# Precious Blood Parish

**St. Agnes Church** 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460 St. Mary Church (Parish Office) 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460



"'Well done, my good and faithful servant.'" - Mt 25:21

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

SaturdayVigil4:30 pmSt. Mary5:00 pmSt. Agnes

# Sunday

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# 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 November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland 9:00 Carl & Joan & Mike Rocco by their family

## **Tue November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary**

9:00 Mrs. Chui Kam Yiu by her family

# Wed Nov. 18 Dedication of Peter & Paul Basilicas

9:00 Deceased Members of the Geer Family

## Thu November 19 Weekday

9:00 Mr. Hang Fu & Mrs. Chui Kam Yiu by family

## Fri November 20 Weekday

9:00 Alice & Robert Daniels by The DeFonce Fam.

#### Sat November 21 VIGIL

5:00 Deceased Members of the St. Joseph Society

# Sun November 22 Feast of Christ the King

7:30 No Intention 10:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

## Readings for the week of November 15, 2020

Sun: Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt 25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21 Mon: Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Rev 2:17]/ Lk 18:35-43 Tue: Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5 [Rev 3:21]/Lk 19:1-10 Wed: Rv 4:1-11/Ps 150:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [1b]/Lk 19:11 Thu: Rv 5:1-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [Rev 5:10]/Lk 19:41-44 Fri: Rv 10:8-11/Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131 [103a]/Lk 19:45-48 Sat: Rv 11:4-12/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10 [1b]/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/Ps 23:1-2, 2-3, 5-6

[1]/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

As with Mary's birth, we read of her presentation in the temple only in what is recognized as an unhistorical account, the PRESENTATION PRESENTATION PRESENTATION PRESENTATION that Anna and Joachim offered Mary to God in the temple when she was three Vingin Ma years old. This was to carry out a



promise made to God when Anna was still childless.

Though unhistorical, Mary's presentation has an important theological purpose. It continues the impact of the feasts of the Immaculate Conception and of the birth of Mary. It emphasizes that the holiness conferred on Mary from the beginning of her life on earth continued through her early childhood and beyond.

# St. Mary Church

Mon November 16 St. Margaret of Scotland 7:00 Arlene Ronan by her husband John & family

#### Tue November 17 St. Elizabeth of Hungary 7:00 Thomas Mahoney, Jr. by his family

Wed Nov. 18 Dedication of Peter & Paul Basilicas 7:00 *L.W. Seidensticker* by his family

## Thu November 19 Weekday

7:00 Joseph & Marie Palmer by daughter Mary Ann

## Fri November 20 Weekdav

7:00 Bob & Michael Abric by Aunt Pat

## Sat November 21 Presentation of Bl. Virgin Mary

7:30 Msgr. John Davis by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone

VIGIL

4:30 Marguerite Tondora by her husband

# Sun November 22 Feast of Christ the King

8:30 Alan Robbins by Mary Jane and family 10:00 Maria Chan by the Pineda Family 11:30 Anthony Quirk by Mary & Robert Hyzynski

4:30 Siskay & Winkler Fam. by Barbara & Mark



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of November 15, 2020 Is in Memory of Dr. John and Frances Ruggiero



## 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 cannot 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."



"Now may the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. The Lord be with all of you." - Thessalonians 3:16

# THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

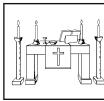
We are well into November, and the election is ended, but the struggle with Coronavirus continues. Archbishop Blair has extended the dispensation of the obligation to attend Mass until February 16, 2021. Both our churches will remain open, all regularly scheduled Masses are celebrated, and at present we can have up to 100 persons in attendance per Mass. For many of you who are coming to Mass, this is working well. We all wear masks, we are socially distant, and we do not sing. While normal is still a way off, all are welcome to continue to worship with us in person.

There are many reasons why numerous parishioners are not worshipping in person, and Archbishop Blair has extended the dispensation until February 16. We are all together in prayer each and every day, and our most fervent prayer is for the pandemic to end. We absolutely honor your choice to attend or not; we cast no guilt toward anyone who is making a grown-up choice.

You should have received the parish letter about the Precious Blood Parish annual appeal. We know we can count on the generosity of so many. Please make the return in the envelope provided. In these difficult times, our Deacon John Rigely Food Pantry has been busy, and will host a drive-in food drive and blessing on Saturday, November 21, from 8:00 AM until 12:00 noon, in the Saint Mary Church parking lot. A list of needed items is in the bulletin and on Facebook and Instagram, and donations of grocery cards are always welcome. Monetary support is helpful so we can continue to purchase fresh food. We have partnered with other area agencies to reach even more of those who are hungry.

