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.





IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IDA?

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Christmas Concert Saint Ann Choir

Sunday, December 26 at 4 pm. St. Raphael Parish/St. Ann Church 501 Naugatuck Ave, Milford, CT 06460 Free and Open to the public

a Note from Fr. Hellwig

FAMILY PRAYER

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph can serve as a model for all families. Our homes and families become a small "domestic church" as we strive to live the life of the Church within our homes. Pope Leo XIII stated, "Nothing truly can be more salutary or efficacious for Christian families to mediate upon than the example of the Holy family, embraces which the perfection completeness of all domestic virtue." We can make Christ and the Church the center of family life by praying together, reading Scripture, attending Mass and trying to imitate the lives of the Holy Family. Consider the value of family prayer.

There is a scene in the movie "A Man for All Seasons," the story of the martyrdom of Saint Thomas More, that is impressive precisely because of its matter-of-fact presentation. Thomas and his family are at home enjoying the evening together with friends, when a messenger arrives summoning him to a meeting with the Chancellor of England. Thomas immediately prepares himself to depart to meet with Cardinal Wolsey. However, before he leaves, he gathers his family around and, with their friends standing quietly nearby, they pray together their night prayers.

This brief scene is significant because the words are obviously familiar to the family from frequent repetition. This family is in the habit of praying together every day. appears that family prayer is a regular part of their daily routine, as natural and predictable as working and eating and sleeping. They are not embarrassed to pray together even in the presence of their guests.

We might view praying together as a family as being a quaint practice that might be normal for people who lived hundreds of years ago, but certainly not a practice that a modern family can accomplish easily. It is frequently a challenge to get the family together in one place for anything; let alone to pray together.

Success in accomplishing anything is not a function of its difficulty alone, but also of its If we are sufficiently importance to us. committed to anything, we can usually find a way to do it. Family prayer is challenging, but it is usually not impossible unless we decide that it is. The real question that we need to ask ourselves is: how important is it to us to have our families pray together? Or, more to the point, how important to us is our faith.

If we want our children's faith to be strong, then we must feed it, just as we take care to feed their bodies well if we want them to be physically healthy. Whatever nourishment they may receive from religious education or worship will be inadequate if they are left to go spiritually hungry at home. The habit of prayer grows from what children do together with their parents. If we take seriously the spiritual growth of our children and expect them to make the proper moral and ethical choices in life then we will not fret about how we will find time for family prayer. We will make it.

Father Hellwig



Schedule of Meetings & Parish Events

| Monday, Dec 27 | Novena | 7.30 pm |
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| Tuesday, Dec 28 | Saint Mary Church Legion of Mary | 10:30 am |
| | Rectory Basement Knitting Group | 10:00 am |
| Wednesday, Dec 29 | (St. Agnes) Fr. Callai Legion of Mary | <i>nan Hall</i> 7:00 pm |
| • / | (St. Agnes) double ca | lassroom |
| Thursday, Dec 30 | Choir Rehearsal St. Mary Church | 7:00pm |

Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation at Saint Agnes Church Monday—Friday at 9:30 am and Sundays at 9:45 am

Join us for the Group Rosary Recitation every Sunday at St. Mary church after the 8:30 Mass

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Mass Intentions



St. Agnes Church

Monday, December 27 Saint John 9:00 MaryAnn LaMarca by the Supples

Tuesday, December 28
The Holy Innocents
9:00 *Robert Buzelle by Mary Jane Robbins*

Wednesday, December 29 9:00 *Deborah Warrek(1st anniversary)* by family

Thursday, December 30 9:00 *Joan Curis by Mr. & Mrs. Denis Garvey*

Friday, December 31 9:00 Moriah Conlan by Dolores Carocci

Vigil

5:00 Jerry Raccio & William Connors by family

Sunday, January 2 Epiphany of the Lord

7:30 Robert Raynor by Deacon Nick and family 10:30 Ann Richter by Deacon Nick and family



The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this week for Giovanni Coppola



St. Mary Church

Monday, December 27 Saint John 7:00 *Sigmund Kriksciun by his family*

Tuesday, December 28 The Holy Innocents 7:00 *Martha & Joseph Piroh by daughter Pat*

Wednesday, December 29 7:00 *Joseph T. Griffin by his wife MaryAnn*

Thursday, December 30 7:00 *Barbara Jane Meuser by her husband*

Friday, December 31
7:00 Francisco Toledo by Lucy Toledo & family

Saturday, January 1 Solemnity of Mary Mother of God 9:00 *No intention*

Vigil 4:30 *No intention*

Sunday, January 2
Epiphany of the Lord
8:30 Pat Monteleone
by Joe & Tatiana Monteleone
10:00 Janet LaReau Batley
by Elizabeth Berggren

11:30 Norma Jean McPadden by DeProfio family

4:30 People of Precious Blood Parish

The Sanctuary lamp is lighted this week for Ken Erikson



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasure and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. - Matthew 2: 10-11

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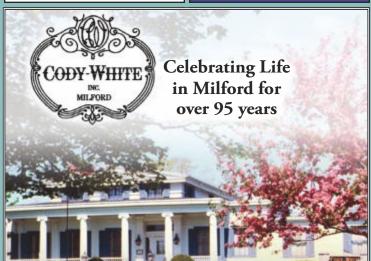
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