

Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church
400 Merwin Avenue
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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
(Except Holidays)

MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

Benediction and Rosary
Monday @ 7:30PM
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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 26 Easter Weekday

9:00 *Jennie Catalano* by Lauren and Vinny

Tue April 27 Easter Weekday

9:00 No Intention

Wed April 28 St. Peter Chanel

9:00 *Nicolina Guerrera* by M/M Italo Petrazzuoli

Thu April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

9:00 *Fran Sudusky* by Doreen Steele

Fri April 30

9:00 *Paul Santa* by Anna Abbazia

Sat

Vigil

5:00 *Charles Coe* by his family

Sun May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

7:30 *Joseph Pacelli* by his wife

10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

St. Mary Church

Mon April 26 Easter Weekday

7:00 *Gary Bimonte* by Ashton Brunell

Tue April 27 Easter Weekday

7:00 *Joseph Campagna, Sr.* by his family

Wed April 28 St. Peter Chanel

7:00 *Bridget Howarth* by her husband Dan

Thu April 29 St. Catherine of Siena

7:00 *Ellen Wood's return to good health* by family

Fri April 30 St. Pius V

7:00 No Intention

Sat May 1 St. Joseph the Worker

7:30 *The McManus Family Living and Deceased*

Vigil

4:30 *Mary DeVaney* by The Granberg Family

Sun May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 *Joseph Campagna, Jr.* by sister Ann Marie

10:00 *Josephine Funteral* by her family

11:30 *Thomas Gilbride* by The Gettinger Family

4:30 No Intention



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of April 25, 2021
Is for *The Bowns*



The Sanctuary Lamp
Week of April 25, 2021
Is in Memory of *Fran & Dick Sudusky*

Readings for the week of April 25, 2021

Sun: Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 [22]/
1 Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Mon: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4 [cf. 3a]/Jn 10:1

Tue: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [117:1a]/Jn 10:22

Wed Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8 [4]/Jn
12:44-50

Thu: Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27 [2]/
Jn 13:16-20

Fri: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab [7bc]/Jn 14:1-6

Sat: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [3cd]/Jn 14:7-14

St. Joseph the Worker: Gn 1:26—2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17,
23-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 12-13, 14 and 16 [cf. 17b]/Mt
13:54-58

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8



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.”

Catherine of Siena ranks high among the mystics and spiritual writers of the Church.

In 1970 Paul VI named her and Teresa of Avila as doctors of the Church. Her spiritual testament, *The Dialogue*, contains four treatises—her testament of faith to the spiritual world. “No one should judge that he has greater perfection because he performs great penances and gives himself in excess to the staying of the body than he who does less, inasmuch as neither virtue nor merit consists therein; for otherwise he would be an evil case, who for some legitimate reason was unable to do actual penance. Merit consists in the virtue of love alone, flavored with the light of true discretion without which the soul is worth nothing.”



FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**A STATEMENT REGARDING THE IMPENDING MERGER OF CHRIST THE REDEEMER PARISH
IN MILFORD WITH PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH IN MILFORD**

As most of you already know, Father Cyriac Maliekal, the administrator of Christ the Redeemer Parish, will assume status as a Senior Priest of the Archdiocese of Hartford on April 30 after serving so faithfully as a priest for fifty years. We wish Father Cyriac good health and many happy years as he enters a new phase in his life.

It was previously announced that, effective May 1, Christ the Redeemer Parish would merge with Precious Blood Parish in Milford, a parish created from the merger of the former St. Mary Parish and St. Agnes Parish as part of the pastoral plan announced in the spring of 2017. The pastoral plan, as announced then, also called for the merger of Christ the Redeemer Parish with Precious Blood Parish on the retirement of the pastor.

That plan is still in place, but a slight delay, from May 1 to June 1, in the merger of Christ the Redeemer Parish and Precious Blood Parish is necessary due to two factors: the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and unforeseen technological difficulties involving the email portal of the Archdiocese of Hartford. Canon Law, the law of the Church, requires that the Archbishop consult with the members of the Presbyteral Council, an advisory body comprised of priests from the Archdiocese, whenever a parish is created, suppressed (goes out of existence), or is merged. Due to difficulties with the email portal of the Archdiocese, it has been impossible for a meeting of the Presbyteral Council, to be held as a ZOOM meeting due to pandemic restrictions, to be set up. Thus, it is necessary that the impending merger of Christ the Redeemer Parish with Precious Blood Parish be temporarily delayed.

