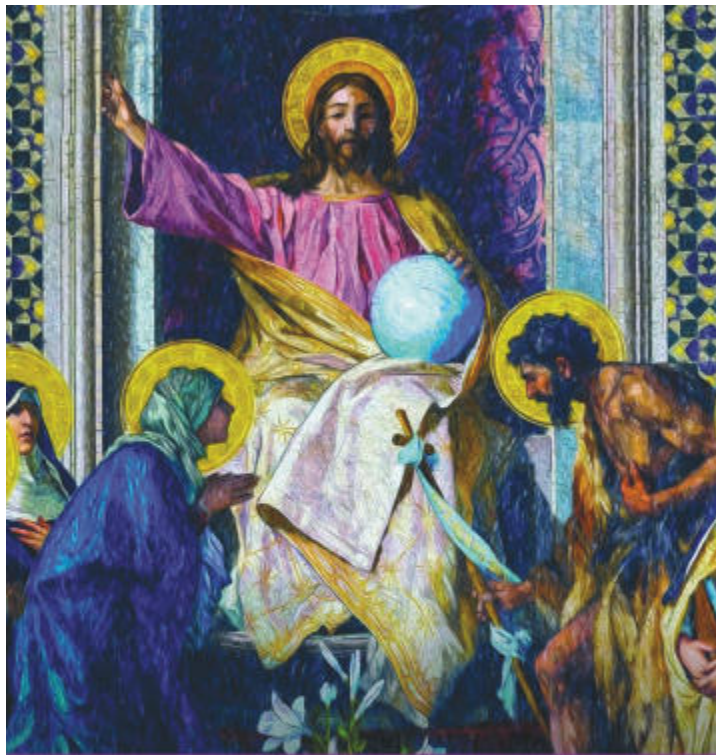


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7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth." - Jn 17:15-17

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.

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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Mass Intentions for the Week

St. Agnes Church

Mon May 17 Easter Weekday

9:00 No Intention

Tue May 18 Pope John I

9:00 No Intention

Wed May 19 Easter Weekday

9:00 *Charles and Phyllis Wrenn* by their family

Thu May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

9:00 No Intention

Fri May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & comp.

9:00 *Anthony Gagliardi* by his daughter

Sat May 22

Vigil

5:00 *John Krutz* by Sandy and Jim Swanson

Sun May 23 Pentecost Sunday

7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:30 *Michael Soracchi* by loving wife Christine

St. Mary Church

Mon May 17 Easter Weekday

7:00 *Rita C. Nomejko* by Bob & Donna Hall

Tue May 18 Pope St. John I

7:00 *Gary Bimonte* by Ashton Brunell

Wed May 19 Easter Weekday

7:00 No Intention

Thu May 20 St. Bernardine of Siena

7:00 No Intention

Fri May 21 St. Christopher Magallanes & comp.

7:00 *Mary Banas* by Joe Banas

Sat May 22 St. Rita of Cascia

7:30 *James Bachman* by Jean Bachman

Vigil

4:30 *Anthony & Paula Morlando* by their family

Sun May 23 Pentecost Sunday

8:30 *Al Diaz, Jr.* by his family

10:00 *Jim Metzger* by Cindy & Mike Bankalter

11:30 *Richard Roy, Jr.* by his family

4:30 *Debbie Warrek* by Eleanor DePeano



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Week of May 16, 2021
Is in Memory of *Rosa Pirulli*

Readings for the week of May 16, 2021

Sun: 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

Mon: Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29

Tue: Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a

Wed: Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab
[33a]/Jn 17:11b-19

Thu: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
[1]/Jn 17:20-26

Fri: Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20a[19a]Jn 21:15

Sat: Morning: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/
Jn 21:20-25

Next Sunday: **Vigil:** Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or
Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5/Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29,
30 [cf. 30]/Rom 8:22-27/Jn 7:37-39 **Day:** Acts 2:1
11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-
7, 12-13 Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23



St. Bernardine (1380-1444) At Bologna Bernardine preached against the evils of gambling. A huge bonfire was made in the public square as a holocaust consuming all the instruments of the vice - playing cards, dice, etc. A manufacturer of cards complained that Bernardine was taking away his livelihood. The saint told him to start making the symbol **IHS** and he made more money than ever.



The Sanctuary Lamp
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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.”

“*The more we indulge ourselves in soft living and pamper our bodies, the more rebellious they will become against the spirit.*” St. Rita of Cascia

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Dear Friends:

As we all know, we have been coping with the many restrictions on normalcy of life for over a year now as the COVID-19 pandemic has impacted the lives of us all. Now, as the vaccines have become more widely available and more and more people are being vaccinated, we are beginning to see a return to a great deal of normalcy of life. This coming Wednesday, May 19, Governor Lamont will lift all pandemic restrictions, including those regarding social distancing, save the requirement for the wearing of masks.

