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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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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit." - Jn 12:23-24

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 22 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *John Benigno* by Rich and Karen Sullivan

Tue March 23 St. Turbius

9:00 *The M.r Hanag Fu Yiu Family*

Wed March 24 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Robert Broderick* by his son

Thu March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

9:00 *Patti & Eddie Carboni* by their cousin Carolyn

Fri March 26 Lenten Weekday

9:00 *Rose Gagliardi* by her daughter Carolyn

Sat March 27

Vigil

5:00 *Jerry Raccio* by his wife Toni

Sun March 28 Palm Sunday

7:30 *Special Intention for The Tiberi Family*

10:30 *Ann Livi* by Richard & Carol Hildebrand Fam.

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sun: 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, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b

Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11

Tue: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21

Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42

Thu: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42

Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 [cf. 10d]/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a] Mk14:1-15:47

St. Mary Church

Mon March 22 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Joseph Siwec* by Michalina

12:05 No Intention

Tue March 23 St. Turbius

7:00 *Debbie Warrek* by Mary Beth and Michael

12:05 No Intention

Wed March 24 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Kenneth Shuart* by Leo Brunell

12:05 *Regina Seliga* by her cousin Fran

Thu March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord

7:00 *Dorothea Martino* by her family

12:05 *Kacie Begley*

Fri March 26 Lenten Weekday

7:00 *Patrick H. Kelley* by his family

12:05 No Intention

Sat March 27 Lenten Weekday

7:30 *The Nash Fam., living and deceased* by Doris

Vigil

4:30 *Wm. & Margaret Myers* by The Sennett Fam.

Sun March 28 Sunday of Lant

8:30 *Mark Thibault* by Karen Santos

10:00 *Katherine DeZenzo* by her family

11:30 No intention

4:30 No Intention



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of March 21, 2021
Is in Memory of *my parents*



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.”

“*Have patience with all things, but first of all with yourself.*” - St. Francis de Sales



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of March 21, 2021
Is in Memory of *The Nash Family*

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday @ 7:30PM
St. Agnes Church



NOVENA OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL

Benediction and Rosary
Monday @ 7:30PM



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends:

As we begin the fifth week of our Lenten observance, it hardly seems likely that Holy Week and Easter are but days away. We remember last year and how we could not gather for the Holy Week ceremonies. They were celebrated in a reverent, but very low-key manner, with just the priests and deacons participating. That is something that I hope to face never again.

This year, with some relaxation of restrictions connected to the pandemic, we will be celebrating the ceremonies and rituals of Holy Week and Easter, but in a simplified, safe manner. I would like to discuss these upcoming celebrations. First of all, beginning next weekend and going forward, you will notice that the hymnals will be back in the pews of both churches. We need these for the purpose of proclaiming the Passion of the Lord (from Mark's Gospel next Sunday, Palm Sunday and from John's Gospel on Good Friday). A suggestion was made that we eliminate the participation of the people in the reading of the Passion accounts this year and instead, have them read only by the deacon. After careful consideration of the matter at hand, I think that we can use the hymnals and that the Passion can be read in parts as it has been done for some years now. While the risk of contracting COVID-19 by touching surfaces seems low, I would still advise you to bring a small container of hand sanitizer to use before and after handling the hymnals. Of course, if you do not feel safe touching the hymnals, you can omit participating in the reading of the Passion, or you can make use of apps on your cell phones. Also, beginning on Palm Sunday and going forward, we will resume the recitation of the Prayer to St. Michael after the blessing but before the dismissal.

On Holy Thursday, we will omit the traditional washing of the feet and the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the repository. On Good Friday, we will have two services, one at 3:00 PM at St. Mary's and another at 7:00 PM at St. Agnes. We will omit the procession for the veneration of the cross and ask everyone to genuflect or bow toward the cross in their pews. On Holy Saturday, we will omit the blessing of the new fire and the use of individual lighted candles. For Easter itself, things will be pretty much as normal. We will still be safely distanced and wearing masks in church for a while yet. The one thing that we cannot do is sing as a community. That will have to wait until more are vaccinated and herd immunity is achieved, bringing a further, even total relaxation of restrictions. I find these developments to be encouraging. We are heading in the right direction and we can hope and pray for an end to the pandemic soon. Have a good week!

Rev. Edmund X. ...



“Enriched from the first instant of her conception with the splendor of an entirely unique holiness, the virgin of Nazareth is hailed by the heralding angel, by divine command, as ‘full of grace’ (Luke 1:28).”

Dogmatic Constitution on the Church

“Behold the handmaid of the Lord; be it done to me according to thy word” (Luke 1:38).

Mary, as God's instrument in the Incarnation, has an important, God-given role to play with Jesus in the redemption. Together with Jesus, Mary is the link between heaven and earth. Living a human life in ordinary circumstances, she exemplifies what the Church and every member is meant to become.



The Ladies Guild is selling palm crosses at \$10.00 each to support their scholarships and sponsorships.

The crosses measure 28x18, with 57 loops, 2 lilies and a bow.

Order forms that have been placed in the drop boxes at the churches will be filled on March 27th from 11:00AM to 3:00PM at St. Agnes Church. Payments can be made at the time of pickup. Any palm crosses that remain will be sold at both churches after the Palm Sunday weekend Masses. Any questions please call Margaret at 203 430-5107 or email mmbyrne@att.net.

The EASTER BUNNY will be at the St. Agnes campus on Sat., March 27th from 11:00AM-3:00PM to greet everyone and will be available for pictures. Please observe social distancing.



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ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

It is important that when you give so any charitable organization, you are confident that the funds received are being used wisely. Be assured that your gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal supports the ministries and programs indicated in the 2021 Appeal literature! Organizations right here in our own town received funding from the Appeal's Vicariate Outreach Program that makes a difference in the lives of our local neighbors.

Please visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org to learn more and make your gift.

MARCH 21, 2021

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others.



Legislative Act H. B. 6425, "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying For Terminally Ill Patients" was approved on Friday, March 5, 2021 by the Public Health committee of the State of Connecticut House of Representatives.

If you wish to voice your objections, please call your local State Representative and State Senator to ask them to represent you and oppose H.B.6425 or call the Respect Life Office at 203 213-5079.

Mercy HS has scheduled the HSPT entrance exam for the class of 2026 to be held Sat., April 24th at 9AM (given virtually). Each student will receive a comprehensive scoring report providing feedback and identifying strengths and areas for improvement.

Turbius of Mogrovejo, together with Rose of Lima, is the first known saint of the New World, and was bishop in Peru for 26 years. Born in Spain, he was a law professor at the U. of Salamanca and became chief judge of the Inquisition at Granada. However when the archbishopric of Lima became vacant, it was decided that Turibius was the one person with the strength of character and holiness of spirit to heal the scandals that had infected the area.



Having been ordained priest and bishop, he was sent to Peru where he began the arduous visitation of an immense archdiocese. His reform of the clergy, and unjust officials, both accustomed to a luxurious lifestyle, naturally suffered stiff opposition. His response was "Christ said, 'I am the truth'; he did not say 'I am the custom.'"

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and their families for the selfless acts they
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to repress what is evil. Our great hope lies in
developing what is good." - Calvin Coolidge*

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