

Precious Blood Parish

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

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

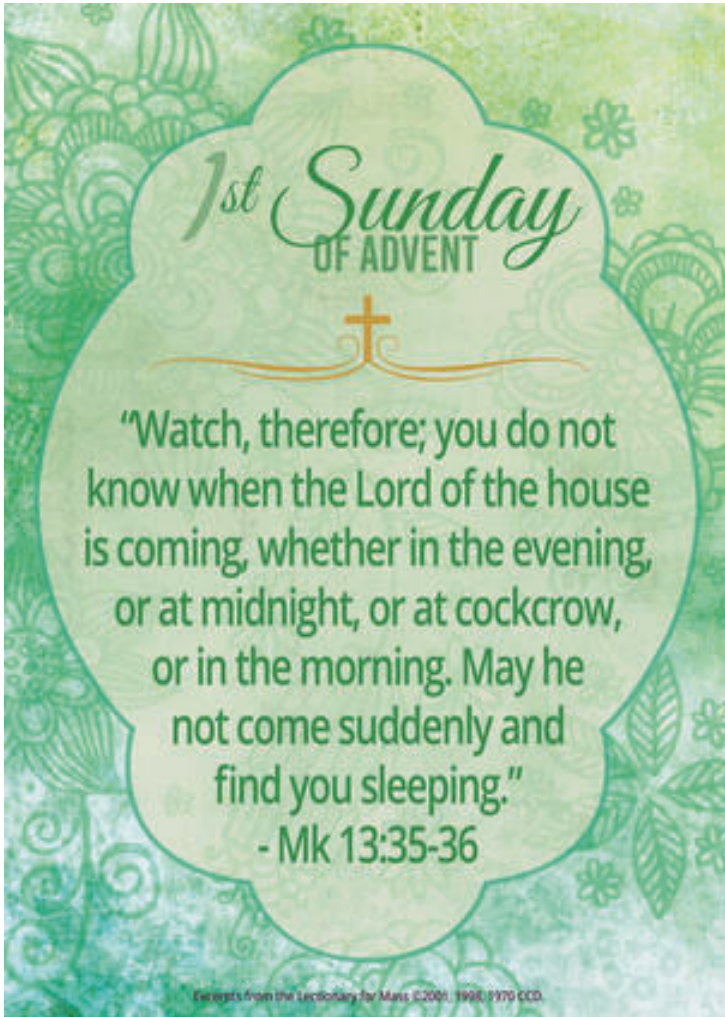
7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

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 November 30 St. Andrew
9:00 No Intention

Tue December 1 Advent Weekday
9:00 *Anthony & Paula Morlando* by their family

Wed December 2 Advent Weekday
9:00 No Intention

Thu December 3 St. Francis Xavier
9:00 *Frank & Mary Ann Ruzzo* by The Wong Family

Fri December 4 St. John Damascene
9:00 No Intention

Sat December 5 Vigil
5:00 *Edward Donahue* by his family

Sun December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
7:30 *Sean Beirne* by Tom, Colleen, Tommy, Collin
10:30 *Dec. Members of Brundell Family*

St. Mary Church

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7:00 No Intention

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7:00 *Margaret Mary Halton* by her cousin

Wed December 2 Advent Weekday
7:00 *Healing of Family Tree* by a friend

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Sat December 5 Advent Weekday Vigil
7:30 *Barbara & Jack Stillwagon* by Pat & Ralph
4:30 *Joseph Wielk* by his wife

Sun December 6 Second Sunday of Advent
8:30 *Richard Sr & Richard Jr Rizzuti* by the family
10:00 *Lillian Scarago* by the Roberts Family
11:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*
4:30 *Sam Rosa* by his family

Readings for the week of November 29, 2020
Sun: 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
Mon: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10]/Mt 4:18
Tue: Is 11:1-10/ Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf.Lk10:21
Wed: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt15:29
Thu: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31
Sat: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. Is 30:18d]/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
Next Sunday: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 85:9-10, 11-12, 13-14 [8]/2 Pt 3:8-14/Mk 1:1-8



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 purpose of Advent preparation, according to Father Thomas Keating, is to understand and accept the three comings of Christ.

The first coming is Jesus' birth in Bethlehem, fully human in a vulnerable baby and fully divine as he was manifested to the Three Magi.

The second coming is Jesus' presence to us in the liturgical mystery of the Christmas celebration.

The third coming is Jesus' eventual return in glory at the end of time.

Through the writings of the prophets, the Church helps us prepare to acknowledge Christ as our Savior, accept him in our hearts today, and look forward to his coming at the end of time.



Andrew was the brother of St. Peter and was called with him, “As Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers...casting a net into the sea; they were fishermen. He said to them, ‘Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men.’ At once they left their nets and followed him,” (Matt. 4:18-20)

Legend has it that Andrew preached the Good News in what is now modern day Turkey and Greece, and was crucified at Patras.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

An Advent Message

Our loving God, through the prophet Isaiah, tells us that we are precious in God's eyes, and honored, and God loves us. This Thanksgiving, we have been grateful for all God's blessings, even though our celebration of the day has looked different than in the past. We are grateful for healthcare workers, who continue to care for so many. We are grateful for food service workers, who help to feed us all. We are grateful for so many essential workers, who continue to "show up" and do their jobs at the service of so many.

