times, please do the best that you can, given your own financial circumstances.

I have a request from those who open the parish collection envelopes and count the collections. Please do not use excessive scotch tape or staples. It can make their work more difficult and can result in ripped currency or checks.

Have a good week!

Rev. Glant Xnahar

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Nobody enjoys paying taxes. Despite our displeasure in being forced to do so, we also realize that the money generated from taxes allows governments to provide essential services for its people.

As the payment of secular taxes speaks of our allegiance to the government, our return to God speaks of our allegiance to God. All of creation is fashioned in the image and likeness of God. Our return of ourselves to God in gratitude is meant to advance God's kingdom here on earth. By giving ourselves and all of creation back to God in gratitude, we acknowledge the proper Creator and Author of life and devote our labors exclusively to God's kingdom and the justice, peace, or order God envisions.

In giving back to God all that belongs to God, we set the axis of our lives correctly and put our priorities in proper order. All of our relationships, especially with God, our brothers and sisters, and all of creation are perceived more clearly as they really are.



BOOK CLUB MEETING



The book club will resume meeting on Wednesday, October 21st at 3:30 in Father Cronin Hall at St. Mary's Church. We will be social distancing and everyone must wear a mask. The

discussion will center on the books we have read since the pandemic arrived. We will select a book for our November meeting at that time. We always welcome new members. If there are any questions, please feel free to call Mary Jane at 203-878-8492.

The monthly meeting of the **St. Joseph Society** will be held on Monday Nov. 2 at 7:00 in Fr. Callahan Hall at St Agnes Church. Covid 19 restrictions will be followed. Men interested in the "Society" are welcome to attend the monthly meetings which are held on the first Monday of the month.



A Mass for the deceased members of the St. Joseph Society will be held on Sat., Nov 21 in St Agnes Church at 5:00. All past & present members are invited.

OCTOBER 18, 2020

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was exasperated when he scolded: "Why do you put me to the test?" It is natural for children to test parents; this is how they learn and how we teach them limits, rules and values. Be like Jesus in today's gospel; he was firm, honest and direct.



"Elections belong to the people. It's their decision. If they decide to turn their back on the fire and burn their behinds, then they will



iust have to sit on their blisters.



"The best defense against usurpatory government is an assertive citizenry." - William F. Buckley

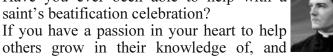
"Challenges to religious freedom often come from a mistaken view of religion, a view that sees religion as good only if it conforms to every value that happens to prevail today."

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



We appreciate that many of you have been able to satisfy outstanding offerings for Masses that had been booked for 2020 and 2021. Our hope is that the remainder will be completed before we end this year and open a new book for the year 2022

Have you ever been able to help with a saint's beatification celebration?



devotion to, Father Michael J. McGivney, then consider volunteering to help in some way with the events of the beatification weekend (October 30 to November 10.) We need people to assist with some of the planning elements in advance, as well as a phalanx of volunteers who can commit to blocks of time assisting during the actual weekend, especially a Young Adult Prayer Vigil.

If you feel called to assist in some way, please send an email to church@stmarysnewhaven.org with "McGivney Fest" in the subject line, and be sure to include the best ways to get in touch with you.

MERCY HIGH SCHOOL Middletown, CT Entrance exams: Sat. Nov. 7 & Sat. Nov. 14, 8-11:15 The exam will be held in person at Mercy HS Register: Create an admissions account and complete the online application for the 2021-2022 year.

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