

# Precious Blood Parish

**St. Agnes Church**  
400 Merwin Avenue  
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**St. Mary Church**  
(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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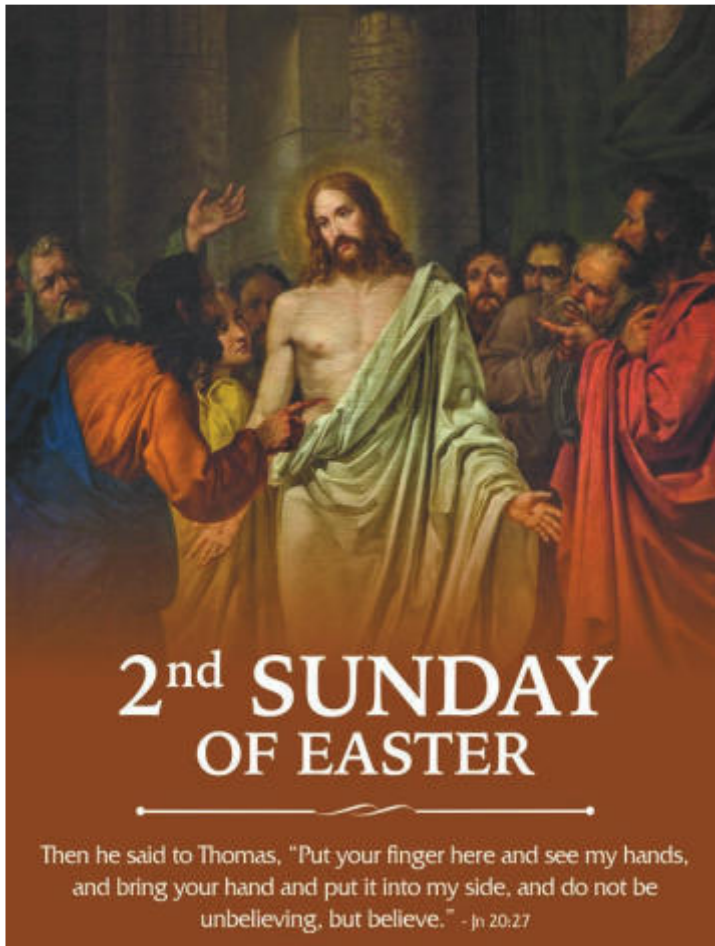
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Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ 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 April 12 Easter Weekday

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

#### Tue April 13 St. Martin I

9:00 *Ron Winfield* by his family

#### Wed April 14 Easter Weekday

9:00 *Anthony and Paula Morlando* by their family

#### Thu April 15 Easter Weekday

9:00 *Mass of Thanksgiving* by Doris Nash

#### Fri April 16 Easter Weekday

9:00 *Health & Blessings for Thomas Emerson*

#### Sat

##### Vigil

5:00 *Franco Frzop* by his sister

#### Sun April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:30 *Isabelle Fallaca* by her husband Angelo

### St. Mary Church

#### Mon April 12 Easter Weekday

7:00 *Warren Barton, Jr.* by Doreen Steele

#### Tue April 13 St. Martin I

7:00 No Intention

#### Wed April 14 Easter Weekday

7:00 *Wellbeing of Mary Galavary*/Amira Sabanovic

#### Thu April 15 Easter Weekday

7:00 *Barbara Golub* by Michalina

#### Fri April 16 Easter Weekday

7:00 No Intention

#### Sat April 17 Easter Weekday

7:30 *Ingraham family living and deceased* by Doris

##### Vigil

4:30 *Charles Bruno* by his wife and family

#### Sun April 18 Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 *Jean Bachman* by The Gerwien Family

10:00 *Joseph Raffone* by Bob and Donna Hall

11:30 *Fran and Dick Sudusky* by Bob & Rita Serena

4:30 *Gioacchino (Nino) deNicolo* by his family



The Sanctuary Lamp  
Week of April 11, 2021  
Is for *The Hogan Family*

#### Readings for the week of April 11, 2021

Sun: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-3

Mon: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8

Tue: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15

Wed: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21

Thu: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31

Fri: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1

Sat: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9  
[7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48



The Sanctuary Lamp  
Week of April 11, 2021  
Is in Memory of *Rose DeLillo*



#### 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.”

*“Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.”*

*“Who alone does great wonders, for His mercy endures forever.”*

*“Give thanks to the God of heaven, for His mercy endures forever.”*

*Psalm 136*



When Martin became pope in 649, a struggle existed within the Church regarding a teaching that Christ had no human will. Twice emperors at Constantinople had favored this heresy. Martin held a council and condemned them

and censured the imperial documents. Unable to turn the bishops and people against him, the emperor tried to have Martin killed. Eventually he was imprisoned and tortured and died. He is the last of the early popes to be venerated as a martyr.

