

# 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

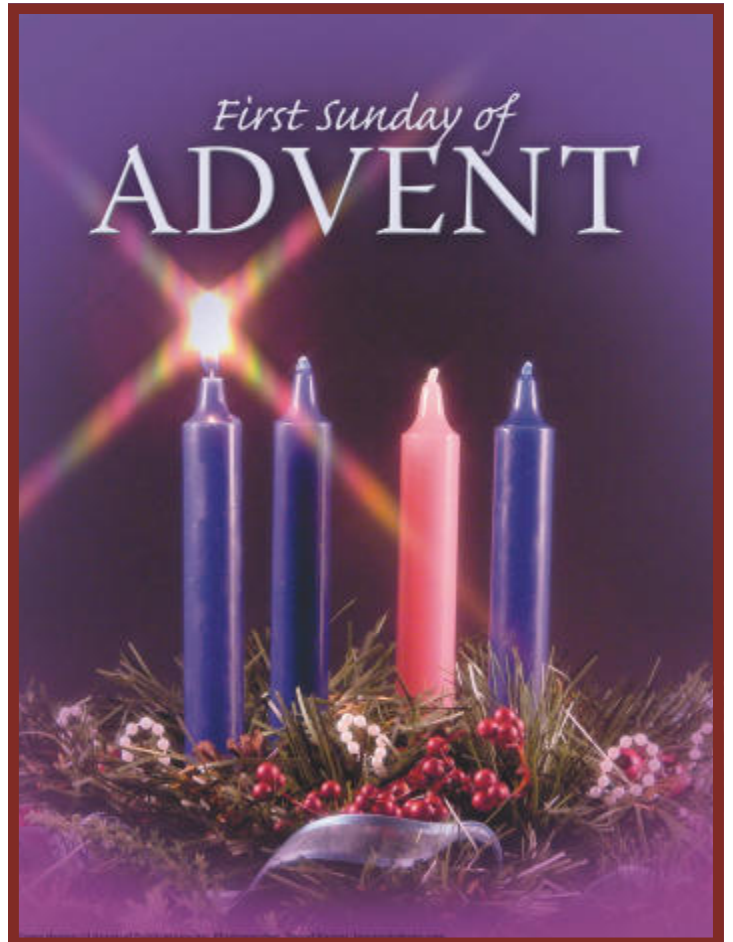
## RECONCILIATION

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.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is *Forward with Faith*?  
*Forward with Faith*

(FWF) is a fundraising campaign to build a vibrant community of faith in the parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. This vision will help to fulfill the mission of our Church in Hartford: to be living signs of communion with God and to be his instruments for redemption in the world.

What are the objectives of *Forward with Faith*?  
*Forward with Faith* seeks to raise a minimum of \$50 million to support:

- Vibrant Parishes: Half of all funds raised will help the parishes meet their needs;
- Educating to Re-ignite the Faith: by expanding and strengthening learning for students, administrators, teachers, clergy, and the faithful;
- Champions in Service: by helping Catholic Charities with better facilities and new programs; and,
- Innovation and Emerging Opportunities that promote long-lasting change, strengthen our schools and parishes, and meet the evolving needs of the community.

What is The Hartford Bishops' Foundation? Founded in 2016, The Hartford Bishops' Foundation (HBF) is dedicated to engaging donors in helping the Archdiocese of Hartford carry out the mission of the Catholic Church. The independent Foundation is led by a volunteer Board of Directors representing the Archdiocese's constituencies: parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. For more information, please visit [The Hartford Bishops Foundation's website](#).

When will parishes participate in the campaign?  
More than ninety parishes have already conducted campaigns. The campaign will continue through 2022.

Who will be asked to support the *Forward with Faith* campaign?

All who support the mission of the Church will be asked to consider a gift to FWF. The campaign is also seeking leadership commitments from financially blessed individuals, foundations, and businesses.

Who is conducting the campaign?

