

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
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We Welcome All Visitors

SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil
4:30 pm St. Mary
5:00 pm St. Agnes

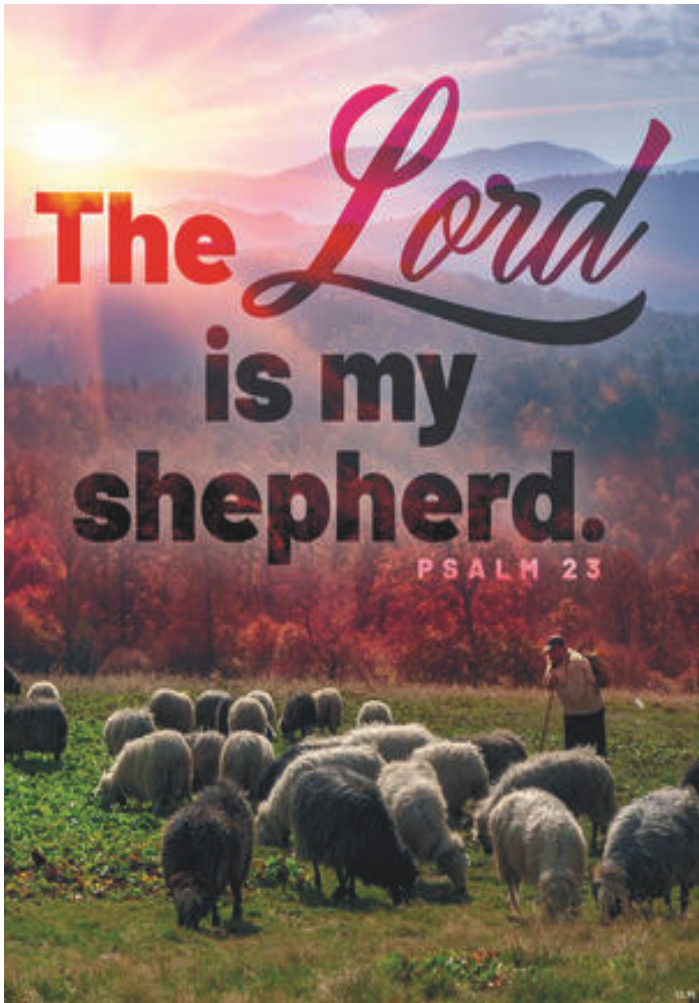
Sunday
7:30 am
St. Ag-
nes
8:30 am
St. Mary



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



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.

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PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH, MILFORD

Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon November 23 St. Clement I

9:00 *Elfie & Craig DeLeo* by their family

Tue November 24 Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp.

9:00 *Gaspere Bruno* by Irene Conte

Wed November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

9:00 *Peter Zizic* by his family

Thu November 26 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 *Phyllis and Charles Wrenn*



Fri November 27 Weekday

9:00 *Evio and Carrie Giovanelly* by their niece

**Sat November 28
Vigil**

5:00 No Intention

Sun November 29 First Sunday of Advent

7:30 No Intention

10:30 No Intention

St. Mary Church

Mon November 23 St. Clement I

7:00 *Erin Rebecca Sawicki* by her family

Tue November 24 St. Andrew Dung-Lac & Comp.

7:00 *James Bachman* by Steve & Wendy Loo

Wed November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria

7:00 *Barbara Kennedy* by Jack & Diane Geddes

Thu November 26 Thanksgiving Day

9:00 *Elsie Kolachny/ Jeanne Campagna*



Fri November 27 Weekday

7:00 No Intention

Sat November 28 Weekday

7:30 *Nocturnal Adoration Society*

Vigil

4:30 *Anthony and Paula Morlando* by their family

Sun November 29 First Sunday of Advent

8:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:00 *William & Margaret Myers* by Sennett Fam.

11:30 No Intention

4:30 *Dorothy Winkler* by Mark & Barbara Winkler

Readings for the week of November 22, 2020

Sun: 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

Mon: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/ Lk 21:1

Tue: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Lk 21:5

Wed: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9 [Rev 15:3b]/Lk 21:12

Thu: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 [Rev 19:9a]/Lk 21:20-28

Fri: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a [Rev 21:3b]/ Lk 21:29-33

Sat: Rv 22:1-7/Ps 95:1-2, 3-5, 6-7ab [1 Cor 16:22b]/ Lk 21:34

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15 16, 18- 19 [4]/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of November 22, 2020

Is in Memory of
William L. Briggs, Jr.



