

# 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

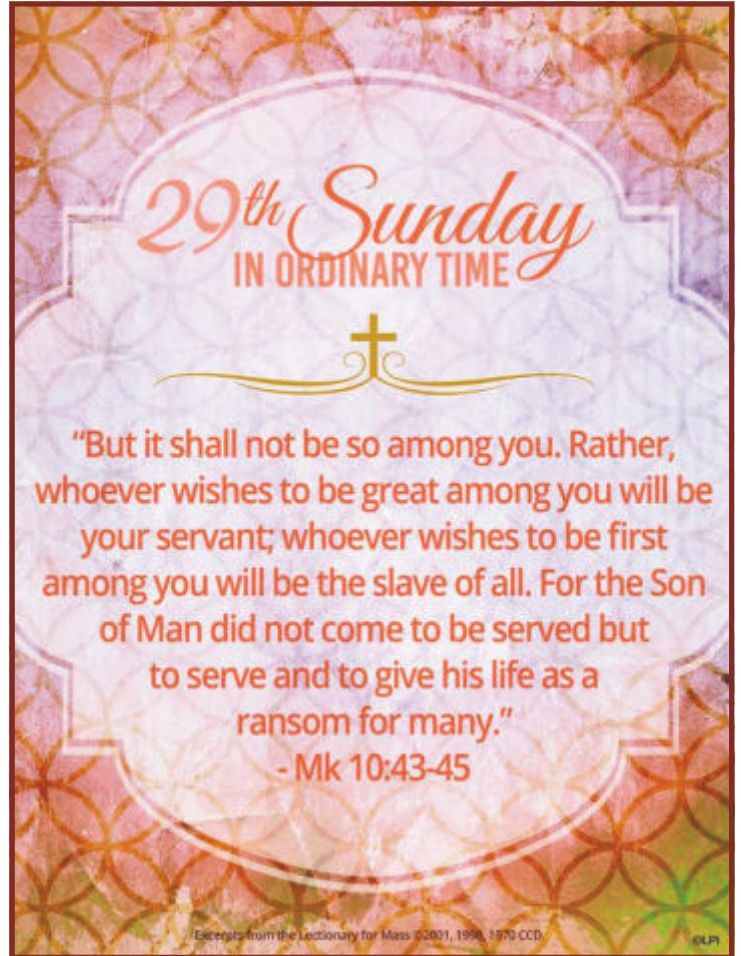
## RECONCILIATION

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

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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.



PARISH CLERGY

Rev. Aidan N. Donahue, Pastor  
Rev. Sam John, Parochial Vicar  
Rev. Lijo Thomas, Parochial Vicar  
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Deacon John Hoffman

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


 The Precious Blood Ladies Guild will be hosting their annual dinner/auction event ~ Awaken ~ on Saturday, November 20, 2021, 6 – 10 p.m. in Father Callahan Hall (St. Agnes Church). Please join us for a dinner buffet catered by Lasse's and a great night of entertainment by Milford's own, Michael Rea. Tickets are \$25 p/p and will go on sale after mass at both churches beginning the weekend of October 30th thru November 13th. Tickets will also be available at the Rectory office. Tickets will not be sold at the door. Doors to the hall will open at 6 p.m. Please consider donating new items, gift cards, wine, food baskets valued at \$50 or more - an auction definitely would not be successful without them. For further information, please call Diane at 203-878-3363. Please note that due to our respect and awareness of distancing, we are limiting ticket sales to 100 people.


Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events



Monday, Oct 18	Novena <i>Saint Mary Church</i>	7.30 pm
Tuesday, Oct 19	Legion of Mary <i>rectory basement</i>	10:30 am
	Legon officers mtg <i>rectory basement</i>	7: 00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 20	Parkinson Support <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	1:00 pm
	Book Club <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	3:30 pm
	Legion of Mary <i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	7:00 pm
	Knight of Columbus <i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	7:00 pm
Thursday, Oct 21	Boy Scouts Troop 12 <i>(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall</i>	6:00 pm

 **Help Wanted**  
St. Mary School in Milford is looking for substitute teachers for this academic year. This is a paid position and you will be compensated per day. St. Mary's is a preschool to grade 8 school located at 72 Gulf Street in Milford. If you are interested in learning more, please email Principal Deacon Dominic Corrado at [dcorraro@smsmilford.com](mailto:dcorraro@smsmilford.com). You can visit their website at [saintmaryschoolmilford.org](http://saintmaryschoolmilford.org)

 All weekend masses are booked through the rest of 2021 at both Saint Agnes and Saint Mary churches. Weekdays are still available. The 2022 mass book is open, weekend and weekday masses are still available.

 Reminder: Grade 2 & 3 classes begin On Monday October 18th & Tuesday October 19th at 4:30 pm in the Saint Mary School. Due to Covid -19 protocols parents will not be allowed in the building this year. Students will be walked to the door where a "greeter" will escort them to class.





