# Precious Blood Parish

**St. Agnes Church** 400 Merwin Avenue Milford, CT 06460



## St. Mary Church (Parish Office)

(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**

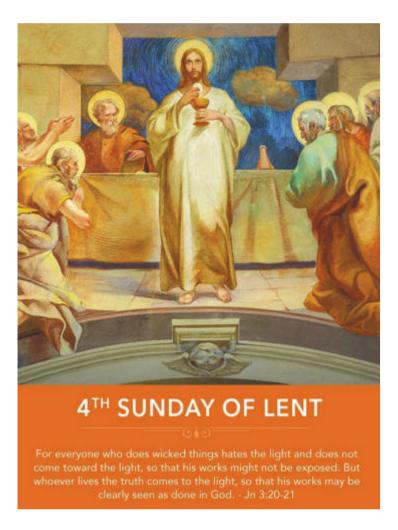
7:00 am St. Mary 7:30 am (Saturday) St. Mary 9:00 am (Mon-Fri) St. Agnes

## RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:30 pm—4:30 pm St. Agnes Monday 6:00 pm—7:00 pm St. Mary (Except Holidays)

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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 March 15 Lenten Weekday 9:00 Terri Wydan by her family

**Tue March 16 Lenten Weekday** 9:00 *Robert & Sara Broderick* by their son

Wed March 17 St. Patrick 9:00 Maureen Richetelli by Mary Jane Robbins

**Thu March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem** 9:00 *Marie A. Dowling* by a friend

**Fri March 19 St. Joseph** 9:00 *Mark Paglinco* by friends of the family

Sat March 20 Vigil

5:00 Pedro & Anatola Bartolome by their family

Sun March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

7:30 *Warren Nash* by his wife 10:30 *John Benigno* by John & Peggy Burke

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sun: 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

Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b 2a]/Jn 4:43-54

Tue: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1 Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30

Thu: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31 Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/

Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40 Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday evenings during Lent 7:30PM @ St. Agnes Church



#### MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA



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



"It's better not to fast, and be humbled, than to fast and be self-satisfied." - Blaise Pascal

## St. Mary Church

Mon March 15 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Rafael Amaya* by his wife 12:05 *Fran Sudusky* by Rose Cox

**Tue March 16 Lenten Weekday** 

7:00 *Anna Zender* by her family 12:05 No Intention

Wed March 17 St. Patrick

7:00 *Maureen Richetelli* by her family 12:05 *Dorothy and Joseph Sudusky* by the family

Thu March 18 St. Cyril of Jerusalem

7:00 *Louie Picitelli* by Leo Brunell 12:05 *Kenneth Shuart* by Leo Brunell

Fri March 19 St. Joseph

7:00 *Harvey Pond* by his family 12:05 *Agnes Cherniavsky* by Paula Phelan & Fam.

Sat March 20 Lenten Weekday

7:30 *Carol Ruggiero* by her husband Albert **Vigil** 

4:30 Charles Murphy by Margaret & Paul Gettinger

Sun March 21 Fifth Sunday of Lent

8:30 Fran Sudusky by The Folk Group 10:00 Mark Thibault by Tammy Skirkanich 11:30 People of Precious Blood Parish 4:30 Robert Holstead by his family



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of March 14, 2021 Is in Memory of *Joseph Carollo* 



#### 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."

#### FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

On this fourth Sunday of Lent, Laetare Sunday, we pause to reflect on the upcoming joy of Easter. So many of our parishioners are vaccinated, and feel safer to be out, especially at church. If you are coming to church, you may notice that it is a little more crowded. We will continue to have social distancing, every other pew still blocked off, and all will continue to wear masks. All the priests and deacons are fully vaccinated, and as we near Easter, some of our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will begin to serve again, as they are vaccinated as well. We have many Mass choices on the weekends, and some are less crowded, so I hope you can think about when you can be joining us in person soon. Archbishop Blair has extended the dispensation for the obligation to attend until May 23, 2021.

When reflecting on the deadly sin of envy, we need to be clear that the remedy is gratitude. We should all be thankful that a vaccine is available to lead us out of this pandemic. We should all be thankful that so many have done so much to keep us safe during this time, at great personal risk to themselves for the greater good of all. Most of all we should be grateful that our loving God has been accompanying us on this journey. We have not been left alone, not abandoned. The prophet Isaiah tells us that God's promise to His people is: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you." Let us all live, not envious for what we do not have, but in gratitude for the blessings of the continued presence of God in our lives. Have a great week!

