

Precious Blood Parish

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St. Mary Church
(Parish Office)
70 Gulf Street
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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. 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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2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them.

- Mk 9:7-8

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 March 1 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Clarisse Anastasio* by her cousin

Tue March 2 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Mary Stankiewicz* by M/M Ted Carveth

Wed March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

9:00 *Rick Brown* by his family

Thu March 4 St. Casimir

9:00 *Elizabeth Boggiano* by Mary Jane Robbins

Fri March 5 Weekday

9:00 *Graces & Blessings for Cathy* / family & friends

Sat March 6

Vigil

5:00 *Robert Dowd* by Frances Pallman

Sun March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:30 *William and Regina Lynch* by their family

Readings for the week of February 28, 2021

Sun: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38

Tue: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12

Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28

Thu: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31

Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Sat: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Next Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday @ 7:30PM
St. Agnes Church



NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Benediction and Rosary
Monday @ 7:30PM
St. Mary Church



St. Mary Church

Mon March 1 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Richard Esposito* by Anna & Dennis Brown
12:05 No Intention

Tue March 2 Lenten Weekday

7:00 No Intention
12:05 *Vincent Lattanzi* by his family

Wed March 3 St. Katherine Drexel

7:00 *Louie Picitelli* by Leo Brunell
12:05 *Frank & Julia Dytkowski* by their daughter

Thu March 4 St. Casimir

7:00 *Betty Boggiano* by The Girls
12:05 *Kenneth Shuart* by Leo Brunell

Fri March 5 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Lucio Spista* by Connie Rondinelli
12:05 No Intention

Sat March 6 Lenten Weekday

7:30 *Walter Cherniavsky* by Paula Phelan & Family

Vigil

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

Sun March 7 Third Sunday of Lent

8:30 *Joseph Frank Monteleone* by Joe & Tatiana
10:00 *Al Homa* by The Resurrection Choir
11:30 *Peter Meade* by his family
4:30 No Intention



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of February 28, 2021
Is in Memory of *James Cassano*



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.”

Catholics over the age of 14 years are to abstain from meat on all Fridays during Lent.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

During the season of Lent, we tend to think more of sin. Of the seven deadly sins, pride is one that can be good or bad. Having appropriate pride in your achievements is always a good thing, excessive pride in your accomplishments is not. It is when we move from thinking “I have done this well” (always with God’s help) to thinking “I am the only one who could do this” that we enter the realm of sin. Pride is a deadly sin because it refuses to acknowledge our reliance on God and gives all credit to ourselves. Whenever we place God outside our experience, we are surely in danger of being in the realm of sin.

You can think of it like this: a grain of wheat needs water, but if it only gets water, it is bloated and will not grow. It needs light, but if it only gets sunlight, it will not grow. But planted in the earth, the grain of wheat dies to itself. Then, surrounded by moisture and seeking the light, the grain of wheat grows, properly nurtured by everything around it. If we rely only on ourselves, our pride leads us to a false sense of importance, and a sure occasion of sin.

All of our COVID 19 protocols continue as we gather for worship. Masking and social distancing are a must. Our present regulations allow for 50% capacity in our churches, and you may notice more persons here. We are glad so many are being vaccinated, but that does not mitigate the need to be cautious. We will keep you apprised of what we are doing in this regard, and how we can all keep one another safe.

May God bless you all in this Lenten season; we thank you all for your continued support.

Gregory John

ARCHBISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL

For the first time ever, please join Archbishop Leonard Blair on Wed., March 3rd at 7:30PM for the Appeal’s **Virtual Kickoff**, allowing him the opportunity to personally introduce the 2021 Annual Appeal, *Reaching Out, Healing Together*.

KINDLING THE FIRE



This morning, as I kindle the fire upon my hearth, I pray that the flame of God’s love may burn in my heart, and the hearts of all I meet today.

I pray that no envy and malice, no hatred or fear, may smother the flame.