At Precious Blood Parish, we are grateful for the prayers and support of so many of you. We all continue to pray for an end to the pandemic. We are grateful for the promise of vaccines, and for the efforts of so many to develop and distribute these vaccines. We are grateful for the gift of patience, even though so many of us cannot find the patience when we need it. We are grateful that we can be the opportunity for so many to encounter Jesus Christ, the Risen Lord, sacramentally and in each other.

May God's blessing be on you and your family this Advent season and know that God is with all in your family, even if all of your family is not with you. Through this Advent, we await the coming of the Christ child, confident that in so many ways He lives among us still.

Deacon John

The tradition of lighting the Advent wreath is an annual ritual which ties families and generations together. The circular wreath is enhanced with four candles—usually three purple and one rose colored (this one symbolizes that Jesus is very near).

A candle is lit each week in anticipation of Christmas. Lighting the candles in darkness is a powerful experience and delivers the strong message that Christ is the Light of the World. You can make up your own prayers each day as you gather around the wreath, or choose to use one of the following and supplement them with Scripture readings of the day.

Week One: *O God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. Amen.*



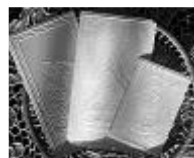
The Advent Calendar helps us count the days to Christ's birth, giving young and old a daily reminder of where our Christmas hopes lie—with the Holy Child in the lowly manger,



FURTHER EXTENSION OF DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY MASS OBLIGATION

In light of the recent increase in coronavirus cases within the state of Connecticut and continued uncertainty regarding the extent and duration of the coronavirus in the state and throughout the Archdiocese of Hartford, Archbishop Blair has now extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation for all the Faithful of the Archdiocese of Hartford through Tuesday, February 16, 2021, which is the eve of Ash Wednesday.

The Archdiocese of Hartford continues to monitor the severity of the situation surrounding the pandemic and will provide updates regarding decisions reached for the archdiocese as they are made.



OPLATKI (Christmas wafers) are available in the rectory office and in the sacristies of St. Mary Church and St. Agnes Church. There are 3 wafers in each package; the donation is \$3.

A MILFORD CHRISTMAS TRADITION



With social distancing, masks and procedures to keep everyone comfortable and safe, come get into the Christmas spirit and pick out your special tree.

There will still be lots of cheer starting November 27th when freshly-cut premium balsam and Fraser fir trees, wreaths and cemetery pieces arrive from Canada.

Get the Christmas spirit and support St. Mary School.

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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel tells us to "Be watchful." This comes naturally to families. Parents are watchful of their children's health, grades and friends. Children are watchful of parental moods. Today's gospel encourages us to use this ability to see God acting in the innocence, tenderness, love and forgiveness of your family "Be watchful," the Lord is already with you.

THE GOSPEL OF LIFE is a prophetic encyclical (*Evangelium vitae*) written by Pope St. John Paul II in 1995 to reaffirm the value and inviolability of every human life and to appeal to all people to respect, protect, love, and serve every human life. The United States Council of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has published a brief, 2-page summary giving a brief overview of this important document. *The Gospel of Life* is at the heart of Jesus' saving message to the world. In sharing in the lowliest and most vulnerable conditions of human life—even death on a cross—Jesus shows us that life is always good. A copy is available at www.sccb.org/resources/gospel-life-brief-summary

**ENDING HOMELESSNESS:
BUILDING OUR VISION TOGETHER**

A Community Discussion

Tuesday, December 1 at 6:30PM

This virtual event will include a segment of appreciation to our supporters followed by a panel discussion of homeless experts including the leading national advocate on ending homelessness, Julia Orlando, Director of Bergen County NJ Housing, Health & Human Services Center. Together we can begin to envision what the end of homelessness looks like in New Haven County and how we, as a community, can make it happen.

Jennifer Paradis, Ex. Dir. Beth-El Center
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GOD LOVE YOU

Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"You cannot always depend on prayers to be answered the way you want them answered, but you can always depend on God.



"God, the loving Father, often denies us those things which in the end would prove harmful to us. Some day we will thank God not only for what He gave us, but also for that which He refused."

"In a time of universal deceit—telling the truth is a revolutionary act." - George Orwell
Even if the whole world has gone mad, speak the truth anyway. It's the revolutionary thing to do.

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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. Charles J. Grant,

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Isaiah 26:3-12

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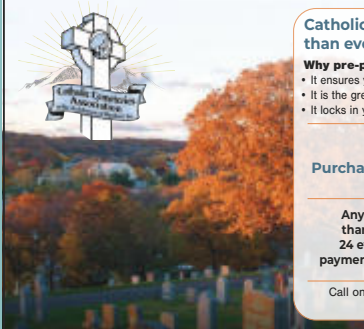
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