

# Precious Blood Parish

St. Agnes Church  
400 Merwin Avenue  
Milford, CT 06460



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

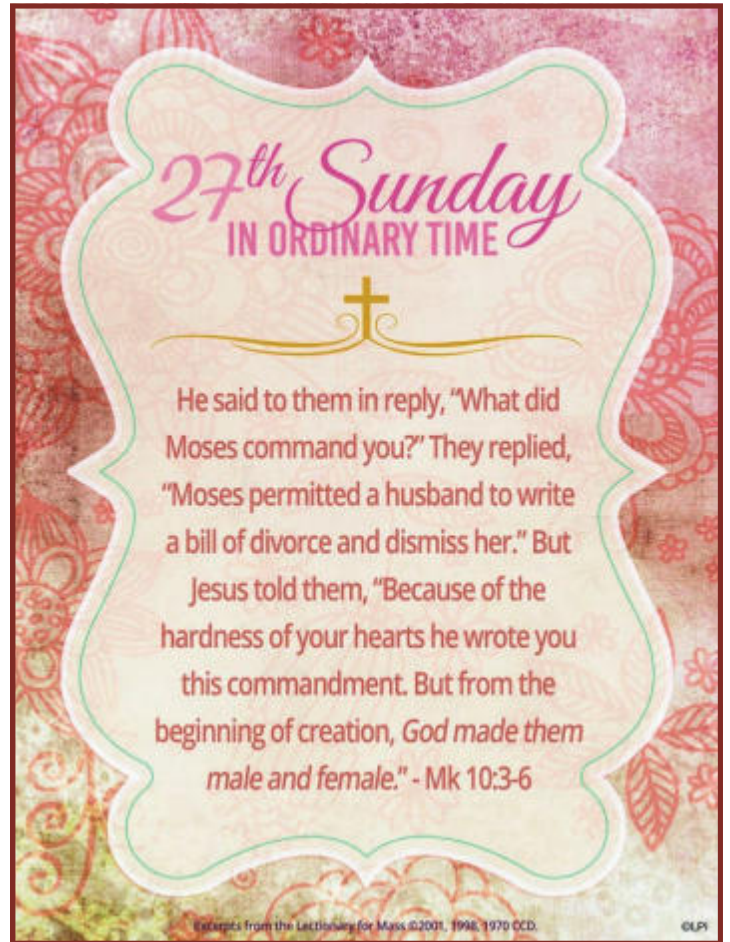
## RECONCILIATION

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

**Bulletin Notices**  
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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.



Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

Monday, Oct 4	Novena	7.30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary Church</i>	
Tuesday, Oct 5	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	<i>rectory basement</i>	
	Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
	<i>(St Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	
Wednesday, Oct 6	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	
Thursday, Oct 7	Bereavement Group	1:00 pm
	<i>(St. Mary) rectory basement</i>	
	K of C 4th Degree	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	
Saturday, Oct 9	Maggie's Scrapbooking	10am
	<i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	

Almighty God, Watch over and protect our nation's military members and their families. Sustain them with your everlasting arms. As they serve around the world, we ask that you guard their families and loved ones back home.


To view the full list of servicemen and servicewoman please visit our website at [www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org](http://www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org)

If you would like a loved ones name included or removed from the list of servicemen and women please contact the rectory at 203-878-3571


**LEGION OF MARY NEWS**  
**100th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**



The Legion of Mary was founded 100 years ago on September 7, 1921 in Dublin, Ireland. The two Legion praesidia at Precious Blood Parish will commemorate this anniversary with a "Centennial Liturgy and Celebration" on Saturday, October 16, 2021, beginning with group recitation of the Rosary at 9:30AM followed by mass at 10:00AM at St. Mary Church. All are welcome!



Please welcome into our parish family the following children who were baptized at St. Mary Church and St. Agnes Church during the month of September: Gabriella June Quagliani, Chloe Marie Walker, Alaina Grace Acosta, Ainsley Anne Ferguson, Juliette Debe, Chase Pietrini, Stella Rose Campbell, Macie Ann Sura, Nathaniel Egon Schooley, Remy Victor Rodriguez, Brynn Meehan, Callan Harris, Logan Robert Falcone, Levi Kirkegard, Mae Marie Sheridan, Lincoln Raynor, and Harper Raynor.




Reminder: Registration for religious education is open on our website for grades 2, 3, and 10 only.

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**NEW MEETING LOCATION**

The 7:00PM Wednesday Legion of Mary meeting location is changing to St. Agnes Hall, room 6-8 beginning on September 29, 2021. The Tuesday 10:30AM meeting will continue to be in the rectory basement. The Legion is open to men and women. Anyone interested in stopping by to visit, join in the group Rosary and learn more about Legion activities is welcome!




**It's time for our Lyman Orchard Pie Sale!**

This is a big fundraiser for our school. So the more pies we sell the better. We will again be offering the option to buy a pie to donate! If you don't usually purchase any pies for yourself, please consider buying a pie to be donated locally to the Beth El Shelter or our parish's John Rigley Food Pantry. This is a great way to put our faith in action and give back to our community! Check out the choices on our website at:

[www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org](http://www.saintmaryschoolmilford.org) and call Danielle Hogan in the rectory office at (203) 878- 3571 to place your order! All orders are due October 15th, and they'll be delivered to school on November 22nd just in time for the holidays.

