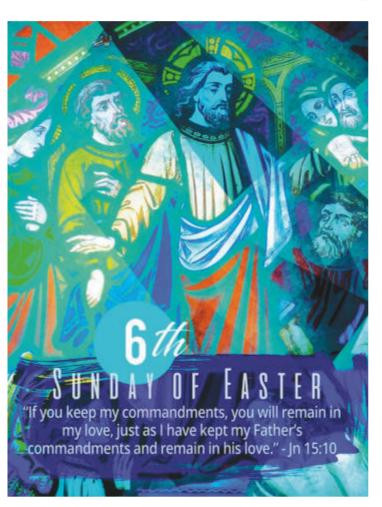
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Precious Blood Parish is a Roman Catholic community of faith in Milford, Connecticut rooted in the Word of God and the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. We are missionary disciples who seek to bring the presence and the message of Jesus Christ to others through prayer, faith formation and assisting the needy through ministries grounded in the works of mercy.

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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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Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon May 10 St. Damien

9:00 Jennie Catalano by Roy Apuzzo

Tue May 11 Easter Weekday

9:00 Charles & Phyllis Wrenn by their family

Wed May 12 St. Nereus and St. Achilleus

9:00 Clarisse Gagliardi by her cousin

Thu May 13 Ascension of the Lord

9:00 No Intention

5:30 Jean Abramowitz by her family

Fri May 14 St. Matthias

9:00 Anthony and Rose Salamon by the family

Sat May 15 Vigil

5:00 Catherine Coyle by Maryanne Mangaro

Sun May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish* 10:30 *Rosa Pirulli* by the St, Agnes rosary Group

Readings for the week of May 9, 2021

Sun: 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

Mon: Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/ Jn 15:26-16:4a

Tue: Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8 [7c]/Jn 16:5 Wed: Acts 17:15, 22-18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11,13, 14/Jn 16-15 Thu: Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [cf. 2b]/Jn 16:16-20

Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15

Fri: Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [8]/Jn 15:9 Sat: Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-10, 10 [8a]/Jn 16:23b

Next Sunday: Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17,20a, 20c-26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19



During the days after the Ascension, Peter addressed the brothers saying that now that Judas had betrayed his ministry, to fulfill the scriptural recommendation: "May another take his office. Therefore it is necessary that one of the men who accompanied us the whole time the Lord Jesus came and went among us, beginning from the

baptism of John until the day on which he was taken up from us, become with us as witness to his resurrection." (Acts 1:21-22)

The choice fell upon **Matthias**. (Feast day May 14)

St. Mary Church

Mon May 10 St. Damien

7:00 Dr. Michael McLoughlin by his family

Tue May 11 Easter Weekday

7:00 Joseph & Marie Palmer by Mary Ann

Wed May 12 St. Nereus and St. Achilleus

7:00 Gary Bimonte by Ashton Brunell

Thu May 13 Ascension of the Lord

7:00 People of Precious Blood Parish 12:05 Joseph Campagna, Sr. by his family

Fri May 14 St. Matthias

7:00 Mary Ann McCarthy by her family

Sat May 15 St. Isadore

7:30 Paul Blawie by his family

Vigil

4:30 William and Margaret Myers by Sennett Fam.

Sun May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

8:30 *Nicholas and Fran DeLillo* by the family 10:00 *Joseph Tiberio* by Diane and Tony Candido 11:30 *Marilyn and Leo Beutel* by their family 4:30 *Joseph & Maria Monteleone* / Joe & Tatiana



The Sanctuary Lamp Week of May 9, 2021 Is in Memory of *Debbie Warrek*



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."



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends:

This Thursday, May 13, is the celebration of the *Ascension of the Lord*, normally a holy day of obligation, but again this year, due to the pandemic, the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. Nevertheless, there will be **four** Masses celebrated on Thursday, at 7:00 AM and 12:05 PM at St. Mary's Church and at 9:00 AM and 5:30 PM at St. Agnes' Church.

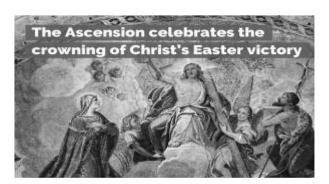
The liturgical celebration of the Ascension marks a decided shift in focus for the fifty-days long celebration of the Easter mystery. Beginning Thursday and leading right up to the celebration of Pentecost, the conclusion of the Easter Season, on May 23, the focus becomes more fixed on the coming of the Holy Spirit, the important role of the Spirit in our lives, and who the Holy Spirit is.