Please know that above all, each of you, our parishioners, are in the prayers of all our clergy each day. May God bring you peace, calm, and a way forward in what ever struggle you may be facing. Be assured that our loving God holds each of you close to His heart, in the palm of His hand.

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



Please do not leave your unwanted mail at the tables of the entrances to church.

We appreciate your attempt to share, but these must be removed to clean properly and we cannot have items that are handled

by multiple persons. Thank you for your understanding.



The weekend before Thanksgiving has been the start for the Peter J. Phelan Giving Tree at St. Mary Church. Due to the Covid-19 virus there will be no Giving Tree this year. This is for the sake of safety and the organizations that have

benefited in the past have been notified and agree to the decision.

God willing, the tree will return in 2021.

During this season please continue to support the Food Pantry, Haiti Mission, and Helping Hands for Hurting Hearts.

If you have any questions, please call Bob Lessard at 203 874-9076.

Please stay safe and have a blessed Christmas season.



#### FOOD & FAITH DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD COLLECTION & BLESSING

Saturday, November 21st 8:00AM—12noon



Our parish's John Rigely Food Pantry is ready to replenish its shelves and continue helping our neighbors in need.

Items most needed at this time are

soup, hot or cold cereal, coffee, hot chocolate, tuna, mac & cheese, cookies, crackers,

granola bars, canned chicken, and mayonnaise. Always welcome are monetary donations, gift cards, and checks (made out to Precious Blood Parish memo line: John Rigely Food Pantry).



Like our Food Drive in the spring, this is how we do it to ensure social distancing:

Drive behind St. Mary Church hall (parking lot) following the cones and signs.

DRIVE-THROUGH FOOD DRIVE

**STAY IN YOUR CAR** and open your trunk or hatchback. A volunteer will remove your donation. Then drive ahead to the **Blessing Station** and our clergy will bless all those <u>in</u> your car.

We cannot accept expired food items. You can also support the Food Pantry online at www.preciousbloodparishmildord.org/giving

# **NOVEMBER 15, 2020**



"With malice toward none; With charity for all; With firmness in the right, As God gives us to see the right, Let us strive on to finish The work we are in; To bind up the nation's wounds;... To do all which may achieve and Cherish a just and lasting peace Among ourselves, And with all nations." - Abraham Lincoln

(from his second Inaugural Address, March 4, 1863)

#### A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

As the man in today's gospel entrusted his servants with his money, so God has 'entrusted' our family to us. Like the good servants, we are expected, not to play it safe, but to selflessly and totally invest ourselves in each other.

"We know earthly death is not the end, but rather the door through which we must pass to gain eternal life. Because of our belief and hope in the Resurrection, we can face death not with fear, but with preparation.... We prepare for eternal life by choosing to love and follow God now, in our daily lives and decisions."

- USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities Catholic Considerations for Our Earthly Passing respectlife.org/end-of-life-considerations

GOD LOVE YOU-Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"An escapist is one who calls religion 'escapism' so as to avoid that amendment of life which religion requires. His favorite expression is: 'My conscience is at peace.'...a self-made deceptive conscience. A true conscience is not of our making, otherwise we could induce it always to testify in our



defense. Conscience cannot come to us from the rulings of society; otherwise it would never reprove us, nor console us when society condemns. But a sound conscience stands firm, no matter whether we dislike its findings, and no matter whether those around us are opposed to them or not. The very word conscience means knowing with - knowing with Whom but God? For conscience is the impact of Divine Truth and Goodness on our inner self.

"I do not care very much what men say of me, provided that God approves of me." - Thomas More

#### PARISH CLERGY

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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. Mai. Patrick T. Horvat.

 Charles J. Grant, Jordan Grassmann USN, Pfc. Ron Murray, Michael A. Eno USN, SR Justin Plantamura USN, John Henry Phelan, Capt. Richard Brantley, Michael Casey USN, SSgt. Armando Lizasuain CPO, Dakota Owen USA Lt. Col. Jason Dymond, Pfc. Daniel Hewston, Colin O'Sullivan USAF, Spec. Anthony Olenski, William F. Gilson USAF, SSgt. Michael Foss, MSgt Carlie Blacklidge, Col. Andrew Whiskeyman, SSR Matthew Hunt USN, CDR Matthew Fanning, Maj. Jonathan Rembetsy, 2nd Lt. Brendan Hayes, Alec Rossetti MA2USN

#### **Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center**

31 Colton St. Farmington, Ct 06032 860 677-8519 Join Sr. Joanne Fahey, CP for <u>Waiting—An Advent</u> <u>Experience</u> on Zoom.

With Mary we will prepare ourselves yet for the birth of Our transformative Savior.

December 9 @ 1:00PM-3:00PM \$20