Along with your pastor, campaign chair, and assigned parish campaign director, a core group of parish volunteers (or committee) will be asked to lead and assist in the implementation of the campaign plan.

How are parish targets set? Each parish target is equivalent to its 2018 ordinary income.



Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy

The Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy will be in the school gym at the 4:15 pm Mass. Sign up information will be sent to the students in the school. Parishioners can find, download and print the sign up form by visiting our parish website at -

[www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org/youth](http://www.preciousbloodparishmilford.org/youth)  
Hard copies are also in the basket outside the rectory office. Deadline is **Monday, Dec 6th**. Dress rehearsal—**Friday, Dec 24 at 3:30 pm**, in the school gym right before Mass starts. If interested, please return the forms ASAP to St. Mary School, the rectory, or reply via email to [stmarychristmasplay@icloud.com](mailto:stmarychristmasplay@icloud.com)  
Questions ??? Call Ronnie Pendleton at 203-874-8752 cell 203-610-2823.

Decorate an Angel for Advent



The Precious Blood Parish Ladies' Guild will be selling lawn angels. You can purchase angels Saturdays, beginning Nov 6th—Dec 4th from 10am-12pm at St. Agnes. Payments can be made by cash or check in person on Saturdays, dropped off to the rectory or online at [www.eventbrite.com/e/195702480387](http://www.eventbrite.com/e/195702480387) additional processing fees will apply. Angels will be \$25 each and include angel, metal stake and instructions. Angels will be displayed Nov 27th—Jan 9th on the lawn at Saint Agnes.

St. Agnes Giving Tree



“The Giving Tree at St. Agnes Church is loaded with tags for your choosing. We are supporting Milford Healthcare, Pro-Life, Hearts for Haiti and Beth-El Shelter. Beginning the weekend of November 27th tags are available to take. Please return gifts after weekend Masses only and no later than December 12th at noon. Please place gifts under the tree (hairdresser and gift cards in the “mail” box next to the tree). Gift bags are a great means to return the gifts, please avoid wrapping them. Thank you for your generous support.”



## From the desk of the Pastor...

Dear Friends:

This weekend we begin the season of Advent and a new liturgical year, and so, I guess I can wish all of you a Happy New Year! This new Year of Grace 2022, as we call the liturgical year, will feature on most Sundays passages from the Gospel of Luke. Luke is a Gospel that has much for us on which to meditate. Luke emphasizes, among other things, the plan of God that has been unfolding across time through the ages of history even until the present, a plan that will reach fulfillment when all time ends and Christ returns in glory. God has not abandoned us, even if we at times feel that he has. God continues to work in and through history to accomplish his purpose and his plan. Luke also emphasizes the importance of prayer, the place of women in the life and ministry of Jesus (and therefore in the Church, which Pope Francis has been stressing as well), the importance of reaching out to and caring for the poor, and the importance of striving to bring back to the fold those who have strayed, those who have been lost, and those who have been forgotten or pushed to the peripheries of society. Luke, rightly so, has been called the “Gospel of Inclusion” and it offers us much to reflect and meditate upon as we make our way through these next twelve months.

Advent is a season that is grounded in the virtue of hope, often called the “forgotten” or “neglected” of the three theological virtues, the other two being faith and charity (love). As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches (cf. ¶ 1817), “hope is the theological virtue by which we desire the kingdom of heaven and eternal life as our happiness, placing our trust in Christ’s promises and relying not on our own strength, but on the help of the grace of the Holy Spirit.” Within each one of us, God himself has placed an “aspiration to happiness” that shapes and molds our everyday lives, inspiring and purifying all of our actions so as to order them to the Kingdom of heaven, to what God wills. Hope, properly nurtured, preserves us from discouragement, sustains us in times when we feel abandoned, and opens our hearts to expect eternal, everlasting happiness.

Hope helps to keep us from selfishness and leads us to love God and others, thus finding that happiness in this life that God wills and leading us ultimately to everlasting happiness and fulfillment.