As indicated to both Father Cyriac and Father Donahue by the Chancery, the plan now is that in the interim, until June 1, Father Aidan Donahue, pastor of Precious Blood Parish, will serve as administrator of Christ the Redeemer Parish. Father Cyriac can begin his well-deserved time as a Senior Priest as already agreed to by Archbishop Blair as planned on April 30.

For the month of May, one Mass will be celebrated each Sunday at Christ the Redeemer Church at 9:30 AM. These Masses will be celebrated by one of the priests assigned to Precious Blood Parish. No other Masses, except funeral Masses if needed, will be scheduled at Christ the Redeemer Church.

Change is never easy and the times in which we live, with the unusual challenges we have been facing, complicate just about everything. We pray that the Lord Jesus, our Risen Lord and Redeemer, will bless us in our endeavors to move forward into the future together.

Rev. Aidan Donahue

ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

Pope Pius XII instituted the feast of Joseph the Worker in 1955 and said, "The spirit flows to you and to all men from the heart of the God-man, Savior of the world, but certainly, no worker was ever more completely and profoundly penetrated by it than the foster father of Jesus, who lived with Him in closest intimacy and community of family life and work. Thus, if you wish to be closest to Christ, we again today repeat, **'Go the Joseph.'**"

[The words of Pharaoh to his people during the famine in Egypt. Genesis 41:55.]

Prayer to St. Joseph the Worker

O God, the creator of all things, you have imposed on all men the obligation of work. May the example and prayers of blessed Joseph help us to accomplish the tasks you have commanded us to perform, so that we may attain the reward you have promised.

Through our Lord, Jesus Christ.

(Prayer from the Mass of
St. Joseph the Worker, May 1st)



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a "good shepherd" to "freely lay down their life" for their children, to "love" and "know" their children and to "lead" them so "they know your voice."

CHILD WELFARE PROVIDER INCLUSION ACT OF 2021

This Act, introduced by Rep. Mike Kelly (R-PA) & Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC), received strong support from three committee chairmen of the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops. The Act would prevent the federal government and any state receiving federal funds for child welfare services from taking adverse action against a provider that declines to conduct its services in a manner that would violate its religious or moral principles.

"Child welfare providers, who serve the needs and rights of children regardless of background, enjoy the cherished freedom of religious liberty like all Americans," wrote the bishops. Some faith-based child welfare providers have been excluded from carrying out adoption and foster care services because the providers act on their belief that children deserve to be placed with a married mother and father.

"The Inclusion Act would remedy this unjust discrimination, and maximize the benefit to thousands of children in need, by enabling all foster care and adoption providers to serve the needs of parents and children in a manner consistent with the providers' religious beliefs and moral convictions."

The Inclusion Act also respects the importance of a parent's choice. *"Adoptive and foster care parents, as well as women and men who want to place their children, ought to be able to choose an agency that shares their religious beliefs or convictions about the best interests of their children."*

Support the Ladies Guild of Precious Blood Parish and enjoy breakfast, lunch or dinner (DINE IN OR TAKE OUT) at Pop's Family Restaurant on **Thursday, May 6th**.



Be sure to mention Precious Blood Ladies Guild and 20% of your check will be donated to the Guild. Thank you to Pop's Family Restaurant for helping us raise additional funds to support our various children's events and further support our fundraising for the Guild's annual scholarship.

"Kindness and good nature unite men more effectually and with greater strength than any agreements whatsoever, since thereby the engagements of men's hearts become stronger than the bond and obligation of words." - Thomas More

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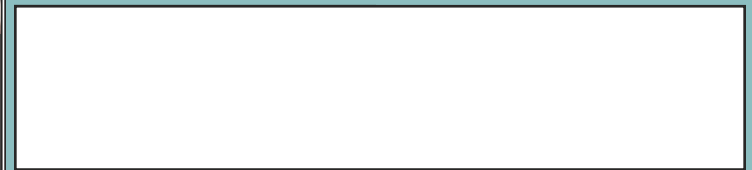

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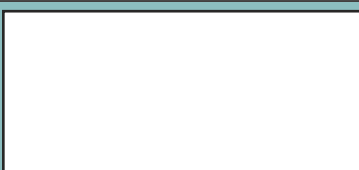




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