In light of the easing of restrictions, Archbishop Blair as well as the other Catholic bishops of Connecticut, have decided that, effective Saturday, May 22, next Saturday, the dispensation from the obligation of participating at Sunday Mass which has been in effect since March of 2020, will be lifted. The obligation to participate at Sunday Mass will once again be in place.

Of course, if we truly understand the significance of the Eucharist, as well as the other sacraments, and the nature of the Church itself, the way we live out our faith can never be totally private or done in isolation. From the beginning of his ministry, Jesus gathered a community of disciples around him, that early community of just a few would in due time under the guidance, direction and power of the Holy Spirit, spread across the world and grow to encompass more than a billion believers. As Christians and as Catholics, we are meant by the Lord to gather together in person at least weekly to hear the Scriptures and to share the Eucharist. It is only by way of exception that some may not be able to be with us, for reasons such as serious illness or physical incapacity.

Furthermore, the sacraments have never been meant to be celebrated virtually or on-line as we sometimes call it. In the time of pandemic restrictions, due to reasons of public health and safety, the use of livestreamed Masses became widespread and helped immensely to keep so many of us connected to the Church. With the subsiding of infections and the growing effectiveness of vaccination efforts, we need not be so fearful about coming to church. It is important, even vital from a spiritual point of view, to return to church and to receive the sacraments personally, especially the Eucharist. In time of true necessity, a spiritual communion suffices, but a spiritual communion can never totally and completely take the place of actually receiving the Body and the Blood of the Lord at Mass.

When you come to church beginning next weekend, most of what has become “normal” will be gone. There will be no lines of tape on the aisles, pews, or doors. The ropes separating pews will be removed. There will be no requirement for social distancing. You may sit wherever you like. We will resume processions at the beginning and the end of Mass. Singing will resume in the near future. For now, however, what will remain are the following: *everyone will be required to wear a mask while in church, the collections will continue to be taken at the doors of the church, and the procedures for Communion will remain the same as they have been.* You are asked to receive Communion in the hand, or if you wish to receive on the tongue, you are asked to wait and come up to receive at the end of the line.

The letter issued by the bishops of Connecticut is available on-line on our website as well as our parish Facebook page. Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to speak to me.

Have a good week!

Rev. Fulton J. Sheen

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

Occasionally a misunderstanding arises regarding the qualifications necessary to be a sponsor for baptism or Confirmation.

The sponsor must be a **baptized active Catholic**, over **16 years of age**, who received **Confirmation**. And if they are married, it must be a **marriage recognized by the Catholic Church**.

Since only one witness is necessary for a godparent, confusion arises regarding a second godparent.

The **second godparent**, if a baptized Catholic, must be **qualified in the same areas** as the first godparent. However, **the second godparent may be a baptized Christian**. In either case, the two (**and only two**) godparents must be of **different sexes**.

The Catholic witness for baptism or Confirmation must present a sponsor certificate **from the parish in which they are registered**.

GOD LOVE YOU—Ven. Fulton J. Sheen

“In what moment do Catholics render most glory to God? In the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. For no man can glorify God as He deserves, except Our Lord because He is the Son of God and the Son of Man. Therefore, He is the Mediator between God and man. The only true worship of God is through Christ, and it is in the Mass that Jesus Christ is offered to the Father—but not Jesus Christ alone. We are with Him. The work of the Saviour is sufficient only for him who completes it in his own account. In the Mass we unite ourselves to the offering Christ made of Himself upon the Cross. When He died on the Cross we died with Him.”

For the charity of Christ presseth us; judging this, that if one died for all, then all were dead.

II Corinthians 5:14



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Jesus was worried about his disciples and he turned to prayer. No matter how much time we spent trying to “guard and protect” our children, each day they become less dependent on us and we must let go and let God. Prayer and parenting go together.



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. If all bottles have been taken, use any container you have. If you write a check and put it in the collection basket, please be sure that it is made out to Precious Blood Parish and Bottle Collection is written in the memo.

“My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me to the right road, though I may know nothing about it. Therefore I will trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Thomas Merton 1915-1968

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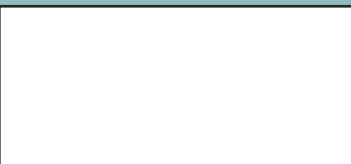
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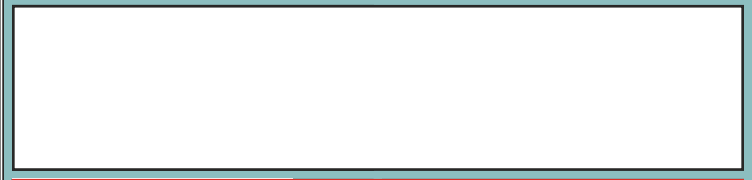

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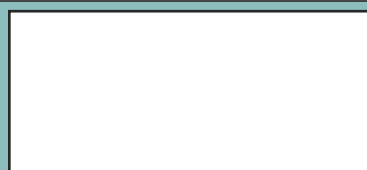





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