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The Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps provide the critical funding needed to feed the hungry, shelter the homeless, counsel those in despair, offer much-needed assistance to the unemployed, and make medical care available to those without health insurance. Your gift to the 2021 Appeal will help to continue these and other vital ministries, services, and programs that reach out to so many in need.

All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.

Our **Haiti Healing Trees** are fundraisers to help the people of St. Thérèse parish in Marbial Haiti. Donation cards & 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.

#### **NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH**

O St. Joseph, whose protection is so great, so strong, so prompt before the throne of God, I place in thee all my interest and desires. O St. Joseph, do assist me by they powerful intercession and obtain for me from thy Divine Son all the spiritual



blessings through Jesus Christ, Our Lord, so that having engaged here below thy Heavenly power I may offer my Thanksgiving and Homage to the most Loving of Fathers. O St. Joseph, I never weary contemplating thee and Jesus asleep in thy arms. I dare not approach while He reposes near they heart. Press Him in my name and kiss His fine Head for me, and ask Him to return the Kiss when I draw my dying breath. St. Joseph, Patron of departing souls, pray for us. Amen

Say for 9 consecutive mornings for what you may desire.

Whoever reads this prayer or hears it or carries it, will never die a sudden death, nor be drowned, nor will poison take effect on them. They will not fall into the hands of the enemy nor be burned by any fire, nor will they be defeated in battle. Imprimatur, Most Rev. George W. Ahr Bishop of Trenton

Pope Pius IX named St. Joseph **Patron of the Universal Church** in 1870. He is also the patron saint of carpenters, the dying and workers.

[St. Joseph also happens to be the patron saint of pastry chefs!]

The Catholic Church has been blessed with many beautiful forms of prayer throughout the course of time. There are 2 people who received the gift of the Rosary from our Blessed Mother: St. Dominic and Blessed Alan. Our Blessed Mother made 15 promises to these saints and everyone who prays the Rosary.



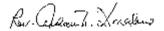
Here are 3 of the 15 promises:

- 1. Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the Rosary, shall receive signal graces (those special and unique graces to help sanctify us in our state in life).
- 2. I promise my special protection and the greatest graces to all those who shall recite the Rosary.
- 3. The Rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell. It will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies. The Rosary has been given to fight the darkness of the culture of death, abortion and all forms of evil acts that do not respect the gift of God's life.

Pope John Paul II wrote an Apostolic Letter in 2002 called *On the Most Holy Rosary*, a beautiful writing for our times.



As you may well know or possibly have heard, come April 30, Father Cyriac Maliekal, the administrator of Christ the Redeemer Parish here in Milford, will retire. In accordance with the pastoral plan for the restructuring of parishes in the Archdiocese of Hartford which was implemented in June of 2017, at that time Christ the Redeemer Parish will be suppressed and merged into our parish. The process for the merger is well along and the letter to the Archbishop formally requesting the merger of Christ the Redeemer into Precious Blood Parish is being sent to him shortly. Come April 30, there will no regularly scheduled Masses celebrated at Christ the Redeemer Church, but funerals and baptisms will be celebrated as requested as long as we continue to have the church for our use. As for the property now held by Christ the Redeemer Parish on Oronoque Road, a committee of representative parishioners will be formed to investigate possibilities for it going forward. I will keep you apprised as things unfold.



#### **A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."



Legends about Patrick abound, but truth is best served by our seeing two solid qualities in him: humility and courage. He suffered much opposition from pagan druids, and was criticized in both England and Ireland. Nevertheless, in a relatively short time

Ireland had experienced deeply the Christian spirit. A man of action, Patrick had a rocklike belief in his vocation and the cause he had espoused.

His breastplate read: "Christ shield me this day: Christ with me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, Christ in me, Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ on my right, Christ on my left, Christ when I lie down, Christ when I arise, Christ in the heart of every person who thinks of me, Christ in the eye that sees me, Christ in the ear that hears me."

"Seek a relationship when you pray, not answers. You won't find answers, but you will find Jesus." - Fr. Mike Schmitz

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