

# Precious Blood Parish

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

**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, MILFORD

## Mass Intentions for the Week

### St. Agnes Church

**Mon February 1 Weekday**

9:00 *St. Agnes Rosary Group*

**Tue February 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

9:00 No Intention

**Wed February 3 St. Blaise**

9:00 No Intention

**Thu February 4 Weekday**

9:00 No Intention

**Fri February 5 St. Agatha**

9:00 *Paula and Anthony Morlando* by their family

**Sat February 6****Vigil**

5:00 *James Doris* by Eileen Sullivan

**Sun February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

7:30 *The Tighe Family* by the family

10:30 *Lily Pirulli* by Rosa Pirulli & family



The Sanctuary Lamp  
Week of January 31, 2021  
Is for the Intentions of  
*Marie Anne Rival*

**Readings for the week of January 31, 2021**

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

Mon: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24 [25]/Mk 5:1-20

Tue: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 [8]/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

Wed: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-18a [cf. 17]/Mk 6:1-6

Thu: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-11 [cf. 10]/Mk 6:7-13

Fri: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc [1a]/Mk 6:14-29

Sat: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39



Wednesday, February 3rd is the  
Feast of St. Blaise.

A general blessing of throats will  
be given after the celebration of  
each Mass.

### St. Mary Church

**Mon February 1 Weekday**

7:00 *Warren J. Coyne* by his family

**Tue February 2 The Presentation of the Lord**

7:00 *James L. Richetelli, Sr.* by his family

**Wed February 3 St. Blaise**

7:00 *Michael Fitzpatrick* by The Cybulski Family

**Thu February 4 Weekday**

7:00 *Louie Picitelli* by Leo Brunell

**Fri February 5 St. Agatha**

7:00 *Marguerite and Bill Shea* by their estate

**Sat February 6 St. Paul Miki & companions**

7:30 *Joseph Campagna, Jr.* by Mary

**Vigil**

4:30 *Josephine and Stanley Zygmunt* by their family

**Sun February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 *Josephine Guidice* by her family

10:00 *Robert and Sheila Dillon* by their family

11:30 *Nicholas Felisko* by his family

4:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*



The Sanctuary Lamp  
Week of January 31, 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.”



In the 16th century, **Paul Miki**, a Jesuit and native of Japan, and 25 companions were crucified on a hill in Nagasaki. He commented, while hanging from the cross: “The only reason for my being killed is that I have taught the doctrine of Christ. I thank God it is for this reason I die...After Christ’s example, I forgive my persecutors...I ask God to have pity on all....” Today a new era has come for the Church in Japan. The number of Catholics is not large, but the Church is respected and has total religious freedom.

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Dear Friends:

This week in the United States we celebrate Catholic Schools Week, a time set aside to mark the many contributions that Catholic schools across the country make to our Church and our society as a whole. While the number of Catholic schools has diminished, it is sad to say, over the years, their importance to the future of our Church remains unchanged. By way of illustration, when I was a student at SS. Peter and Paul School in Waterbury in the late 1960's and early 1970's, there were eleven Catholic schools in Waterbury alone. My school had an enrollment of 750 students at the time. Today, sadly, there are only two schools. My own alma mater closed in 2019.

I cite these statistics not to be gloomy but to stress the importance of Catholic education and the need to continue to support it to the best of our ability. We are blessed as a parish to have a school, and not just any school, but an excellent one at that. St. Mary's School this year celebrates sixty years of providing excellence in education and excellence in religious formation. The state of our school is quite good. Enrollment has held more or less steady. There are no serious financial concerns at the present. In this time of pandemic, our school has stepped up and faced the challenges with vigor and determination. The leadership and guidance of our new principal, Deacon Dominic Corrado, has already reaped significant improvements. The faculty and staff have faced and met the challenges of both in-person learning as well as remote learning with determination. The students, well over three hundred in all, have also met the challenges imposed by the pandemic, namely the wearing of masks, social distancing, and hand hygiene with the spirit of true cooperation.

I am optimistic about the future of our school. The spirit of cooperation, the level of support, and the enthusiasm all point to a bright future. While there are some priests who would not in any way desire to be the pastor of a parish with a school, I am not one of them. I am delighted to have the opportunity to lead a parish, a strong parish at that, with an excellent school. I also once again pledge to do whatever I can to insure that the future of our school is solid. Join with me in praying for all Catholic schools this week. Keep our students, their families, and the members of the faculty and staff in your prayers.

I have a slight modification to make regarding a change in policy regarding prayers for the sick at Mass that I announced several weeks ago. Instead of eliminating specific prayers for the sick altogether, it seems better to provide a means whereby specific names can be prayed for *silently by the priest* at Mass, thereby insuring due regard for privacy. Therefore, beginning February 1, if you would like to have someone who is sick to be prayed for at Mass, please call in the name *each week* to the rectory. We will place a list of those names on the altars in both churches and the priests will include them in silent prayer at the Mass. I ask that the names be called in each week so that we can be sure that we are praying for those who are sick, and not including names of those who, happily, have recovered or, sadly, who have died. In any case please know that it is my custom to include in the Prayer of the Faithful a general intention for all of the sick at all weekend Masses.

*Rev. Edmund X. Malins*



Early in the eighth century Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession to celebrate Christ's presentation in the temple. Later the celebration included a blessing and distribution of candles—hence it became known as **Candlemas Day**.

“Christ himself says, *‘I am the light of the world,’* and we are the light, we ourselves, if we receive it from him....but how do we receive it, how do we make it shine....The candle tells us: by burning, and being consumed in the burning. A spark of fire, a ray of love, an inevitable immolation are celebrated over that pure, straight candle, as, pouring forth its gift of light, it exhausts itself in silent sacrifice.” (Paul VI)



### **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](http://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.

When St. Agatha was in prison she prayed, “Lord, my creator, you have protected me since I was in the cradle. You have taken me from the love of the world and given me patience to suffer. Now receive my spirit.”

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today’s gospel knew this when he said to Jesus, “If you will, you can make me clean.” Jesus knew this when he said, “I do will it.” Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in “good times and bad,” even when we don’t feel like it.

**GOD LOVE YOU—Ven Fulton J. Sheen**

“Over and above your dislikes and your emotional reactions to certain people, there can coexist a genuine love of them, for God’s sake. Charity is a consequence not of anything which affects our senses, but of Divine faith.



Outwardly, your neighbor may be very unlikable; but inwardly he is one in whom the image of God can be recreated by the kiss of charity.

**WE ARE BLESSED TO BE AMERICANS**



We are free because thousands of American soldiers went to war to keep us free. Sadly, a great many soldiers gave their lives and died on foreign soil to achieve this goal.

The saddest and most heinous war of all time is going on right now. It is called ABORTION. Since 1973 we

have actually killed over **62 million** little Americans, more than soldiers who died in all the wars put together. They are human babies still in the womb, but they are alive, they are our future.

How did this happen in America? Are we so blind to this atrocity? We must not loose this war!

We are a country of a lot good people who save animals’ lives. Now **let’s save our children**, including the unborn!

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Protect them as they protect us. Bless them  
and their families for the selfless acts they  
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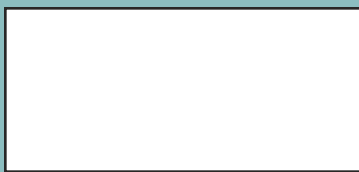
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