During these next four weeks, amid all of the hustle and bustle of this time of year, take time to sit quietly in prayer, asking God to deepen and strengthen within you that gift, that virtue of hope that God wills for all of us. We have, all of us, been through some trying times. We have survived the challenges of the past twenty months. We have done so because God has been with us, sustaining us, bolstering us in hope. May God continue to bless us with the greatest of all gifts, as St. Paul calls them, “faith, hope, and charity.”

Have a good week!

*For Gilbert J. Ximenes*



### Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

Monday, Nov 29	Grade 2 & 3 CCD	4:30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary School</i>	
	Novena	7.30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary Church</i>	
Tuesday, Nov 30	Legion of Mary	10:30 am
	<i>Rectory Basement</i>	
	Knitting Group	10:00 am
	(St. Agnes) Fr. Callahan Hall	
	Grade 2 & 3 CCD	4:30 pm
	<i>Saint Mary School</i>	
Wednesday, Dec 1	Legion of Mary	7:00 pm
	<i>(St. Agnes) double classroom</i>	
	Thursday, Dec 2	K of C 4th Degree
	<i>(St. Mary) Fr. Cronin Hall</i>	
	Friday, Dec 3	Nocturnal Adoration
	<i>St Mary Church</i>	



### Peter F. Phelan Jr. Christmas Giving Tree

Gifts may be put under the Giving Tree at any time (please do not drop gifts off during Mass). Make sure the gift is NOT wrapped and the tag securely taped to the gift. If you took a tag and misplaced it or are having trouble finding the item, please call Bob Lessard at 203-874-9076 or email [bless3569@gmail.com](mailto:bless3569@gmail.com). REMEMBER WE MUST HAVE ALL THE GIFTS BACK BY SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12TH AT 5:30 P.M. Thank you for your generosity !!!



# Mass Intentions



## St. Agnes Church

Monday, November 29 Advent Weekday  
9:00 *Father Killeen by Beutel family*

Tuesday, November 30 Saint Andrew  
9:00 *Michael Matthew Miller  
by his mom and brother*

Wednesday, December 1 Advent Weekday  
9:00 *James Miller by his wife and son*

Thursday, December 2 Advent Weekday  
9:00 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

Friday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier  
9:00 *Kevin Lovett by his sister*

### Vigil

5:00 *Michele Swaller  
by Nichols & Caldwell families*

Sunday, December 5  
Second Sunday of Advent

7:30 *Kevin Morrissey by Colleen, Tom,  
Tommy and Collin*

10:30 *Deceased Members  
of the Brunzell family*



## St. Mary Church

Monday, November 29 Advent Weekday  
7:00 *Eleanor Gentile by Lisa Ryan*

Tuesday, November 30 Saint Andrew  
7:00 *Robert John Sedlor  
by the Panzer family*

Wednesday, December 1 Advent Weekday  
7:00 *Robert "Bob" Goralski by Michael  
Kember & Mary Beth Kriksciun*

Thursday, December 2 Advent Weekday  
9:00 *Erin Rebecca Sawicki by her family*

Friday, December 3 Saint Francis Xavier  
7:00 *Gary Bimonte by Ashton Brunell*

Saturday, December 4 Advent Weekday  
7:30 *Nocturnal Adoration Society*

### Vigil

4:30 *Mary DeVaney by Granberg family*

Sunday, December 5  
Second Sunday of Advent

8:30 *People of Precious Blood Parish*

10:00 *Joan Filanowski by family*

11:30 *Celebration of 50th wedding  
anniversary Allan & Cathy Sabatino*

4:30 *Sam Rosa by his family*

Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation  
at Saint Agnes Church  
Monday—Friday at 9am  
and Sundays at 9:30 am



The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this  
week for  
Vilma Esposito



“Prayer is powerful! It fills the earth with mercy, it makes the Divine clemency pass from generation to generation, right along the course of the centuries. wonderful works have been achieved through prayer.” ~ Saint Francis Xavier

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