The Precious Blood Ladies Guild is ready to bring back their annual auction event...**AWAKENING**. Please mark your calendar for dinner, entertainment and silent auction on Saturday, November 20th in Father Callahan Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Watch the bulletin for further details regarding ticket sales. We are already collecting items and if you like to contribute an auction item valued at \$50 or more please call Diane Candido 203-878-3363.





## *From the Desk of the Pastor*

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Dear Friends:

We have in the Gospel this weekend the story of an encounter between some Pharisees and Jesus over the question of divorce. We are all too aware of how common divorce is in our own society in these times. Some estimates hold that up to half, even perhaps more than half, of all marriages end in divorce. Divorce is, to be sure, sometimes the lesser of two evils. No spouse should ever have to live in a situation where physical or emotional abuse is occurring. Having said that, divorce is always a tragedy as it marks the death of a relationship that was intended by both parties to be a life-long relationship. Divorce is a tragedy of shattered hopes, emotional pain, and a sense of loss and failure. The tragedy and pain of divorce often motivates either one or both parties to seek some counseling.

The Church has always taught that marriage is a sacramental commitment wherein a man and a woman give themselves to each other for life. God brings them together in a union that ends only with the death of either one of the parties. Thus, there is a requirement that Catholics normally celebrate marriage in church with a priest or deacon officiating. In some circumstances, the bishop may grant permission for the marriage to take place in another religious context before a minister of another denomination or religious tradition. Normally, marriages of Catholics celebrated before a justice of the peace are not considered to be valid marriages by the Church.

Whenever a situation arises that may undermine or threaten a marriage, couples are duty-bound to do whatever may be needed to try to save their marriage. Divorce should never be the first option, nor just an easy option. It should be the last option. When divorce does occur, this does not mean that a divorced person is no longer a member of the Church or excommunicated. A divorced person remains a member of the Church and may continue to receive Communion. A problem arises, though, when a divorced Catholic marries another outside the Church without obtaining an annulment of the prior marriage. For those Catholics, they remain members of the Church but they may not receive Communion. When and if the prior marriage bonds are declared null and the new marriage is blessed by the Church, the parties may receive Communion. Should anyone have any questions about this, please feel free to speak with me.

To some, this sounds harsh and judgmental. Quite to the contrary, it upholds the ancient and constant teaching of the Church, coming from the Lord himself as we hear in the Gospel today, about the sanctity and the permanency of marriage. The Church stands ready to assist those who are experiencing difficulties in their marriage and it also has a ministry for divorced Catholics. In our time when many marriages end in divorce, perhaps it would be better to remember as well that many marriages do last a lifetime. There are many couples here in our own parish who have been married for twenty, thirty, forty, fifty years and more. We celebrate their success, as we rightly should do.

You may have noticed an envelope for All Souls' Day in your packets. You are invited, as you have been in the past, to write the names of your deceased loved ones on the envelope, enclose whatever offering you choose, and drop the envelope in the basket any time in the month of October. We will place these envelopes on the altars in both churches for the entire month of November and the beloved deceased whose names are inscribed on them will be remembered in a special way at every Mass.

Have a good week!

*Rev. Joseph J. Xonobus*



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

Monday, October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi  
9:00 *Root Family by family*

Tuesday, October 5  
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
9:00 *Carl and Mike Rocco and Alex Conte*

Wednesday, October 6 Saint Bruno  
9:00 *Baby Girl Bloking by a friend*

Thursday, October 7  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
9:00 *No Intention*

Friday, October 8 Weekday  
9:00 *No Intention*

Vigil  
5:00 *Casper Vallero Jr. by Lisa Picolo*

Sunday, October 10  
Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 *Ernest Kelly by the Tuozzola family*  
10:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*



## St. Mary Church

Monday, October 4 Saint Francis of Assisi  
7:00 *Mary Coyne by her family*

Tuesday, October 5  
Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos  
7:00 *Curt Kriksciun by his family*

Wednesday, October 6 Saint Bruno  
7:00 *Margaret O'Brian by her family*

Thursday, October 7  
Our Lady of the Rosary  
7:00 *William Hoagland  
by Mary Kriksciun & Michael Kember*

Friday, October 8 Weekday  
7:00 *Good Health & Blessing Michalina  
by Irene*

Saturday, October 9  
Saint Dennis, Saint John Leonardi  
7:30 *Dolores Banas by Joe*

Vigil  
4:30 *John Knapp & John A Knapp by family*

Sunday, October 10  
Twenty Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 *Stella Kalinowski by her daughter*  
10:00 *Bridget & Edward Hayes*  
11:30 *Jeffrey M. Casucci by DeProfio family*  
4:30 *John Piselli by his family*

The Sanctuary lamp is lit this week  
for  
Michael Cavallo



The Sanctuary lamp is lit this week  
for  
Vincent DeLillo



*A single sunbeam is enough to drive away many shadows.  
- St. Francis of Assisi*



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