## From the Desk of the Pastor ...

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Dear Friends:

The COVID-19 pandemic has had a wide and, likely, lasting effect on children. The months of isolation from friends, the lack of in-person education, the general tenor of fear, all of these and more have had a serious and quite negative impact on the good of our children.

The news of the last several weeks has raised some concerns regarding the role of parents in the education of their children. The Secretary of Education, Miguel Cardona, who comes from Connecticut, at a recent Senate committee hearing, stopped short of saying that parents should be in charge of their children's education as the primary stakeholders. Cardona stated that educators also have a role in the process, which is true, but the question remains to what extent. As I noted in my comments several weeks ago, praising the increasing interest that parents, both here in Milford as well as across the country, have shown in what is being taught to their children in public schools, this is a positive development. However, the Department of Justice may think otherwise. A recent memorandum from Merrick Garland, the current Attorney General, directs the FBI to investigate "violent threats against school officials and teachers." While in no way can anyone condone violence, this memo has been widely perceived to aimed at intimidating parents who speak out forcefully at local school board meetings against the "woke" agenda of the times which include CRT ("Critical Race Theory", which in many ways is inimical to Catholic teaching) as well as transgenderism and matters pertaining to sexual identity and morality which really are the right and responsibility of parents *vis a vis* their children. When it comes to speaking out against an educational agenda that is contrary to what they feel is best for their children, it is the parents' right and duty to do so.

I say this not to immerse myself into political matters. The teaching of the Church regarding the role of parents in the education of their children is quite clear. The Second Vatican Council in 1965 issued *Gravissimum Educationis*, the "Declaration on Christian Education." This important Church document says the following regarding parents and their duty concerning the education of their children: "As it is the parents who have given life to their children, on them lies the gravest obligation of educating their family. They must therefore be recognized as being primarily and principally responsible for their education. The role of parents in education is of such importance that it is almost impossible to provide an adequate substitute."

In more recent times, the Holy Father, Pope Francis, has spoken on this topic. In an address at his General Audience of May 20, 2015, the Pope said, "If family education regains its prominence, many things will change for the better. It's time for fathers and mothers to return from their exile—they have exiled themselves from educating their children—and slowly reassume their educative role." In that same audience, the Pope harshly criticized "intellectual critics" who have silenced parents in order to defend younger generations from real or imagined harm, and he lamented how schools are often more influential than families in shaping the thinking and values of children. Furthermore, the Pope went on to say that, "in our days the educational partnership is in crisis. It's broken. On the one part, there are tensions and distrust between parents and educators; on the other hand, there are more and more 'experts' who pretend to occupy the role of parents, who are relegated to second place."

These words of Pope Francis, spoken six years ago, are quite prescient. They, along with the teaching of Vatican II, deserve to be taken to heart and acted upon. Parents must involve themselves with what their children are being taught. It is their solemn duty and obligation to do so. Pay attention to what your children are studying in school, and if there are concerns, make them known to the administration of your child's school and to the Board of Education. Our children deserve nothing less. Have a good week!

Rev. Joseph J. Ximenes



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

Monday, October 18 Saint Luke  
9:00 *Lisa Benjamin by the Winters family*

Tuesday, October 19  
Saints John de Brebeuf & Isaac Jogues  
9:00 *Joan Lovett by her sister*

Wednesday, October 20 St. Paul of the Cross  
9:00 *Louis Dytkowski by his sister Fran*

Thursday, October 21 Weekday  
9:00 *Laurel Care by her cousin Carolyn*

Friday, October 22 Saint John Paul 11  
9:00 *Robert Mosher by his family and friends*

Vigil  
5:00 *Nick & Edith Falcone  
by their daughters*

Sunday, October 24  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
7:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*  
10:30 *Damiano & Lorenzena Pirulli  
by Rosa Pirulli and family*



## St. Mary Church

Monday, October 18 Saint Luke  
7:00 *Fred Richetelli Sr. by his family*

Tuesday, October 19  
Saints John de Brebeuf and Issac Jogues  
7:00 *Joseph Palmer  
by Griffin & Gilbert family*

Wednesday, October 20  
Saint Paul of the Cross  
7:00 *Evelyn Tonry by Al Tonry*

Thursday, October 21 Weekday  
7:00 *James Ramos Heavenly birthday  
by wife Irene and family*

Friday, October 22 Saint John Paul 11  
7:00 *George Mazur by Mary Krisksciun &  
Michael Kember*

Saturday, October 23 Saint John of Capistrano  
7:30 *Joan F. Hanifin by Barbara Kelley*

Vigil  
4:30 *George & Elizabeth Sennett by family*

Sunday, October 24  
Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
8:30 *Petr Butanowicz by Arlene*  
10:00 *Robert Blake  
by Linda Sheehan & Ginny Magy*

11:30 *Barbara Casey by Tony Bonagura*  
4:30 *Elizabeth Rogers by Mr. & Mrs. John  
Pugliese*



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