I pray that indifference and apathy, contempt and pride, may not pour like cold water on the fire.

Instead, may the spark of God’s love light the love in my heart, that it may burn brightly through the day.

And may I warm those that are lonely, whose hearts are cold and lifeless, so that all may know the comfort of God’s love.

DO YOU WANT TO FAST THIS LENT?

In the words of Pope Francis

Fast from hurting words and say kind words.

Fast from sadness and be filled with gratitude.

Fast from anger and be filled with patience.

Fast from pessimism and be filled with hope.

Fast from worries and have trust in God.

Fast from complaints; contemplate simplicity.

Fast from pressures and be prayerful.

Fast from bitterness; fill your hearts with joy.

Fast from selfishness and be compassionate.

Fast from grudges and be reconciled.

Fast from words; be silent and listen.



GOD LOVE YOU—Ven Fulton J. Sheen

“All our sins are traceable to **seven roots**, the **7 Capital Sins**. These 7 sources of sin have been compared to diseases that affect the body. **Pride** is a spiritual cancer that eats and consumes the vital life.

Covetousness is like spiritual consumption or tuberculosis, wasting away the soul’s inner powers. **Lust** is a spiritual leprosy. **Anger** is a delirious fever. **Envy** is spiritual blood-poisoning. **Gluttony** leads to a sleeping-sickness that may end in death. **Sloth** is like a paralysis of the soul that hinders its progress and causes neglect of the means of grace, indifference and even final impenitence. It is **pride and sloth** that are the **parents of final impenitence**.

True understanding of the nature and effects of the Capital sins is the first step in combating them.

Let us take up arms now and go to the battle! We will be what we **will** to be!”



The daughter of a wealthy Philadelphia international banker, **Katherine Drexel** was a well educated, well traveled young lady. However, she was drawn to the plight of the American Indians and began a systematic aid to Indian missions. In 1889 she wrote, “*The feast of St. Joseph brought me the grace to give the remainder of my life to the Indians and the Colored.*” In 1892 she and her first band of nuns opened a boarding school in Santa Fe. By 1942 she had a system of black Catholic schools in 13 states, 40 mission centers, and 23 rural schools. In all she established 50 mission for Indians in 16 states. She founded Xavier U. in New Orleans, the first university in the U. S, for black students. She died in 1955 at 96 and was canonized in 2000. “*The patient and humble endurance of the cross-whatever nature it may be-is the highest work we have to do.*”

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were “afraid.” In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old, and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.



LIFE AT CONCEPTION ACT

When the Supreme Court handed down its Roe v. Wade decision, it did so based on the previously undefined “right of privacy.” Never did the Court declare abortion itself to be a Constitutional right. Instead the Court said: *“We need not resolve the difficult question of when life begins....”* *“If this suggestion of personhood is established, the appellant’s case [Roe], of course, collapses, for the fetus’ right to life is then guaranteed specifically by the [14th] Amendment.”*

The 14th Amendment states, “...nor shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property, without due process of law, nor deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the law.”

That is exactly what a **Life at Conception Act** would do. It declares unborn children “*persons*” as defined by the 14th Amendment, entitled to legal protection. This is the one thing the Supreme Court admitted in Roe v. Wade that would cause the case for legal abortion to “**collapse.**” When the bill comes up for a vote in Congress, (if it is brought to the floor) it is crucial to have the full weight of an informed public backing the pro-life position.

MASS CANCELLATIONS DUE TO 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.

The prime consideration should always be your safety and the safety of others. When safety is at all a concern, please remain at home.

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“Prayer is the lifting up of our hearts and minds to God. More simply still, it is communion with God.” - Fulton J. Sheen

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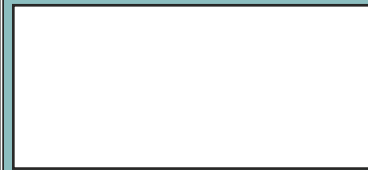
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