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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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3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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 8 St. John of God

9:00 *Giovannina Perciballi* by Louise Perciballi

Tue March 9 St. Frances of Rome

9:00 *Beatrice Stanton* by her family

Wed March 10 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Jose Concepcion* by his family

Thu March 11 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Santa Lisi* by Louise Petrazzuoli

Fri March 12 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Maria & Alex Conte and Joe D'Angelo*

Sat March 13

Vigil

5:00 *Shirley & Daniel Homick/Deborah & Mark Ryba*

Sun March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

7:30 *Kevin Morrissey* by The Beirne Family

10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

St. Mary Church

Mon March 8 St. John of God

7:00 *Thomas Mahoney, Jr.* by his family

12:05 No Intention

Tue March 9 St. Frances of Rome

7:00 *Louie Picitelli* by Leo Brunell

12:05 *Fran Sudusky* by Nocturnal Adoration Soc.

Wed March 10 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Kenneth Shuart* by Leo Brunell

12:05 *Julia and Frank Dytkowski* by their daughter

Thu March 11 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Ryan Lynch Phillips* by Maureen Richetelli

12:05 *Marian Blawie* by her family

Fri March 12 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Martha and Joseph Piroh* by their daughter Pat

12:05 *Bob Fortuna* by Kate, Lisa and Barbara

Sat March 13 Lenten Weekday

7:30 *Intentions of Jeanne Campagna/Grateful friend*

Vigil

4:30 *Dubicki & Stradecki Fam./M&M Winkler*

Sun March 14 Fourth Sunday of Lent

8:30 *Alphonse Monteleone* by Joe & Tatiana

10:00 *Dr. Joseph Braddock /John & Marg. McCabe*

11:30 *Eric Nieman* by his family

4:30 *Cliff Moore* by his family

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sun: 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

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24

Tue: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35

Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thu: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23

Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34

Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21 or 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4m 5, 6 [1]/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday @ 7:30PM

St. Agnes Church



NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Benediction and Rosary

Monday @ 7:30PM

St. Mary Church



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of March 7, 2021
Is in Memory of *Vilma Esposito*



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.”

“Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy.”

- Pope Francis

Dear Friends:

This Lent, Deacon John and I have decided to use this column to address the topic of the deadly sins, seven in all, which lie at the heart of all the evil that is perpetrated in the world. The deadly sins, traditionally, are enumerated as follows: pride, anger, lust, avarice, gluttony, envy and sloth. The worst of these deadly sins is pride, the inordinate desire that would have us be “our own god,” doing whatever we want without regard to God himself or the moral law. Deacon John addressed the sin of pride in his message last week.

This week, I speak of **anger**. I remember once, years ago now, someone saying to me that anger, in and of itself, is not evil. It is *neutral*. In thinking over what was said to me, I came to agree with that statement. Anger has been the source of some good things in life just as much as it has been the source of much terrible evil. I think of the organization “Mothers Against Drunk Driving MADD).” MADD was established by a group of mothers who got together after suffering the loss of a child due to an intoxicated driver. These women organized themselves to raise consciousness about the tragic effects of drunk driving and to make changes in the laws that penalize drunk drivers. Good can come out of tragic and evil situations, and in this particular case, the good came from a sense, a proper sense, of what can be called *righteous anger*. In the Gospel this weekend, we have an account of Jesus expressing *righteous* anger. Coming into the temple area and seeing the moneychangers and those selling sheep and doves, he becomes angry at what he sees, angry at what was likely the practice of cheating the poor, price gouging, and the type of injustice that was not worthy of his Father’s house. Making a whip of cords, he drives the sellers of sheep and doves out along with the moneychangers, declaring that all should be welcomed in his Father’s House, a “house of prayer,” and that it should never be consigned to the level of a marketplace, or still worse, what it had become, a “den of thieves.” What we have in this account from John’s Gospel, as well as from the story of MADD, are instances of anger that is an energy that brings about good things, good results, good changes. Anger in these instances, is a neutral energy, so to speak, that was harnessed properly for positive results.