“...Thou didst adorn the divine see of Peter, and since from this divine Rock, thou didst immovable defend the Church, so now thou art glorified with him.”

## SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends:

The celebration of Holy Week and Easter which we concluded last weekend was uplifting even as we continue to contend with the limitations imposed by the pandemic. Our celebration of Christ crucified, dead, buried, and raised to life echoed well with what we have been facing in the past year. Even though our celebration of Holy Week was not what it would normally be, both in terms of the scope of the liturgy and the attendance, nevertheless, *unlike last year*, we were here in church celebrating these holiest of days in our liturgical calendar. The attendance was significantly higher in numbers and most everyone cooperated with COVID-19 measures, especially the wearing of masks and social distancing.

Going forward, we expect that even more of our people will be returning to church in person, especially as more and more receive their vaccinations. All of the parish clergy are now fully vaccinated and as the weeks ahead unfold, we expect that we will return, even if in a gradual manner, to a normalcy akin to that which we had pre-pandemic. If you are fully vaccinated, which by definition of the CDC means two full weeks after your second vaccine injection of the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines or two full weeks after receiving the Johnson & Johnson vaccine, you should feel safer in returning to church. Of course, we will continue to wear masks and practice social distancing until it is safe to do so no longer.

This, the Second Sunday of Easter, also referred to as the Octave (or eighth day) of Easter is also designated as Divine Mercy Sunday. While we will not be offering Divine Mercy devotions this year, there will be such devotions offered at Divine Mercy Parish in Hamden (at St. Rita Church on Whitney Avenue) at 3:00 PM as well as at St. Stanislaus Church (on State Street in New Haven), also at 3:00 PM. For those unable to participate in those celebrations, our own churches will be open at 3:00 PM for private prayer and devotions as usual.

***Finally, an important announcement is in order. Beginning January 3, 2022 and going forward, the daily Mass schedule for St. Mary's Church will be changing. Beginning in January, weekday Masses at St. Mary's Church will be celebrated at 8:00 AM Monday through Saturday. Please make a note of this in your calendars. We will be issuing periodic reminders as we move through the spring, summer, and fall seasons.***

Have a pleasant week!

*Rev. Robert J. Xonakis*



### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**What a wonderful joy fills us today as we ponder the inexhaustible mercy of God.**

Pope Francis tells us: *"Mercy is the heart of God. Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."*

When we finally believe and accept that Christ's resurrected transfigured presence resides with us, we then find within us a strong confidence to accept life's imperfections and disappointments and move on. God leaves the past behind and opens doors to the future. It doesn't matter how many mistakes we made yesterday. All that matters is what we do tomorrow and what we learn along the way.

Mercy gives birth to hope. Hope for the greatest of sinners and hope for the worst of disasters. There is nothing God cannot do. The resurrected Christ stands before us as a testament that nothing can destroy God's mercy.

### GOD LOVE YOU

Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

***"If He forgave the thief, and Magdalene, and Peter, why not you?"***

"Regardless however or how multiplied or grievous your sins may have been, there is still room for hope. Did not Our Lord say: *'For I came not to call the just, but sinners'*; and *'...there shall be joy in heaven upon one sinner that doth penance, more than upon ninety-nine just who need not penance.'*

"What makes many in old age sad is not that their joys are gone, but that their hopes are gone. Your earthly hopes may decrease with the years, but not heavenly hope. Regardless of the sinful burden of the years, God's mercy is greater than your faults.

"Only when God ceases to be infinitely merciful and only when you begin to be infinitely evil, will there be reason for despair; and that will be never; Peter denied Our Lord, but Our Lord did not deny Peter. The thief cursed Christ, but He did not curse the thief. If we had never sinned we could never call Christ Saviour."



The Ladies Guild wishes to thank everyone who bought palm crosses this year; all that had been ordered were sold by Saturday afternoon.

Your tremendous support goes a long way in helping the Guild provide scholarships and grants for students of Precious Blood Parish every year, as well as outreach programs for the community at large.

APRIL 11, 2021

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today's gospel Jesus teaches, "Blessed are those who have not seen and believe." Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance a home is only a house and a family is just a group of house mates.

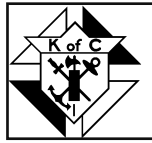
**PARKINSON'S SUPPORT GROUP**

A discussion of dyskinesia in Parkinson's disease with Duarte G. Machado, MD was scheduled for April 21st in Father Cronin Hall. We have been informed by the National Parkinson's Disease Association that there should be no meetings until August, 2021.

It is unfortunate that this very informative discussion has been canceled. Let us hope that we will be able to schedule Dr. Machado to come to our parish when restrictions have been lifted.

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