With the Ascension, the physical earthly appearances of the Risen Lord to the disciples came to an end. Jesus prepared the disciples for this departure by assuring them that he was not abandoning them, leaving them as orphans, but that he would continue to be with them in a whole new way, in the Spirit whom he would send from the Father. This Spirit, the Holy Spirit, is divine, God himself, whom we reverence and worship as the Third Person of the Most Holy Trinity, often spoken of as the bond of perfect love between the Father and the Son. The Spirit is the presence, the power, and the action of God in the world throughout the ages. We may not see the Spirit, but the Spirit is presence and at work in us and all around us, guiding our lives, guiding the course of human history.

Our duty, our task, is to try to sense the presence and the action of the Holy Spirit in our own lives, in the lives of those around us, in the world around us. Wherever and whenever something good is accomplished, the Holy Spirit is present and at work. As St. Paul lists them in his Letter to the Galatians, the fruits of the Spirit are "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control." Perhaps as we celebrate the Ascension this week and look forward to Pentecost, it might be a good resolution on the part of all of us to ask the Holy Spirit to cultivate in our own lives these gifts, these attitudes, these approaches to living life fully and well. God knows that we ourselves need it and the world around us, especially in these trying times, needs it as well.

The Governor has announced that as of May 19, next Wednesday, some further lifting of restrictions connected to the pandemic will take place, most notably the requirement for social distancing. The use of masks indoors will be necessary for a while longer. We await word from Archbishop Blair as to how this further adjustment in pandemic restrictions will affect our worship as a faith community. In the meantime, for my part, I encourage all who can do safely and who have not yet received a vaccination to do so, not only for your own health and safety, but for the health and safety of your loved ones and those around you. Our state has done quite well in vaccinating our citizens. We all hope and pray for a return to normalcy. One key way to insure that is for everyone possible to be fully vaccinated.

Have a good week!



At the Last Supper Christ knew that He would leave this earth in a short time, that He would not remain in this world in His bodily presence. He knew that the last words and actions of those about to leave this world would be remembered with love and devotion. This was the time to give us His presence in the form of the Eucharist. The Eucharist was His last will and testament to the human race. Because the Eucharist is Christ Himself, He left us the most precious gift.

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<u>Decree of merger between Christ the</u> <u>Redeemer Parish with Precious Blood Parish</u> in Milford, Connecticut

On June 1, 2021, Christ the Redeemer Church of Milford will merge with Precious Blood Parish, in accordance with canons 121 & 515 §2 of the Code of Canon. On April 28th, 2021, Archbishop Leonard P. Blair issued a decree effecting the merger of the two parishes in Milford, Connecticut.

During the weekend of May 1 and 2, 2021 the decree will be read at all Masses, and its substance will be communicated to all parishioners by means of a notice in the weekend bulletin of Christ the Redeemer and Precious Blood Parishes, including the display in appropriate places at all the churches, so that parishioners can read it as they enter or exit the churches, it will also be available on the Archdiocese of Hartford website, under the News/Public Notices Section, [archdioceseofhartford.org/public-notices/]. Canonical recourse may be made within the peremptory time limit of ten (10) days from the legitimate notification of the decree and in accordance with the norm of law (c.1734 §2).

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE



Today's gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model and he asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family,

when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

GOD LOVE YOU - Ven. Fulton J. Sheen Has there ever been a moment in your life when a fine, noble affection made you feel as if you had been lifted into the third or seventh heaven; a time in your life when a noble love of a fine human heart



cast you into an ecstasy; a time when you have really loved a human heart? Think of what it must be to be united with the great Heart of Love! If the human heart in all of its fine, noble, Christian riches can so thrill, can so exalt, can make us so ecstatic, then what must be the great heart of Christ?

It's Baby Bottle time.



From Mother's Day to Father's Day we ask you to save your change which quickly adds up to help needy, pregnant mothers. We know that many of you are still not comfortable getting back into the church yet, so rather than filling a baby

bottle, please use any container or plastic bag you have. Helping Hands for Hurting Hearts, our parish outreach, will use the proceeds to supply layettes, diapers, etc. to expectant mothers who are struggling financially.

If you know someone who needs our help, please let us know.

For those coming to church, bottles are at the entrances of both churches. Thank you for your support.

Men's and Women's Prayer Lines

What better way stay connected and be able to pray for each other in an intentional way. These prayer lines will be a safe space to share prayer requests and the opportunity to connect and find accountability with fellow Catholic men and women.

You do not need Facebook to download the "Messenger" app to be able to join the message thread. You can silence the notifications in your settings if you don't like notification overload, and only read the messages when you log in. Message Mike Frulla or Maura Dooley to be added to the separate groups, or email info@frassatinewhaven.org.

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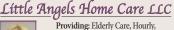
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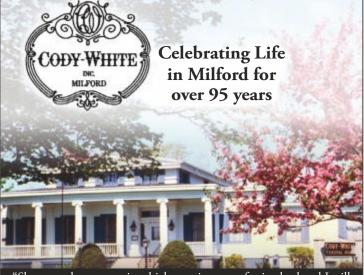
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