However, anger is often not an energy that is used in a positive, constructive manner. It often become a means of demeaning others, tearing others down, even destroying the reputations or lives of others. Anger at its extreme can lead to slander of others, and even the death of others. In those cases, anger is sinful, even mortally so. Whenever we find ourselves angered by one situation or another, it is a time to stop, to think, to pray, and yes, even to bite our tongue. How many harsh and hurtful words have been said to others out of anger, words that tear down rather than build up, words that, once spoken, can never be taken back? In our age of “social communications,” we need to be especially careful about what we say or post on-line. We can do great harm, even irreparable harm, to others by what we say out of unbridled anger. For myself, I have made the decision to delete my Facebook page. It is very easy to hide behind a screen and say whatever one likes to others, without regard to the harm that could be done. I would urge you to think about what you feel and how you express that to others. May we never do anything to tear another down. To the contrary, may everything we do seek to build up one another.

St. Paul himself sums this up quite well in his Letter to the Ephesians when he writes, “Be angry, but do not sin; do not let the sun set on your anger,” and “say only the good things that others need to hear, things that will really help them. Do nothing that will sadden the Holy Spirit with whom you were sealed against the day of redemption. Get rid of all bitterness, all passion, and anger, harsh words, slander and malice of every kind. In place of these, be kind to one another, compassionate, and mutually forgiving, just as God has forgiven you in Christ (cf. Eph. 4:26, 29-32).

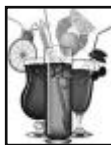
Have a good week!

Roe. Coleman



Our **Haiti Healing Trees** have been set up in St. Mary and St. Agnes Churches as a fundraiser to help the people of St. Thérèse parish in Marbial Haiti. Donation cards and colored ribbons signifying the amount of the donation are available by each tree. You may also send your donation to St. Mary Church, 70 Gulf Street, Milford, Ct 06460. All checks must be made out to Precious Blood Parish. Indicate “Haiti” in the memo line. Our annual medical mission and container shipments have been forced to cancel because of the current political unrest in Haiti causing additional suffering for the people who have been living through a draught, followed by torrential rains this past year.

We are excited to announce that Chevintha Edirisighe (Holy Infant Parish), Roger Coleman (Precious Blood Parish) Jacob Sogueco (Precious Blood Parish), all 2019 graduates of St. Mary School, have been chosen as semi-finalists in UConn's Writing Project – the 28th annual “Letters about Literature” writing contest. All three young men are currently attending Notre Dame High School in West Haven. This is quite an achievement, as only 10% of all applicants reach the semi-final stage. Congratulations and best of luck moving forward!



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A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple; it doesn't say he was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

**From the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops
Truth About the Equality Act**

The bill is well-intentioned but ultimately misguided. The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith, threatens unborn life, and undermines the common good.

The Equality Act purports to protect people experiencing same-sex attraction or gender discordance from unjust discrimination. Although this is a worthy purpose, the Equality Act does not serve it. And instead of respecting differences in beliefs about marriage and sexuality, the Equality Act discriminates against people of faith precisely because of those beliefs. In the process, the Equality Act codifies the new ideology of "gender" in federal law, dismissing sexual difference and falsely presenting "gender" as only a social construct.

THE EQUALITY ACT

-Exempts itself from the bipartisan religious Freedom restoration Act, in an explicit and unprecedented departure from one of America's founding principle, thereby infringing on religious freedom and making it more difficult for individuals to live out their faith.

-Forces religiously operated spaces and establishments, such as church halls, to either host functions that violate their beliefs or close their doors to their communities.

-Requires women to compete against men and boys in sports, and to share locker rooms and shower facilities with men and boys.

-Forces faith-based charities that serve all people to violate their religious beliefs, and threatens the welfare of thousands of beneficiaries of charitable services such as shelters and foster care agencies, by forcing a multitude of them to be shut down.

-Jeopardizes existing prohibitions on the use of federal taxpayer funds for abortion, likely pressuring or even mandating the performance of abortions by health care providers in violation of their consciences, and ultimately ending more human lives.

-Hinders quality health care, by forcing health care professionals, against their best medical judgment, to support treatments and procedures associated the "gender transition."

The Catholic Church is the largest non-governmental provider of human services in the United States, helping millions of Americans in need through its parishes, schools, hospitals, shelters, legal clinics, food banks, and charities. Our core beliefs about the dignity of the human person and the wisdom of God's designs motivate both our positions on marriage, life, and sexuality, and our call to serve those most in need and the common good. By running roughshod over religious liberty, the Equality Act directly undermines the Church's ability to fulfill that call.

TAKE ACTION: The Equality Act discriminates against people of faith and threatens unborn life.

Tell your elected officials to oppose it!

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*"O Lord, make this Lenten season different
from the other ones. Let me find you again."*

- Henri Nouwen

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