Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



St. Mary Church (Parish Office) 70 Gulf Street Milford, CT 06460

6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly. - Mk 1:44-45b

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.

SUNDAY MASSES

We Welcome All Visitors

SaturdayVigil4:30 pmSt. Mary5:00 pmSt. 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

Mon February 15 Weekday 9:00 Robert J. Mosher by his family and friends

St. Agnes Church

Tue February 16 Weekday 9:00 No Intention

Wed February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY 9:00 Rose Gagliardi by her daughter Carolyn

Thu February 18 Weekday 9:00 *Anthony E. Vitolo* by his family

Friday February 19 Weekday

9:00 Health & Blessings for Horrocks & McIntyre Fam.

Saturday February 20 Vigil

5:00 The John McCarthy Family by Casey Gray

Sun February 21 First Sunday of Lent 7:30 *Edward Saks* by his Brother Ken 10:30 *Carol & Joan Rocco and Alex Conte*

Readings for the week of February 14, 2021

Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [7]/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

- Mon: Gn 4:1-15, 25/Ps 50:1 and 8, 16bc-17, 20-21 [14a]/Mk 8:11-13
- Tue: Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10/Ps 29:1a and 2, 3ac-4, 3b and 9c-10 [11b]/Mk 8:14-21
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5 Lk 9:22-25

Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14 Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32 Next Sunday: Gn 9:8-15/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 10]/1 Pt 3:18-22/Mk 1:12-15

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent (except Good Friday) at 7:30PM at St. Agnes Church. There will be instrumental music to assist in reverently remembering Jesus' journey to the cross and tomb.





Novena of the Miraculous Medal devotions every Monday evening at 7:30PM at St. Mary Church. Exposition and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament and recitation of the Rosary.



FACE MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING REQUIRED



St. Mary Church

Mon February 15 Weekday 7:00 *Louie Picitelli* by Leo Brunell

Tue February 16 Weekday 7:00 *Diane Brockway* by Maureen Meade

Wed February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 *Bridget Howarth* by her husband Dan 12:05 No Intention

Thu February 18 Weekday 7:00 *Kenneth Shuart* by Leo Brunell 12:05 *Fran Sudusky* by Augustina Vogen

Friday February 19 Weekday

7:00 *Augustus Boi* by Maureen Meade 12:05 No Intention

Sat. February 20 Weekday

7:30 Arabella Curran by her friend

Vigil

4:00 Jeremy Capoccitti by his grandmother

Sun February 21 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 *Fran Sudusky* by The Legion of Mary (Mercy) 10:00 No Intention

11:30 Sal Mastropole by Joan and Joe Wolf 4:30 People of Precious Blood Parish



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of February 14, 2021 Is in Memory of *Margaret Laraia*



SPIRITUALCOMMUNION

"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."

Fasting is good for many reasons, among which is that it enables man to make acts of reparation to God for his sins. By denying himself the pleasures of eating, a man does two good things: he brings his body into subjection to his soul, and he can repay God by this self-inflicted punishment for the sins he has committed. - Thomas Aquinas

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

This coming Wednesday, February 17, is Ash Wednesday, and Lent begins. Our parish will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday, and three prayer services for the distribution of ashes. At the 7:00 AM and 12:05 Mass at Saint Mary, and the 9:00 Mass at Saint Agnes, ashes will be distributed at the conclusion of the Mass, and then you will go directly out. There will be a service of Ashes at 4:00 PM at Saint Mary Church, and a service of Ashes at 12:05 and 7:00 PM at Saint Agnes Church. Ashes will be sprinkled on your head, not imposed by touching the person. There will be a free will offering collected at each Ash Wednesday Mass and service, all proceeds to benefit the Beth El Shelter. There is never an obligation to receive ashes.

Beginning in Lent, we will hold Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings at 7:30 PM at Saint Agnes Church, and we will begin again the Novena of the Miraculous Medal on Monday evenings at 7:30 PM at Saint Mary Church. There will be music at each, but no congregational singing. Of course, all other COVID-19 protocols will be followed, mask wearing, social distancing, etc. During the season of Lent, there will be three daily Masses Monday through Friday, 7:00 AM at Saint Mary, 9:00 AM at Saint Agnes, and 12:05 PM at Saint Mary.

The State of Connecticut has relaxed the capacity requirements for religious worship, allowing for 50% capacity in churches. We will continue to have every other pew blocked off, and of course follow all other protocols, including cleaning. You may notice more and more parishioners returning to Mass, and the church will appear more crowded. If you are not comfortable with this, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is extended to May 23, 2021. We thank those who continue to support us, whether in person or from home.

Many of our parishioners are being vaccinated, as are all our priests. While this affords a comfort about being "in touch" with so many of you, this will not lead any of your clergy, and should not lead any of you to be less cautious about your health or the health of your fellow parishioners. Please continue to follow all precautions as you have, so we can continue to minister to you as safely as we are able. When the majority of us are vaccinated, a return to a former normalcy will be in sight. May we all pray during this lenten season that we can have an Easter celebration this spring that truly celebrates that life triumphs over death, that love is always stronger than death.

Aub Wiedsenday 	The feast day of Blessed Jacinta and Francisco Marto is usually
LENTEN REGULATIONS	celebrated on February 20th. These children were with their
1. Catholics ages 14yrs. and older are to abstain	cousin Lucia dos Santos when
from meat on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.	Our Lady appeared to the trio near Fatima, Portugal in 1917. Both
 Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 years of age are to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good 	died of influenza that year.
Friday.	In his homily at their beatification, Pope John Paul II recalled that
To fast is to eat <u>one full meal</u> and no more than 2	shortly before Francisco died, Jacinta said to him
smaller meals to maintain strength. Eating between meals is not permitted. Liquids such as coffee, tea, juice, milk are allowed.	tell them that I am enduring everything they want for
These rules do not apply when one's health or ability to work is seriously impaired.	<i>the conversion of sinners.</i> " Lucia became a Carmelite nun and was still living when Jacinta and Francisco were beatified in 2000.

MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO WEATHER



We have found it necessary to make a change in how we announce the cancellation of Masses due to inclement weather. Previously, we relied on the Milford Public Schools, since our own school follows their lead. However, the public schools in most situations involving inclement weather, resort to remote learning, where the students stay home but go

on-line for their school day. *Effective immediately, we will post a notification of the cancellation of morning Masses on the parish Facebook page as soon as the decision is made. Please check there and please be sure to let anyone you know who does not have access to Facebook that there is no Mass on a given morning.* In any event, the prime consideration should always be your safety and the safety of others. When safety is at all a concern, please remain at home.

FEBRUARY 14, 2021

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reminds us "unclean spirits" still haunt our families. These "spirits" thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the "authority" to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.



"Don't look for applause, but look to obey the truth. Speaking just to find applause or to tell people what they want to hear...is like prostitution."

- Pope Benedict XVI

The truth about abortion is repugnant and abhorrent. It is therefore, not easy and requires courage to speak out about it. However, as Catholics we must speak the truth boldly and contradict the untruths and misleading rhetoric which surrounds the issue.



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.

AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE <u>FORMED</u> 40 DAYS TO GRACE AND GLORY

This Lent you are invited to journey with Dr. Tim Gray by signing up for Daily Lenten reflections. Each day you will receive in your inbox a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scriptures, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your life.

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OUR LADY OF CALVARY RETREAT CENTER

Lenten Scripture Study on Zoom Four-Week series beginning on February 25 Mornings: 10:00AM evenings 7:00PM Free-will offering Call 860 677-8519 for information

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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.

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