How we treat other people is at the heart of Christ's kingdom. "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." At different times in our lives we are all counted among the "least" ones. Almost every human being has experienced or will face in the future, discouragement, fear, insecurity. There is a lot of pain and many least ones around us. Stop, look and listen. This is what

Christ the King is asking us to do. Look deeply into the eyes and soul of your sisters and brothers, and see Christ Himself.

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."



"I will listen to what God the Lord says; he promises peace to his people, his faithful servants—but let them not turn to folly." Psalm 85:8



THANKSGIVING PRAYER

Father in Heaven, Creator of all and source of all goodness and love, Please look kindly upon us and receive our gratitude in this season of giving thanks.

Thank you for all the graces and blessings that You have bestowed on us, our faith, our food and shelter, our health, the love we have for one another, our family and friends.

Dear Father, in Your infinite generosity, please grant us continued graces and blessing throughout the coming year. Help us to struggle to see your goodness in difficult times.

Lead us to an appreciation of the gifts we have.

We ask this in the Name of Jesus, our Risen Lord.
Amen.



**PRESIDENT ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S
THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION
October 3, 1863**

“The year that is drawing toward its close has been filled with the blessings of fruitful fields and healthful skies. To these bounties, which are so constantly enjoyed that we are prone to forget the source from which they come, others have been added, which are of so extraordinary a nature that they cannot fail to penetrate and even soften the heart which is habitually insensible to the ever-watchful providence of Almighty God.

“No human counsel hath devised, nor hath any mortal hand worked out these great things. They are the gracious gifts of the Most High God, who while dealing with us in anger for our sins, hath nevertheless remembered mercy.

“It has seemed to me fit and proper that they should be solemnly, reverently, and gratefully acknowledged as with one heart and one voice by the whole American people. I do, therefore, invite my fellow-citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November next as a Day of Thanksgiving and Praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens. And I recommend to them that, while offering up the ascriptions justly due to Him for such singular deliverances and blessings, they do also, with humble penitence for our national perverseness and disobedience, ...fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility and union.

“In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed. Done at the city of Washington, this third day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, and of the Independence of the United States the eighty-eighth.”

- Abraham Lincoln



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.

Editor's Note: The following proclamation, delivered during the Civil War, may have opening paragraphs that seem inappropriate for us, having been living through the Covid-19 this year. However, the overall message applies. Let us remember, and be thankful for the blessings we do receive daily, trials not withstanding.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

As we gather to give thanks this week, we must also ask how well we share with “the least.” Happiness is secured not by having, but by sharing.

THE DAILY EXAMEN
of ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

A great way to pray is to look for God’s presence in your life. St. Ignatius Loyola proposed the **Daily Examen**, a technique of prayerful reflection on the events of the day to detect God’s presence and to discern His direction for us.

1. **Become aware of God’s presence.** Look back on the events of the day. Ask God to bring clarity and understanding.
2. **Review the day with gratitude.** Walk through your day and note its joys and delights. Focus on the day’s gifts. God is in the details.
3. **Pay attention to your emotions.** Reflect on the feelings you experienced during the day. What is God saying through these feelings?
4. **Choose one feature of the day and pray from it.** Ask the Holy Spirit to direct you to something during the day that God thinks is particularly important.
5. **Look toward tomorrow.** Ask God to give you Light for tomorrow’s challenges. Seek God’s guidance. Ask Him for help and understanding. Pray for Hope. Talk to Jesus like a friend. End the Daily Examen with a conversation with Jesus. Ask forgiveness for your sins. Ask for His Protection and help. Ask for His wisdom. Your life is a gift and it is adorned with gifts from God.
End the Daily Examen with the Our Father.

GOD LOVE YOU—Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

“Our Lord never discoursed on equality; He spoke to the Samaritans, ate with publicans and sinners, and offered His life for all men.

“Am I continually boasting and considering myself superior to my neighbor, either because he is ignorant, or poor, or a member of a certain class or race? ‘and whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled, and he that humbles himself shall be exalted.’ (Matthew 23:12) ‘There is neither Jew nor Greek; there is neither slave nor freeman....For you are all one in Christ Jesus.’ (Galatians 3:28)”



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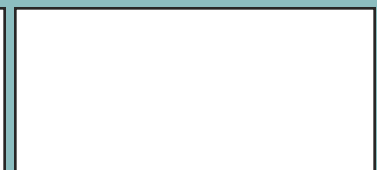
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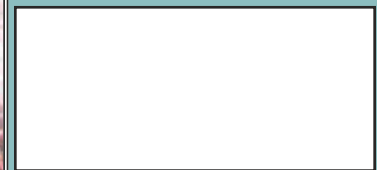
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