

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

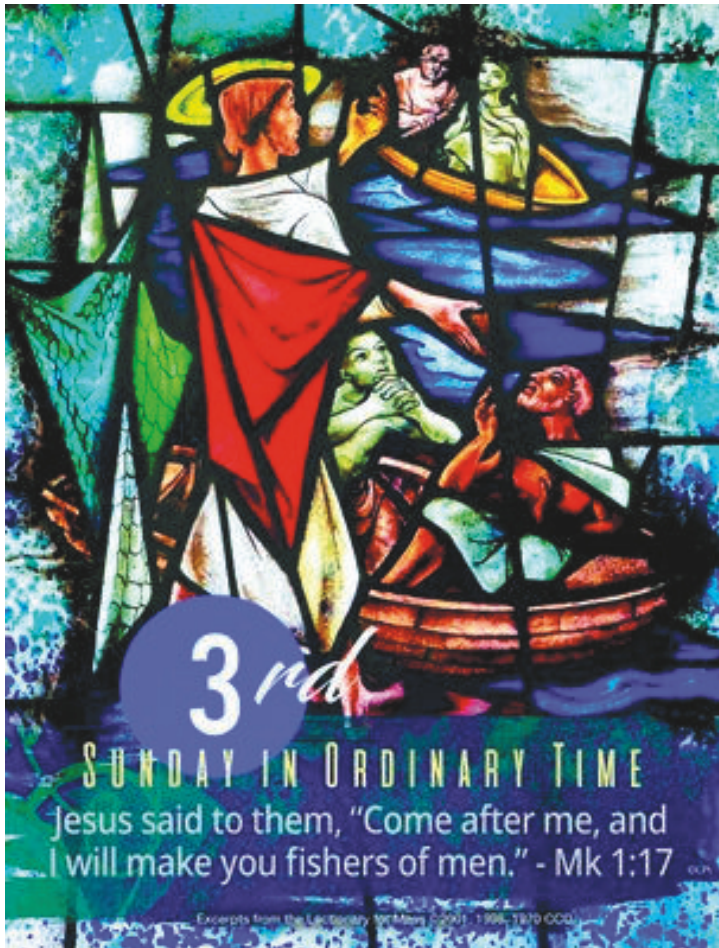
7:00 am St. Mary
7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary
9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

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 January 25 Conversion of St. Paul

9:00 No Intention

Tue January 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus

9:00 No Intention

Wed January 27 St. Angela Merici

9:00 No Intention

Thu January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

9:00 No Intention

Friday January 29 Weekday

9:00 *Rev. Francis X. Callahan* 1st Anniversary

Saturday January 30

Vigil

5:00 No Intention

Sun January 31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:30 *Frances Sudusky* by Mr. Tavares

Readings for the week of January 24, 2021

Sun: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [4a]/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

Mon: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Mk 16:15-18

Tue: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 [3]/Mk 3:31-35

Wed: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 4:1-20

Thu: Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Mk 4:21-25

Fri: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40 [39a]/Mk 4:26-34

Sat: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 [8]/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

By universal consent Thomas Aquinas is the preeminent spokesman of the Catholic tradition of reason and divine revelation. His greatest contribution to the Catholic Church is his writings. The unity, harmony and continuity of faith and reason, of revealed and natural knowledge, pervades his writings. The *Summa Theologiae*, his last and uncompleted work, deals with the whole of Catholic theology.

We can look to Thomas as a towering example of Catholicism in the sense of broadness, universality and inclusiveness.

"We must say that for the knowledge of any truth whatsoever man needs divine help, that the intellect may be moved by God to its act."



Thomas Aquinas

St. Mary Church

Mon January 25 Conversion of St. Paul

7:00 *Edythe Bryan* by her family

Tue January 26 St. Timothy and St. Titus

7:00 *Stella Kalinowski* by her daughter

Wed January 27 St. Angela Merici

7:00 *Dr. Michael McLoughlin* by his family

Thu January 28 St. Thomas Aquinas

7:00 *Louie Picitelli* by Leo Brunell

Friday January 29 Weekday

7:00 *Deborah Warrek* by Pat

Sat. January 30 Weekday

7:30 *Health of Ellen Wood*

Vigil

4:00 *Richard Sudusky* by his family

Sun January 31 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 *Barbara Schroeder* by Diane & Tony Candido

10:00 *John Lawless* by The Keating Family

11:30 *Fran Sudusky* by Legion of Mary (Angels)

4:30 No Intention



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of January 24, 2021
Is in Memory of *Eleanor Scully*



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."

"Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, [love] is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing but rejoices with the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." - St. Paul, 1 Corinthians 13:4-7

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends:

This past Friday, January 22, marked the 48th anniversary of the now-infamous Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion on demand in every state in the country. In the decades that have passed, countless numbers of innocent (and in the case of abortion, they are *always innocent*) lives have been snuffed out. It is a moral tragedy, an evil without equal that clouds the history of our country.

In the years since, there has arisen what now has become a vibrant pro-life movement, a movement that encompasses people of good will and clear moral vision from across the spectrum of race, creed, social class, whatever distinction. The Catholic Church has been a leader in this movement since its inception, supporting the annual March for Life, as well as countless other pro-life initiatives in every diocese in our country and around the world. We must pray continually for an end to abortion and for the conversion of those many people, who, for whatever philosophical, social or political perspective, do not seem to place much value on the life of the pre-born (which is a far better term than *unborn*). It must also be said that there can be no place for violence of any kind in our opposition to legal abortion. A cardinal moral principle is that “the ends never justify the means.” To kill or destroy in the name of promoting life is a travesty and undermines the very cause that so many hold dear.

We also need to pray and work for an end to the partisan rancor that has railed our country. It now falls to the administration of President Biden to try to bring the country together. Will that happen? I do not know. What I have seen and heard thus far makes me wonder. But I hope and pray that it does, for we cannot continue to go on as we have been. What we need is a return to the ways things were done in past decades, when political leaders took strong positions on issues, and then negotiated and reached some kind of a compromise so that the common good can be promoted rather than the narrow, often self-serving political goals of power and domination which do not do our nation any good whatever. I speak here of both political parties, since both are in need of reform. There is nothing wrong whatever with political parties or allegiances, but they must never take first place before the good of the country. One needs to be reminded that the majority “party” in this country is not the Democratic Party or the Republican Party. It is comprised of those who are “unaffiliated” or “independents.” They are the ones who, when all is said and done, really swing an election one way or another.

Have a good week!

Rev. Robert X. ...




Angela Merici (January 27) founded the first teaching congregation of women in the Church, a group of young women called the Company of St. Ursula, a “secular institute.” Their purpose was to re-Christianize family life through solid Christian education of future wives and mothers. (Some years after Angela’s death the community became The Ursulines). Of those who find it difficult to change with the times, it may be helpful to recall Angela’s advice to her sisters: “*If according to times and needs you should be obliged to make fresh rules and change certain things, do it with prudence and good advice.*”

ST. MARY VIRTUAL OPEN HOUSE

Whether you are looking for a change this year or thinking about next school year, you’re invited to join St. Mary School’s Virtual Open House on Tuesday, February 2nd at 7:00PM. Login and learn about the school without leaving your home.

Registration is required.

www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org/open-house
St. Mary School is accepting applications for all grades (pre-kindergarten—grade 8), and since they have been in school, full time 5 days a week, they also continue to enroll students for the current school year.



“The courage and grace shown by those women who choose life—in the face of fear, uncertainty, parental or partner intimidation, seemingly insurmountable odds—made them today’s heroes. They are joined by the many who counsel, support and nurture them both before and after the birth of their child. Such self-giving love...is powerfully transformative of mother, of child, of families, of cultures.” - Respect Life Program (USCCB), Erika Bachiochi, Esq.



PROLIFE ROSARY

Join others of all ages in praying the Rosary in front of Planned Parenthood New Haven (345 Whitney Ave. in New Haven) every Saturday at 9:15AM to battle the evil of abortion. We offer a peaceful, prayerful, visible witness to the sanctity and dignity of human life from the moment of conception. We pray the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, & a few other prayers. It lasts about 35 minutes. We meet at the corner of Whitney Ave. & Lawrence St. at 9:10AM.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of 'Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.' Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

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In concert with the USCCB
(United States Conference of
Catholic Bishops)
and the March for Life 2021
The Respect Life Office



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Friday, January 29, at 6:00PM
(in person & live stream information to follow)

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