

# 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)

## MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA

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

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## 5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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 May 3 St. Philip and St. James**

9:00 *Gloria Geer* by her husband

**Tue May 4 Easter Weekday**

9:00 *Clarisse and Andrew Anastasio*

**Wed May 5 Easter Weekday**

9:00 *Alex & Maria Conte, Joe D'Angelo/Mary Rocco*

**Thu May 6 Easter Weekday**

9:00 *James A. Gagliardi* by his sister

**Fri May 7 Easter Weekday**

9:00 *Patrick Lovett* by his family

**Sat May 8**

**Vigil**

5:00 *Jennie F. Catalano* by Jerry & Liz LaPenna

**Sun May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

7:30 *Lisa Benjamin* by The Winter Family

10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*



The Sanctuary Lamp  
Week of May 2, 2021  
Is in Memory of *Joseph Rodrigues*

### Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

[26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14

Tue: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a

Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8

Thu: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11

Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17

Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2, 3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



**James, son of Alphaeus**, is known as James the Lesser to avoid confusing him with James, son of Zebedee, also an apostle, known as James the Greater. Our only knowledge of him is that he was chosen by Jesus to be one of his apostles.

### St. Mary Church

**Mon May 3 St. Philip and St. James**

7:00 *Gary Bimonte* by Ashton Brunell

**Tue May 4 Easter Weekday**

7:00 *Michael Kaluzynski* by his family

**Wed May 5 Easter Weekday**

7:00 *Rev. James J. Cronin* (9th anniversary)

**Thu May 6 Easter Weekday**

7:00 *Dorothy & Vincent Nassef* by son & family

**Fri May 7 Easter Weekday**

7:00 *Annette Lovegrove* by her daughter

**Sat May 8 Easter Weekday**

7:30 *Marie Barton* by her family

**Vigil**

4:30 *In Thanksgiving* by Nancy & Richard Sennett

**Sun May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter**

8:30 *Claire Cavallaro* by Peter

10:00 *Dolores Banas* by Joe Banas

11:30 *Rebecca Longna* /Sigma Rho East Coast USA

4:30 *Julie & Phil Ward* by Dec. Bill & Janet Sayles



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Week of May 2, 2021  
Is in Memory of *Joseph Campagna, Jr.*



### 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.”

**Philip** came from the same town as Peter and Andrew, Bethsaida in Galilee. We hear of him twice in the gospels. On one occasion Jesus asked him for food to feed the multitudes (John 6:7), and again in John (14:8), he said to Jesus, “*Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us.*”



## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

***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.***

### A GOSPEL REFLECTION

"Spiraling out of control" is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts. "Feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals have been set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got the whole thing wrong and many are determined finally to set things right. Errors and wrongs are certainly a part of our past, but all was not wrong. We do not rewrite the history of our lives, but we must learn from mistakes that were made and preserve the wisdom that comes from our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

From whom do we learn?

God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns. It is through this relationship that we are fashioned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves.

Many today think that religion, as well as history in general, has gotten all this wrong. Our faith tells us differently. We are reminded today that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that **Jesus**, the Incarnate God, **is the vine upon which we grow**, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. God's commandments are the very guideposts we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." However, they are the only way we can find freedom.

THURSDAY



MAY 6

National Day of Prayer, originally signed into law by President Harry S. Truman in 1952, is a day when people of all faiths are asked to pray for our nation.

*"The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."*

This means that the President is legally required to sign a proclamation encouraging Americans to pray each year! Each year the President signs a new proclamation for National Day of Prayer, and each year has a slightly different theme or focus.

The theme for 2021 in **Love, Life, and Liberty**

Please welcome the following children who were baptized at Precious Blood Parish during the month of April:



*Autumn Rose Croffy  
Eli Joseph Comeau  
Jackson John-Richard Goncalves  
Robert Joseph Leonzo  
Conor Nguyen Maguire  
Jones Nicholas Strazza*



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 6<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

### ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL



Your support of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal helps families who wish to send their children to a Catholic school but need tuition assistance. We are committed to the goal of providing Catholic education for all who seek it.



***Could you not watch with Me one hour?*** (Mt. 26:40)  
**Nocturnal Adoration** will begin again at St. Mary Church on First Friday, May 7th at 7:00PM.

**A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**



Like the vine grower in today's gospel, parents must "prune and cleanse" the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and "bear fruit."

**CROSSROADS FOR CHRIST** will hold their 2nd annual Young Adult Conference from May 17-29.

This year's theme "*Into the Deep*" promises to bring you deeper into the abundant life Jesus offers us, a life lived with Him and in His Church. Throughout the week you will be invited to listen to local and national speakers give inspiring online talks with virtual Q&A. You will be able to join the C4C community for select in-person events such as a Faith on Tap and a Pentecost Vigil Mass with Archbishop Blair. FREE registration is open to all young adults, 18-39, and anyone interested in leaning about young adult evangelization and the abundant life Jesus offers us. For registration and more information visit [www.c4conference.org](http://www.c4conference.org).

**ASSISTED SUICIDE BILL DIES  
IN JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

The Judiciary Committee failed to take any action on *House Bill 6425 "An Act Concerning Aid in Dying for Terminally Ill Patients,"* resulting in the death of the bill for this legislative session. This type of legislation has gone by many names such as aid-in-dying and physician-assisted suicide.

Christopher Healy, Ex. Dir. Of the CT. Catholic Public Affairs Conf. stated: "All glory goes to God. People of faith came together and their voices were heard and we are most grateful to legislators who realized we must show compassion and support for those who are in distress and isolation, rather than lead people away from hope and love.

"This victory belongs to the thousands of people from all faiths who got involved because they believe life is sacred and God-given. We have more to do and must improve palliative and hospice care, educate families on pain management and increase resources for mental health services."

A special THANK YOU to all who responded to our calls for action to defeat this legislation.

**GOD LOVE YOU** - Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

"Love never grows old except to those who put its essence into that which grows old: the body. Like a precious liquid, love shares the lot of the container. If love is put in a vessel of clay, it is quickly absorbed and dried; if, like knowledge, it is placed in the mind, it grows through the years, becoming stronger, even as the body grows weaker. The more it is united with the spirit, the more immortal it becomes."



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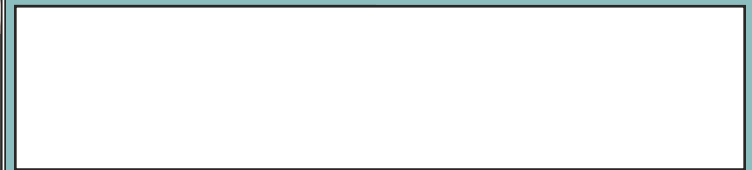
  
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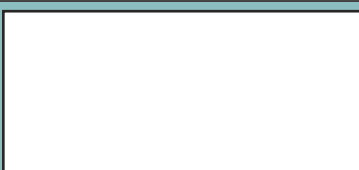
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